

## HERITAGE

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### Office of History and Archaeology new

**Western Alaska Storm Response.** OHA has a programmatic agreement for emergency response with FEMA and the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and is in consultation with the FEMA cultural staff. We are expecting FEMA will soon implement the Natural and Cultural Resources Recovery Support Function (NCR-RSF) as part of their Alaska response. As conditions allow we will reach out to land owners and land managers for site condition updates for archaeological and historical sites that were affected by the storm.

### Historic Preservation Grants

#### **Historic Preservation development and pre-development grants - due date extended**

The Office of History & Archaeology is accepting grant applications for *historic preservation development* and *pre-development* projects in Alaska. The application deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 10, 2022. The application package is available online at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/index.htm> or by contacting the Office of History and

Archaeology at [dnr.oha@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov). All projects would need to be completed by December 15, 2023.

The Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant program provides 50 percent matching assistance for the development or pre-development grant. Development grants are for rehabilitation or restoration of Alaska buildings and structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places, individually or as contributing properties to a historic district. Pre-development grants are for Alaska buildings and structures on or eligible for the National Register.

The Office of History & Archaeology anticipates \$200,000 will be available to award to eligible projects. Pre-development requests are limited to \$3,500 minimum and \$15,000 maximum in matching assistance. Development requests have a \$10,000 minimum and \$50,000 maximum in matching assistance.

### ***Preserve Alaska Grants - due date extended***

The Office of History and Archaeology is launching a new reimbursable grant program designed to encourage Alaskan communities to identify, interpret, designate, develop heritage tourism plans, or survey special places that 1) convey important aspects of their unique heritage and 2) contribute to local tourism.

Preserve Alaska grants aim to encourage historic preservation at the local level by supporting heritage/cultural tourism programs and other preservation efforts that use historic properties and sites to stimulate economic vitality and community revitalization. Individuals, small businesses, nonprofits, local governments, state agencies, or Tribes are eligible to apply. All projects would need to be completed by December 15, 2023.

The state grant program provides 50 percent reimbursement for the cost of the grant projects with documented match expenses or eligible in-kind services. Grants will be accepted in the following categories:

- Survey, Inventory
- Historic Preservation Planning
- Historic Contexts & National Register Nominations
- Historic Preservation Education and Interpretive Material

The Office of History & Archaeology anticipates \$200,000 will be available to award to eligible projects. Grants can range from a minimum of \$4,000 and a maximum of \$40,000 State share. A 50/50 match is required for these reimbursable grants. Application deadline is 4:00 pm on Monday, October 10, 2022. The application package is available online at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/index.htm> or by contacting the Office of History and Archaeology at [dnr.oha@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov)

### **Education Series – Oct 20 program revised**

Office of History and Archaeology's 2022 education series provides a continuing education opportunity to Tribes, cultural resource management professionals, and our local, state, and federal agency partners to strengthen partnerships with the goal to preserve, protect, educate, and

advocate for Alaska’s cultural resources. Each one-to-two-hour long session focuses on a topic relevant to history, archaeology, historic preservation, and/or cultural heritage.

Two presentations have already taken place, April 21, 2022, *Inadvertent Discoveries Guidance* by Sarah Meitl, M.A., and June 30, *CLG Basics – Practicalities and Possibilities* moderated by Maria Lewis, M.A. **The third presentation, on October 20, will address two topics *National Register Program – Writing a Historic Context*, presented by **Katie Ringsmuth, Ph.D.**, and **Alaska Heritage Resource Survey - Conversion to new Microsoft.NET/SQL database platform**, presented by **Jeff Weinberger, M.A.** For details or to register for the session, please email [dnr.oha@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov). More information about the series can be found at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/publicedindex.htm>.**

OHA 2022 Virtual Education Series		
Date	Time	Topic
April 21, 2022	1:30 pm AKST	Inadvertent Discoveries Guidance
June 30, 2022	1:30 pm AKST	CLGs – local historic preservation programs
October 20, 2022	1:30 pm AKST	National Register Program and AK Heritage Res. Survey

Our office is interested in your feedback and requests your input on future topics. For more information go to: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/training.htm>. Send suggestions and recommendations to [dnr.oha@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov).

### Alaska Historical Commission

The **Alaska Historical Commission** will meet by Microsoft Teams on Thursday November 17, 2022. The agenda includes a review of grant applications for CLG, development and predevelopment, and Preserve Alaska grants. The agenda and information about how to participate will be available and posted on OHA’s website by October 17, 2022.

### COVID 19 Adjustments

OHA employees are working a hybrid schedule. This means that correspondence, phone calls, and the processing of invoices/payments may be delayed.

While the Office of History and Archaeology staff are working remotely, we recommend people contact staff by email. **If you have a general inquiry, a project for review, or state cultural resources investigation permit application please use one of the following email addresses:**

General inquiry, geographic names, Alaska Historical Commission, etc.: [dnr.oha@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov)  
 Review/compliance, Section 106, project review: [oha.revcomp@alaska.gov](mailto:oha.revcomp@alaska.gov)  
 State Cultural Resource Investigation Permits: [oha.permits@alaska.gov](mailto:oha.permits@alaska.gov)  
 AHRS access, renewals, or submissions: [oha.ibs@alaska.gov](mailto:oha.ibs@alaska.gov)

Federal Legislation news

The U.S. House FY2023 Department of Interior budget includes the Historic Preservation Fund in the amount of \$170.825. For SHPOs, the House proposes \$58.675 million, a \$1 million dollar increase over FY22 funding level. Tribal Historic Preservation Offices proposed amount is \$23 million, an increase of \$7 million over FY22. The U.S. Senate FY2023 HPF budget is \$191.904 million. The increases to the State and Tribal programs are in recognition of the increased workload anticipated as the infrastructure bill is implemented.

The proposed Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) budget for Fiscal Year 2023:

	FY 2022 Final	FY 2023 Senate	FY2023 House
States	57.675	61.0	58.675
Tribes	16.0	21.0	23.0
Underrepresented communities	1.25	1.25	1.25
African Amer. Civil Rights grants	21.750	24.0	22.0
History of Equal Rights grants	4.625	5.0	4.75
Historic Black colleges	10.0	11.0	10.0
Save America's Treasures	26.5	26.5	26.5
Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization	10.0	12.5	10.0
Semi-quincentennial grants	10.0	10.0	3.0
Congressionally Directed HPF projects	15.272	19.654	11.65
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 173.072</b>	<b>\$ 191.904</b>	<b>\$170.825</b>

\* Figures are in millions

### National Park Service news

NPS Save America's Treasures announced \$24.25 million grant awards. Two Alaska organizations received Collections Projects awards:

- Alaska Native Heritage Center, Inc. \$107,244, Yik'a'nahtii (Care in Teetl'it Gwich'in Athabaskan), the Alaska Native Heritage Center collections represents a broad and unique scope of Indigenous peoples from around the state and comprises approximately 3,500 items. With the installation of enhanced cases and equipment, the institution will be able to create a more controlled and secure environment for 120 historic cultural items through the procurement of 7 new cases. The applicant will provide \$107,250 in matching funds.
- University of Alaska Fairbanks, \$500,000, Conservation of Bus 142: An Alaskan Icon

### NPS Grant opportunities:

The National Park Service has a new grant program that is accepting applications: **Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Development Grant Program.**

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make grants for the purpose of supporting programs for Native Hawaiian or Alaska Native culture and arts development to any private, nonprofit organization or institution which— (1) primarily serves and represents Native Hawaiians or Alaska Natives, and (2) has been recognized by the Governor of the State of Hawaii or the Governor of the State of Alaska, as appropriate, for the purpose of making such organization or institution eligible to receive such grants. Grants will enhance culture and art programs, including traditional and contemporary expressions of language, history, visual and performing arts, and crafts.

This is a new program in Fiscal Year 2022. The National Park Service administers this grant program and is interested in developing this program for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian culture and arts programs. Public Law 117-103, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, provides \$250,000 in Fiscal Year 2022 to encourage new entities to apply

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Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is P23AS00023.

The National Park Service's **Tribal Historic Preservation Program** grant program is accepting grant applications for about \$500,000 that will be available in the fall 2022.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/tribal-heritage-grants.htm>

National Park Service's [Underrepresented Communities Grant Program \(URC\)](#) works towards diversifying the nominations submitted to the [National Register of Historic Places](#). URC grants are funded by the [Historic Preservation Fund \(HPF\)](#), and are administered by the NPS. Projects include surveys and inventories of historic properties associated with communities underrepresented in the National Register, as well as the development of nominations to the National Register for specific sites. Congress has appropriated \$1.25 million for the URC Grant Program. All projects must result in the submission of a new nomination to the National Register of Historic Places or [National Historic Landmark Program](#), or an amendment to an existing nomination to include underrepresented communities. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and do not require non-Federal match. The URC grant opportunity number is [P22AS00294](#). For more information go to [Underrepresented Community Grants - Historic Preservation Fund \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

National Parks Service's **African American Civil Rights (AACR) grants** program (P22AS00647 and P22AS00648) is to preserve and protect sites associated with the struggle for equality from the transatlantic slave trade forward. Applications due November 8, 2022. For more information go to [African American Civil Rights Grant Program](#)

The National Register is actively working to update and reissue National Register Bulletin 38: *Traditional Cultural Properties*. A draft has been completed and is under internal review. A draft for tribal consultation, and partner and public engagement, is expected to be released by early fall 2022, kicking off a 16-month schedule for consultation, external engagement, and document development.

#### [Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news](#)

The public review period is now open on the proposed Army Program Comment for Vietnam War Era Historic Housing, Associated Buildings and Structures, and Landscape Features. The text of the proposed Program Comment, along with information on how to provide comments, can be accessed through [ACHP's Army Program Comment Website](#).

Those interested in commenting on the proposed Program Comment may do so by submitting written comments, so they are received by the ACHP on or before Friday September 30, 2022. The ACHP will consider these comments as it works to respond to the Army's request in accordance with the provisions of 800.14(e). Please send your comments to [armycomments@achp.gov](mailto:armycomments@achp.gov).

**Training:**

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is offering digital classrooms for their Section 106 courses: The Section 106 Essentials and Section 106 Agreements Seminar. They will use Zoomgov.com. To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom).

The ACHP extended FEMA COVID pandemic emergency procedures through November 30, 2022. For more information go to ACHP's website at [achp.gov](http://achp.gov).

**National Trust for Historic Preservation news**

**Grants from National Trust Preservation Funds (NTPF)** are intended to encourage preservation at the local level by supporting on-going preservation work and by providing seed money for preservation projects. These grants help stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for preservation projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector.

A small grant at the right time can go a long way and is often the catalyst that inspires a community to take action on a preservation project. Grants generally start at \$2,500 and range up to \$5,000. There are three deadlines per year in February, June, and October. The selection process is very competitive. Go to [forum@savingplaces.org](mailto:forum@savingplaces.org).

**For the October 3, 2022 grant round, the National Trust Preservation Funds grant program has dedicated funding to award in the following states: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Washington, D.C.**

Only [Organizational Level Preservation Leadership Forum Members](#), [Main Street America Community Members](#), and [Main Street America General Members](#) are eligible to receive funding from the National Trust Preservation Fund. Organizations do not need to have an active membership to apply for a grant, but selected grantees will be required to become members prior to the release of funds. Your membership status will be verified by our grants office once award decisions have been made. If you have questions about your membership status, please email [members@savingplaces.org](mailto:members@savingplaces.org).

**Peter H. Brink Leadership Fund grants** (up to \$2,500) for travel costs and mentor honoraria are available for Organization Level Forum or Main Street America members of the National Trust. The purpose of these grants is to support the leadership and effectiveness of staff and board members of preservation organizations through individualized mentoring and the sharing of expertise. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. For more information go to [forum@savingplaces.org](mailto:forum@savingplaces.org)

**Alaska Historical Society news**

The first-ever comprehensive guide to historical sources about the landmark Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) has been completed by the Alaska Historical Society. The three-volume, nearly 1,200-page *Guide to Sources for the Study of the 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act* identifies the vast majority of documents in existence about the historic claims act legislation located in archives, libraries, personal collections and online from Alaska to Washington, D.C.

You can find the PDFs of each of the three volumes online at the Alaska Historical Society's website (<https://alaskahistoricalsociety.org/discover-alaska/resources-for-the-study-of-the-1971-alaska-native-claims-settlement-act/>), and Scholarworks (<https://scholarworks.alaska.edu/handle/11122/12594/browse?type=dateissued>).

### National Preservation Institute news

NPI provides online training that complements their in-person seminar curriculum. NPI offers the option of online customized training with interested organizations. Look for training options at [www.npi.org](http://www.npi.org). On-demand modules available include **GIS, Historic Wood Windows, Corridor Development, New Sources of Funding, Native America 101, Streetscapes, Cultural Landscapes, and Section 106 compliance**. For further information contact Jere Gibber, Executive Director, NPI, 703.765.0100, [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org).

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### PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

- Greens Creek Mine
- Ambler Access Road

Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:

- Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Center Rehabilitation
  - o Programmatic Agreement
- Glenn Highway Corridor
  - o Programmatic Agreement
- Sterling Highway MP 45-60
  - o Data Recovery Plan
  - o Programmatic Agreement Amendment
- Formerly Used Defense Sites Program
  - o Programmatic Agreement
- USFS Sustainable Cabins
  - o Programmatic Agreement
- NPS Kennecott Maintenance and Operations
  - o Programmatic Agreement Amendment
- NPS Climate Change at Dyea
  - o Programmatic Agreement

For information on how to participate in the process, or on how to review and comment on the above projects, contact Sarah Meitl, [sarah.meitl@alaska.gov](mailto:sarah.meitl@alaska.gov).



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### PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

2022

October 6-8 and Oct 13-15 Alaska Historical Society annual conference, *Conflicting Visions in Alaska History*. Co-sponsored with Cook Inlet Historical Society. Will be held in Anchorage online and in person. For more information: <https://alaskahistoricalociety.org/>

October 20 OHA Education Series *National Register Nominations and AHRS Updates* Session 1:30 – 3:00PM AKST. Free. To learn more, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/training.htm>.

November 1-4 National Trust for Historic Preservation, *PastForward, the Virtual National Preservation Conference*. Theme: **Moving from Vision to Action**. Registration is now open. [https://savingplaces.org/conference#.Yh7dG\\_7MKUk](https://savingplaces.org/conference#.Yh7dG_7MKUk)

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March 13-16 Historic Preservation Advocacy Week. Washington D.C., for more information go to [preservationaction.org](http://preservationaction.org)

National Preservation Institute provides continuing education and professional training in historic preservation and cultural resource management throughout the year. For training options, go to: [www.npi.org](http://www.npi.org) For information contact Jere Gibber, Executive Director, [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org)