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Federal Historic Preservation Fund FY 2020 budget

The Senate Appropriations Committee passed a FY 2020 budget for the Department of the Interior last week. For Historic Preservation Fund programs it budgeted \$113.16 million, a \$10.5 million increase over FY 2019 but less than the House of Representatives appropriated. The HPF funds state programs, specifically the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology. The full Senate is expected to vote on the budget shortly, but with the end of the fiscal year (September 30) it and the House passed a continuing resolution to keep the government open through November 21, 2019.

The House of Representatives voted to fund Historic Preservation Fund programs for 2020 at \$121.6 million, and the President’s proposal only funded the state and tribal preservation offices and reduced them by almost half of last year’s appropriation.

Historic Preservation Fund	FY 2019	FY 2020 Admin	FY 2020 House	FY2020 Senate Appropriations
States	\$ 49.67*	\$ 26.93	\$ 53.67	\$ 52.67

Tribes	11.74	5.74	13.74	13.74
Underrepresented communities	.75		.75	.75
African American civil rights			17.50	
Civil rights movement	14.50		5.00	15.50
Historic Black colleges	8.00		10.00	9.00
Save America's Treasures	13.00		16.00	14.00
Historic revitalization	5.00		5.00	7.50
TOTALS	\$ 102.66	\$ 32.67	\$121.66	\$113.16

* Figures are in millions.

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The Office of History and Archaeology is recruiting for an Architectural Historian (Historian II, PCN 10-5049). The State of Alaska hires through Workplace Alaska. The position description and application are at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/alaska/jobs/2570843/historian-ii-pcn-10-5049?page=8&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>. The position is open to Alaska residents only and the deadline to apply is October 3, 2019. The individual works with the state historic preservation program providing services to protect significant architectural and historic resources in Alaska. Specific program areas include Certified Local Governments, National Register of Historic Places, preservation planning, Preservation Tax Incentives, historic buildings survey, preservation education, and project review and compliance. The individual must meet the federal qualifications for an architectural historian, established in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Historic Preservation, 49 FR 44739. If you have questions about the position, the office, or the preservation program, please contact Jo Antonson, 907-269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov.

The Office of History and Archaeology is coordinating with the National Park Service and Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance to offer training for Historic Properties Specialists in October. Historic Properties Specialists are cultural resources personnel activated to advise on-scene coordinators during oil spill and hazardous materials responses. The three-day training will be offered twice, October 29-31 and November 5-7, 2019 in Anchorage. If interested in attending one of the workshops, more information is at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/oilspill.htm> or contact Richard VanderHoek at oha.permits@alaska.gov.

Summer Louthan, Architectural Historian, and Molly Conley, Historian, Alaska Archaeological Survey Unit, are leaving the Office of History and Archeology. Summer is moving to Virginia and a job in historic preservation there, and Molly has accepted a curator's position with the National Park Service in Alaska. Both have worked in the Office of History and Archaeology more than five years and although they will be missed are wished all the best.

The next meeting of the Alaska Historical Commission will be by teleconference on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. The agenda includes review of applications for projects from Certified Local Governments, consideration of geographic name proposals, updates on Office of History and Archaeology programs, and review of the Alaska Historical Commission's policies and procedures. The tentative agenda is posted at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/>

National Park Service news

The Vanishing Treasures program and the Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center are holding a workshop, Preserving Cultural and Wilderness Resources: Achieving Common Ground, in Yosemite National Park, October 22-24, 2019. The focus will be on treatment approaches to cultural resources in designated wilderness areas. There will be time for field-based problem solving and discussion. The register, go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekA3XBYClwT2KaZqgTb3dSEcn8gnU08tqZcGN0DWmZR_9csA/viewform. For additional information contact Erin Gibbs, 307.739.3571 / vanishingtreasures@nps.gov.

The Shared Beringian Heritage Program has a call for proposals for new one-to-three-year projects. The program seeks to improve conservation, sustainability, and knowledge of the region's natural and cultural resources, preserve subsistence opportunities and historic traditions and practices, interpret and communicate about the region's unique and internationally significant resources and values, and provide opportunities for cultural connections and knowledge exchange. The application deadline is October 21, 2019, and all proposals must include a Russian component. More information is at <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/beringia/2020fundingcall.htm> or by contacting Peter Neitlich, 509.341.4540 / peter_neitlich@nps.gov.

The State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division has a Historic Preservation Fund photo contest underway. Preservation partners and recipients of HPF grants are invited to submit photos that display in-progress or completed preservation projects. The winners of NPS swag will be announced in the fall. More details can be found at www.nps.gov/orgs/1623/hpf-photo-contest.htm.

The Save America's Treasures program, a partnership of the National Park Service, Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Endowment for the Arts announced its grants for 41 projects in 23 states. The University of Alaska Museum of the North received a museum collection grant for \$119,585 to stabilize and rehouse the 7,000 catalogued items in its Kobuk River archaeological collection. The artifacts and dendrochronology samples in the collection are from 13 late prehistoric sites. In addition to receiving conservation care, the objects will be photographed and the images uploaded to the museum's public online database. Congratulations to Josh Reuther and Scoot Shirar, project directors! More information about funded projects is at <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/national-park-service-institute-of-museum-and-library-services-national-endowment-for-the-arts-and-national-endowment-for-the-humanities-announce-12-6-million-in-save-america-s-treasures-grants.htm> and about the program at <https://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/sat/index.html>.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news

The Advisory Council will hold two classes in Anchorage this month: Section 106 Practitioner Workshop on October 8 and 9, and Section 106 Agreements Seminar on October 10. More information on them is a www.achp.gov/training.

The fall Section 106 webinars have been announced. The topics and dates (each webinar will be offered twice) are:

Planning for Successful Section 106 Agreements, October 17, October 22

So you think you need a PA, November 14, November 19

Resolving Disputes in Section 106, December 12, December 17

The schedule, synopsis of each topic, and registration instructions are at

<https://www.achp.gov/training/webinars>. For additional information contact Tanya DeVonish at tdevonsish@achp.gov.

National Trust for Historic Preservation news

The National Trust is inviting people to livestream some of the presentations of PastForward 2019, its annual conference, October 10-12 that are being made available for free. The opening plenary session featuring former Denver mayors and local preservation champions, and sessions on saving urban neighborhoods, revitalizing small communities, and women's history are going to be available. For more information and to sign up to participate, go to www.SavingPlaces.org/livestream.

Alaska Association for Historic Preservation calls for award nominations

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation is calling for nominations for its annual award that recognizes excellence in historic preservation by an organization, agency or individual. The award nomination deadline is October 18, 2019. An overview of AAHP's programs is at www.aahp-online.net. For additional information about submitting an award nomination, email to AKPreservation@gmail.com.

Climate Heritage Network to launch

Following the Global Climate Action Summit held in San Francisco in September 2018, Juli Polanco, California SHPO, and Allyson Brooks, Washington SHPO, with Historic Environment Scotland, and the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) worked to create a Climate Heritage Network. The premise is that arts, culture and heritage are being impacted by climate change. The network is envisioned to help arts, culture and heritage agencies and site management authorities address climate change, connect them, and coordinate a voice for them on global climate change policy and planning. It is envisioned to link together those working with landscapes, institutions and collections, archaeology, buildings, and monuments, intangible heritage, and traditional ways of knowing for climate action.

The network is voluntary and free. A government unit from any level that wishes to demonstrate its commitment to addressing climate change is invited to sign a memorandum of understanding, and businesses and organizations are invited to endorse the network. Entities are asked to sign by October 24 to be included in a global launch event of the network in Edinburgh, Scotland, October 24-25. The launch will announce the establishment of the network, identify a framework for action, and set goals that call on members to work together for action. The first day of the launch event will be livestreamed. To join go to <http://climateheritage.org/join/>.

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, AK LNG (Alaska Liquid Natural Gas Pipeline) draft Environmental Impact Statement, www.ferc.gov

Comment deadline: October 3, 2019

Comments to: Project docket number CP17-178-000, Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St. NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426; or www.ferc.gov, Documents and Filings, eComment or eFiling

Bureau of Land Management, Road to Ambler draft Environmental Impact Statement and draft Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act Section 810 Subsistence Evaluation, <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage¤tPageId=11129>

Comment deadline: October 15, 2019

Comments to: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/comments/commentSubmission.do?commentPeriodId=8000208>

Public meetings: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage¤tPageId=111133>

Contact: Tim La Marr, 907.474.2356 / tlamarr@blm.gov or Tina McMaster-Goering, 907.271.1310 / tcmastergoering@blm.gov

Bureau of Land Management, Willow Master Development Plan draft Environmental Impact Statement, <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage¤tPageId=161457>

Comment deadline: October 15, 2019

Comments to: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/comments/commentSubmission.do?commentPeriodId=8000207>

Public meetings: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage¤tPageId=161459>

Contact: Racheal Jones, 907.290.0307 / rajones@blm.gov

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline Project

Cultural Resources Management Plan revision

Alaska LNG Project

Comments on resources of concern and impacts to historic and cultural resources

Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:

Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program

Programmatic agreement signed
Pebble Project
Programmatic agreement
Ambler Industrial Access Road
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, 907.269.8720 / sarah.meitl@alaska.gov.

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

October 1 National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Funds grant application deadline (Colleen Danz, 202.588.6498 / CDanz@savingplaces.org)

October 8-9 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Section 106 Practitioner Workshop, Anchorage (www.achp.gov/training)

October 10 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Section 106 Agreements Seminar, Anchorage (www.achp.gov/training)

October 10-12 National Trust for Historic Preservation, PastForward 2019, Denver, CO (www.PastForwardConference.org)

October 18 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation annual award nomination deadline www.aahp-online.net. (Amber Sawyer, AKPreservation@gmail.com)

October 21 National Park Service Shared Beringian Heritage Program grant application deadline, <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/beringia/2020fundingcall.htm> (Peter Neitlich, 509.341.4540 / peter_neitlich@nps.gov)

October 22-24 National Park Service Vanishing Treasures Program and Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center: Preserving Cultural and Wilderness Resources: Achieving Common Ground, https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekA3XBYClwT2KaZqgTb3dSEcn8gnU08tqZcGN0DWmZR_9csA/viewform, Yosemite National Park, CA (Erin Gibbs, 307.739.3571 / vanishingtreasures@nps.gov)

October 24-27 American Cultural Resources Association annual conference: ACRA at 25— Exploring Our Past to Build Our Future, <https://www.acra-crm.org/annual-conference-2019>, Spokane, WA (Amanda Stratton, 202.367.9094 / amanda@acra-crm.org)

October 25-27 Yukon Historical and Museums Association and Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center: Kohklux Map: 150 Years Conference, Whitehorse, YT (Lianne Maitland, 867.667.4704 / info@heritageyukon.ca)

October 27-30 Argonne National Laboratory, Visual Resource Stewardship Conference: Seeking 20/20 Vision for Landscape Futures, <http://vrconference.evs.anl.gov/>, Lemont, IL (Robin Hoffman, 315.470.6546 or Rick Smardon, 315.470.6539 / vrconference@anl.gov)

October 29-31 Office of History and Archaeology, National Park Service and Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Historic Properties Specialists workshop, <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/oilspill.htm>, Anchorage (Richard VanderHoek, oha.permits@alaska.gov)

November 4-6 24th Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies: Monumental Computations, Digital Archaeology of Large Urban and Underground Infrastructures, <https://www.chnt.at/call-for-sessions-round-tables/>, Vienna, Austria (Börner Wolfgang, +43(0)1 4000 81176 / wolfgangboerner@stadtarchaeologie.at)

November 5-7 Office of History and Archaeology, National Park Service and Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Historic Properties Specialists workshop, <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/oilspill.htm>, Anchorage (Richard VanderHoek, oha.permits@alaska.gov)

November 19-23 Association for Preservation Technology annual conference, <https://www.eventscribe.com/2019/APT/>, Miami, FL (www.apti.org)
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January 8-11 Society for Historical Archaeology Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology: Revolution, Boston, MA (<https://sha.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/SHA-2020-Call-for-Papers.pdf>)

February 26-29 Alaska Anthropological Association annual meeting, Fairbanks
(<https://www.alaskaanthropology.org/annual-meeting/>)

March 18-22 National Council on Public History annual meeting: Threads of Change, Atlanta, GA, <https://ncph.org/conference/2020-annual-meeting/>, Atlanta, GA (317.274.2716 / ncph@iupui.edu)

March 23-25 National Preservation Institute: Section 106, An Introduction, www.npi.org, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@nps.org)

March 26-27 National Preservation Institute: NEPA Compliance and Cultural Resources, www.npi.org, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@nps.org)

July 22-26 National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, Forum 2020: Preservation Coast to Coast, www.napcommissions.org, Tacoma, WA (director@napcommissions.org)

September 23-26 American Association for State and Local History annual meeting: What Kind of Ancestor Will You Be?, Las Vegas, NV (AASLH, 615.320.3203 / info@aaalh.org)

October 9-10 National Preservation Institute, 8th National Forum on Historic Preservation Policy: A Critical Examination of Preservation & the 21st Century City, New Orleans, LA (NPI, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)