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Federal Historic Preservation Fund FY 2019 budget and legislation

Congress has not passed seven FY 2019 funding bills, among them the Interior Department’s that includes the Historic Preservation Fund. Since the fiscal year started last October, the agencies operated under continuing resolutions until December 22. It is not clear when an agreement will be reached.

Historic Preservation Fund:	FY 2018 Final	FY 2019 President	FY 2019 House	FY 2019 Senate
States	\$ 48.93*	\$ 26.93	\$ 48.93	\$ 48.93
Tribes	11.48	5.74	11.48	11.48
Underserved communities initiative	.50		.50	.50
Civil rights movement initiative	13.00		15.50	15.50
Historic Black colleges/universities	5.00		7.00	7.00

Save America's Treasures grants	13.00		13.00	5.00
Historic Revitalization grants	5.00		.50	.50
TOTALS	\$ 96.91	\$ 32.67	\$ 96.91	\$88.91

* Figures are in millions.

Office of History and Archaeology news

The Office of History and Archaeology is coordinating with the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior's Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance to provide training for Historic Properties Specialists. The training is focused toward cultural resources management contractors, agency cultural resource land managers, Alaska Native organization cultural resource personnel, and others who could have a role dealing with cultural resources during an oil spill. The workshop is scheduled for April 2-5, 2019 in Anchorage and is limited to 40 participants. If interested in attending contact oha.permits@alaska.gov. Incident Command System (ICS) Training 100 and 200 level courses are prerequisites. They are available free online at <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c> and <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-200.b>. (Additional training, specifically the Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency response training, also is needed for field operations.) Notification of selection for the workshop will be sent at least a month prior to the workshop.

Block 13 Army Housing Association Historic District in Anchorage added to National Register

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places added the Block 13 Army Housing Association Historic District to the list December 3, 2018. Located just southeast of downtown Anchorage, between A and Cordova Streets and 10th and 11th Avenues, sixteen houses, Barrow Street, and the alley convey the story of a unique cooperative effort to provide housing for military men with families during the World War II build-up in 1940. The men, assigned to Elmendorf Field and Fort Richardson, created a housing association, businessman R.H. Stock financed the project, and architect William Manley planned the neighborhood to qualify for Federal Housing Authority mortgage insurance. The servicemen cleared the land and constructed prefabricated kit houses designed by the Modelow Company, a Seattle firm. The families lived in the houses only a short time. Following U.S. entry into World War II, the families were evacuated, the men reassigned, and the houses were sold. Today, the relationship among the 28 houses in the district has seen little change and conveys the sense of the neighborhood as originally planned.

National Park Service news

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) is accepting applications for innovative research projects that develop new technologies or adapt existing technologies to preserve cultural resources. The application deadline is January 10, 2019 for projects that will begin in August 2019. Federal agencies, states, tribes, local governments and non-profit organizations can apply for grants for research, specialized workshops or symposia that address national preservation needs, or production of videos, mobile applications, podcasts, webinars or best practices publications that provide better tools for preservation

practice. Applicants are encouraged to contact NCPTT (318.356.7444 / ncptt@nps.gov) to discuss their ideas prior to submitting a proposal. More information about the grants and applying is at <https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/grants/preservation-technology-and-training-grants/>.

The Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program is a new Historic Preservation Fund grant program to support the rehabilitation of historic properties and economic development of rural communities. Certified Local Governments, non-profit organizations, and State and Tribal historic preservation offices can apply for funds that are to be subgranted to rural communities in their jurisdictions (defined by the U.S. Census as areas with less than 50,000 people). The program will fund architectural and engineering services and development projects for properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places and do not have to be matched. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2019. Complete application information is available at www.grants.gov, funding opportunity number P19AS00015.

The Springfield Armory National Historic Site, the Friends of NCPTT, and the NCPTT are holding an Archeology of Firearms workshop in Springfield, Massachusetts, March 11-13, 2019. Over the past several centuries, firearms became distinctive elements of material culture and gun parts and ammunition are nearly ubiquitous in North American historical archaeological assemblages. The workshop will include discussions and demonstrations of methods for studying firearms and firearm parts and ammunition components found in archeological contexts. For more information contact Tad Britt, NCPTT, 318.521.5641 / Tad_Britt@nps.gov.

The NCPTT and National Museum of the Pacific War will host a symposium June 4-6, 2019 in Fredericksburg, Texas, on the preservation of U.S. military heritage from World War II to the Cold War. The symposium is to bring together conservators, architects, engineers, landscape architects, museum and site managers, and other cultural resource professionals to discuss state-of-the-science efforts to document, conserve, treat, and adaptively reuse sites and features of military heritage from 1939 to early 1991. Presentation and poster proposals are due February 18, 2019, and should be submitted with a biography to Debbie Smith, debbie_smith@nps.gov. More information about the conference is at <https://www.ncptt.nps.gov>.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news

The Advisory Council has issued Guidance on Assistance to Consulting Parties in the Section 106 Review Process, an update of guidance on fees in the Section 106 review process issued in 2002. The new guidance is available at <https://www.achp.gov/digital-library-section-106-landing/guidance-assistance-consulting-parties-section-106-review>. After reading the guidance, questions should be directed to Reid Nelson, rnelson@achp.gov.

The council is offering two new Section 106 classes in Anchorage next fall: Section 106 Practitioner Workshop on October 8 and 9, and Section 106 Agreements Seminar on October 10. The council also has four e-learning courses available: What is Section 106; Successfully Navigating Section 106 Review: An Orientation for Applicants; Basics of NEPA and Section 106 Integration; and Coordinating NEPA and Section 106. More information is available at www.achp.gov/training.

Vernacular Architecture Forum seeks award nominations

The Vernacular Architecture Forum is soliciting for the two awards it annually makes to individuals and organizations for preservation projects. The Paul E. Buchanan Award recognizes contributions to the study and preservation of vernacular architecture that are not publications. The award is for the unpublished studies, documentation projects, restoration plans, National Register nominations, exhibits, media productions and public programs completed the past year. The other award is the VAF Advocacy Award for individuals and groups who have contributed to the interpretation, appreciation and protection of vernacular buildings and cultural landscapes that show initiative and action to promote and protect these resources. More information about the awards and how to make a nomination are at <http://www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org>. The deadline for nominations is January 4, 2019.

The group also has Ambassador and Access awards to help students attend their meetings. Their next meeting, Landscapes of Succession, will be in Philadelphia, PA, May 29-June 1, 2019. The Ambassador Awards are for undergraduate and graduate student groups with a faculty sponsor. The two Access Awards the association makes annually are for local practitioners, scholars and students who have not attended one of their meetings. The deadline to apply is January 5, 2019. More information about the awards and applying for them is available at www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org/awards.

Call for proposals for Kohklux Map: 150 Years Conference

The Yukon Historical and Museums Association of Whitehorse and Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center of Klukwan are planning a conference to mark the 150th anniversary of the drawing of the Kohklux map. The Chilkat leader and his wives drew the map in 1869 for American scientist George Davidson who was in the north to view a solar eclipse. The map is the oldest known map of southern Yukon and the oldest preserved map of the region drawn on paper by indigenous people. The conference will take place October 25-27, 2019 in Whitehorse. Proposals are invited that address northern mapping, Tlingit and Athapaskan place names, inter-cultural communication and exchange, cultural renewal, and other related topics. The proposal deadline is April 30, 2019. Proposals may be submitted by email to info@heritageyukon.ca or to the association at 3126 Third Avenue, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 1E7, Canada.

Alaska Women's Hall of Fame seeks nominations

The Alaska Women's Hall of Fame is seeking nominees for 2019. The nomination deadline is January 15, 2019, and the form is on the organization's website www.alaskawomenshalloffame.org. Nominations must be submitted electronically. The 2019 induction ceremony will be held April 30th in Anchorage. The organization recently celebrated its tenth anniversary and for the occasion created an 18-minute video that one can find on its website. More information is available by sending an email to alaskawhof@gmail.com.

Digital Index of North American Archaeology

The Digital Index of North American Archaeology is a public open data project to help researchers, managers, and the public find archaeological information without releasing sensitive information or locations of sites. The index has cultural information, artifact distributions, literature citations, and primary research data. It is searchable by site or kind of site and has been used to model archaeological site information loss to due to sea level rise, in K-12 education to study past peoples, and by researchers, journalists, and tribes. The index is a cooperative project of Joshua Wells, Indiana University South Bend; David Anderson, University of Tennessee; Eric Kansa, University of California Berkeley; and Sarah Kansa, Alexandria Archive Institute and Open Context. The group is seeking participating organizations. It is seeking funding to help those organizations by providing software, equipment and funding so they can add to the index, and planning a workshop to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee in spring 2019. If interested, more information about the DINAA is at <http://ux.opencontext.org/archaeology-site-data>.

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Seward Airport Improvements Project Draft Environmental

Assessment, <http://dot.alaska.gov/creg/sewardairport/documents.shtml>

Comment deadline: January 9, 2019

Comments to: Robin Reich, Solstice Alaska Consulting, Inc., solsticeak@solsticeak.com
2607 Fairbanks St., Suite B, Anchorage, AK 99503

Bureau of Land Management, Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Draft Environmental Impact Statement, <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage¤tPageId=152110>

Comment deadline: February 11, 2019

Comments to: www.blm.gov/alaska, or Attn: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS, 222 West 7th Avenue, Stop #13, Anchorage, AK 99513

Public meetings (dates to be determined): Anchorage, Arctic Village, Fairbanks, Fort Yukon, Koktovik, Utqiagvik, Venetie, Washington, DC.

Contact: Nicola Hayes, Project coordinator, 907.271.4354 / mnhayes@blm.gov

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Kenai Hydro, LLC proposed Grant Lake Hydroelectric Project draft environmental impact statement, www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp (Docket # P-13212-005)

Comment deadline: January 10, 2019

Comments to: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp> or Secretary, FERC, 888 First St. NE, Washington, DC 20427.

Contact: Kenneth Hogan, 202-502-8434 / kenneth.hogan@ferc.gov

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Barrow Atmospheric Baseline Observatory, Utqiagvik, Draft Environmental Assessment, <http://www.seco.noaa.gov/>

Comment deadline: January 24, 2019

Comments to: Mark George, NOAA Safety & Environmental Compliance Office, 325

Broadway, Boulder, CO 80305, mark.george@noaa.gov

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

January 10 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT), grant application deadline (ncptt@nps.gov)

February 27-March 2 Alaska Anthropological Association annual meeting: Alaska Anthropology in the Age of Engagement: Communities, Collections and Collaboration, Nome (www.alaskaanthropology.org / alaskaanthro@gmail.com)

March 1 National Park Service, State, Tribal, Local, Plans and Grants division, Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program application deadline, www.go.nps.gov/revitalization (State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division, 202.35.2020 / stipg@nps.gov)

March 11-13 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: Archeology of Firearms: Insights into the Human Past workshop, Springfield, MA (Tad Britt, NCPTT, 318.356.9119 / Tad_Britt@nps.gov)

March 13-19 National Park Service, Historic Preservation Education Foundation, University of Southern California School of Architecture, Preserving the Recent Past 3 conference, <https://www.prp3.org>, Los Angeles, CA (info@prp3.org)

March 14 National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, 2019 annual meeting, Washington, DC (Ted Monoson, monoson@ncshpo.org)

March 27-30 National Council on Public History conference: Repair Work, <http://ncph.org/conference/>, Hartford, CT (NCPH, 317.274.2716 / ncph@iupui.edu)

March 31 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties nomination deadline, www.aahp-online.net (Kathi Adkins, 907.929.9870 / akpreservation@gmail.com)

April 24 Alaska Office of History and Archaeology, Annual Workshop, Anchorage, AK (Sarah Meitl, 907.269.8720 / sarah.meitl@alaska.gov)

April 30 Yukon Historical and Museums Association (Whitehorse, Yukon) and Jikaat Kwaan Heritage Center (Klukwan, Alaska), Kohklux Map: 150 Years conference proposal deadline (conference to be held in October), Whitehorse, YT (Lianne Maitland, 867.667.4707 / info@heritageyukon.ca)

May 5-8 Keeping History Above Water conference, <http://historyabovewater.org/2019-st-augustine>, St. Augustine, FL (Leslee Keys, 904.819.6443 / lkeys@flagler.edu)

May 7-8 National Preservation Institute, Landscape Preservation: An Introduction, Anchorage, AK, www.npi.org (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / jgibber@aol.com)

May 9 National Preservation Institute, Landscape Preservation: Advanced Tools for Managing Change, Anchorage, AK, www.npi.org (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / jgibber@aol.com)

May 17 Association of Preservation Technology, Western Great Lakes Chapter and the Construction History Society of America, 2019 symposium: Preservation of Industrial Archaeology and Its Construction History, Chicago, IL (<http://www.aptwglc.com/Annual-Symposium>)

May 29-June 1 Vernacular Architecture Forum annual meeting: Landscapes of Succession, Philadelphia, PA (Michelle Weaver Jones, conference@vafweb.org / www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org)

June 4-6 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training and National Museum of the Pacific War, Preserving U.S. Military Heritage, 1939-1991 symposium, Fredericksburg, TX, <https://www.ncptt.nps.gov> (Debbie Smith, debbie_smith@nps.gov)

August 28-31 American Association for State and Local History with the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, annual conference: What Are We Waiting For?, Philadelphia, PA (615.320.3203 / www.aaslh.org/conference/)

September 25-28 Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska, annual meetings and conference, Kodiak (www.ahsmaconference.org)

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

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