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Office of History and Archaeology news

Alaska Maritime Heritage Program

Office of History and Archaeology is hosting an online session “How to Apply for an Alaska Maritime Heritage Preservation Program Grant” on July 11 at 1pm.

To register, email to dnr.oha@alaska.gov and mention this presentation.

OHA is recruiting for a Historian 1 position. Apply through Workplace Alaska.

[Historian 1 \(PCN: 10-5269\) | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#) Recruitment closes June 20.

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, register for education sessions, etc.: dnr.oha@alaska.gov

Review/compliance, Section 106, project review: oha.revcomp@alaska.gov

State Cultural Resource Investigation Permits: oha.permits@alaska.gov

Alaska Heritage Resource Survey access, renewals, or submissions: oha.ibs@alaska.gov

Federal Legislation news

This week the House Appropriations Committee [approved](#) top line subcommittee allocations for FY24 spending bills that sets funding at FY22 levels. This represents a significant cut for domestic discretionary spending and is well below the spending levels agreed to in the debt ceiling negotiations. The allocations passed along a 33-27 party line vote. Under the allocations, the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, which includes the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) and several other preservation priorities, would receive a 34.6% cut below current enacted levels. The HPF is currently funded at \$204.5 million and in FY22 was funded at \$173.072 million.

Program authorization expires for the Historic Preservation in 15 weeks. The bipartisan bill H.R. 3350 reauthorizes the HPF through 2033 at \$250 million.

National Park Service news

NPS Grant opportunities:

The [State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division](#) is now accepting applications for the [Underrepresented Communities Grant Program](#). Before applying, please make sure that you have read and understand the limitations of each funding program and have carefully reviewed the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). The Notice of Funding Opportunity contains all the information you will need to create a successful application.

Congress has appropriated \$1.25 million for the Underrepresented Communities Grant Program (URC) for FY 2023. The URC Grant Program supports the survey, inventory, and designation of historic properties that are associated with communities currently underrepresented in the National Register of Historic Places and among National Historic Landmarks.

Eligible applicants include: State Historic Preservation Offices; Federally Recognized Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Villages/Corporations, Native Hawaiian Organizations, as defined by 54 USC 300309, 54 USC 300313, and 54 USC 300314; and, Certified Local Governments, non-profit entities.

Applications are due July 18, 2023. Apply via Grants.gov to [P23AS00473](#). Learn more about the [Underrepresented Communities Grant](#)

The [State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division](#) is now accepting applications for the [History of Equal Rights \(HER\)](#) grant program. Before applying, please make sure that you have read and understand the limitations of each funding program and have carefully reviewed the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The Notice of Funding Opportunity contains all the information you will need to create a successful application. Congress has appropriated **\$5 million** for the HER program. Grant projects fund physical preservation or pre-preservation of sites associated with efforts to achieve equal rights. The History of Equal Rights grants are not limited to any specific group and are intended to include the broadest possible interpretation of equal rights for any American. Applications are due **July 11**,

2023. Apply now via Grants.gov P23AS000474 [Go.nps.gov/her](https://www.nps.gov/heritage/grants)

The Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) for NPS FY2023 programs are anticipated spring through fall 2023. NPS recommends applicants set up a saved search on Grants.gov for CFDA 15.929 for Save America's Treasures and 15.932 for Historically Black Colleges & Universities and 15.904 for all other programs to be notified when the opportunity becomes available. Here are instructions on setting up a saved search on Grants.gov [Subscribe to Saved Searches \(grants.gov\)](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/save_searches.html)

The application period is typically 90 days. Therefore, the deadline to apply will be 90 days after the NOFO is posted to Grants.gov. Because the window to apply for funding is limited, we encourage applicants to plan well ahead of the deadline. Information on applying to all our programs is available through our website year-round: [State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/heritage/grants)

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news

The [Advisory Council on Historic Preservation](https://www.achp.gov/) (ACHP) is currently seeking feedback from the public on the Secretary on the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The ACHP says these comments will help provide a snapshot of the public's views on the application and interpretation of the Secretary's Standards.

The Secretary's Standards identifies four treatments: preservation, rehabilitation, restoration and reconstruction. While comments will be accepted on all four treatments, the ACHP is particularly interested in the application and interpretation of the Secretary's Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Properties. Major themes that emerge from the comments will be shared with the Department of Interior and the National Park Service.

Comments must be submitted by **July 20 at 5pm ET** and can be emailed to dnull@achp.gov. Learn more about this request for comments.

Council appointment:

ACHP Chair Sara Bronin today announced that the White House has appointed the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) as a member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP).

Training:

The ACHP has compiled news, background information, examples, and other program resources on its website, in order to help agencies, federal applicants, SHPOs, Indian tribes, and other Section 106 participants carry out reviews of infrastructure projects on federal property or those involving federal assistance. Resources

include: [HTTPS://WWW.ACHP.GOV/106 TOOLKIT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND
HTTPS://WWW.ACHP.GOV/BROADBAND AND 106](https://www.achp.gov/106_toolkit_for_infrastructure_and_broadband_and_106)

National Trust for Historic Preservation news

National Trust Preservation Funds Grant Program: Accepting Applications

The next round of the National Preservation Fund is now open. Enhance your efforts to save the historic places within our community—participate in the National Trust Preservation Funds grant program. This annual program supports local preservation organizations' efforts to **preserve and protect** important places in their communities.

Funding ranges from **\$2,500 to \$5,000** and supports **preservation planning and educational projects**. The next **deadline is October 1**.

Grant projects have included engineering and architectural consulting services; tours that are accessible via smart devices; and market studies to assist in prioritizing preservation objectives. For more information, visit <https://savingplaces.org/grants> or contact Grants@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

National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers

NATHPO invites tribes and native organizations to stay current on important happenings using their new [Calendar of Events](#). They have job listings, [Community Job Board](#), and listing of relevant [Grant Opportunities](#).

AASLH Awards

The American Association for State and Local History recognized Ronan Rooney's **Wrangel History Unlocked: The Rise & Fall of the Star of Bengal** as a 2023 Award of Excellence winner. <https://www.wrangellhistoryunlocked.com>

The AASLH recognized the NN Cannery History Project, a 7-year multifaceted humanities project, for national recognition, as a **winner of a 2023 Award for Excellence in Leadership for History**. www.aaslh.org

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

- West Susitna Access Road
- Safer Seward Highway
- Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Center Rehabilitation
Programmatic Agreement
- Glenn Highway Corridor
Programmatic Agreement
- NPS Climate Change at Dyea
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.

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

2023

June 29 National Trust for Historic Preservation, webinar State Historic Tax Credits: Opportunities for Affordable Housing and Sustainability on Thursday, at 3:00 p.m. ET, experts in the field of historic preservation, affordable housing, and sustainability share their perspectives and get the first look at a new report by the National Trust for Historic Preservation—State Historic Tax Credits: Opportunities for Affordable Housing and Sustainability. Register for these free webinars at <https://savingplac.es/3stQ8C7>.

July 11 Office of History and Archaeology, online session “How to Apply for an Alaska Maritime Heritage Preservation Program Grant”, at 1pm – 2:30pm. To register, email to dnr.oha@alaska.gov and mention this presentation.

September 6-9 AASLH Annual Conference, Boise, Idaho. Early registration is now open. For more information go to aaslh.org

October 24-25 National Preservation Institute in-person seminar

Section 106: Agreement Documents

Instructor: Claudia Nissley

October 24-25, 2023—Anchorage, AK

Two-day in-person seminar, offered in conjunction with Traditional Cultural Places, in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Office of History & Archaeology/State Historic Preservation Office

This advanced seminar focuses on memoranda of agreement and programmatic agreements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Learn how to survive and thrive during the agreement process through careful analysis, clear writing, and good negotiation. Review the available tools, guidelines, alternatives-and non-alternatives-to reach a favorable conclusion to the process. [Read detailed agenda](#)

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“Traditional cultural places” (TCPs) play an important role in community cultural traditions, beliefs, and activities. TCPs must be considered in planning under the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Orders 12898 and 13007, and other authorities. Review methods of identifying TCPs, discuss evaluation for National Register eligibility, and explore management issues. [Read detailed agenda](#)

Traditional Cultural Places

November 8-10 PastForward conference, **Preserving Place, Empowering Community**, in Washington, D.C. Learn more about [PastForward 2023 rates](#) and check out the conference schedule for November 8-10.

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 For information contact Jere Gibber, Executive Director, info@npi.org