

**National Historic Preservation Fund and Federal Grants**

**FY2001 Request: \$640,000**  
**Reference No: 6865**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation  
**Category:** Development

**Project Type:** Planning

**Location:** Statewide

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2003

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The National Historic Preservation Fund is a federal matching grant project with a 60% federal and 40% state match. It provides the state a basic historic preservation program including planning, survey, inventory, project review, and public education. The federal/state partnership program created in the National Historic Preservation Act requires a state historic preservation program to meet basic levels of professional staffing and program services. Cooperative agreements with federal agencies and grants from federal programs, which do not require match, fund cultural resource management projects.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2001</u>	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$640,000	\$700,000	\$800,000	\$900,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,040,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$640,000	\$700,000	\$800,000	\$900,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,040,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

In the past five years, the State has received approximately \$2,100,000 from the National Historic Preservation Fund. Cooperative Agreements and Direct Grants account for approximately \$1,100,000 received by the State from special cultural resource management projects. The State has received NPHF grants annually since 1971.

**Project Description/Justification:**

Description of Work to be done:

The National Historic Preservation Fund (NHPF) provides federal assistance on a 60/40 matching basis for the State Historic Preservation Program, a federalist program, which is identified and defined in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (P.L. 96-515, Section 101. (b)). The NHPF provides money for the administration of Alaska's State Historic Preservation Program. The program keeps the decision making on historic significance and program priorities at the state and local level. Eligible activities are historic preservation planning; survey of historic and archaeological sites; maintenance of an inventory of historic properties; technical assistance to state, federal and local governments; public education and training; certified local government assistance; project review of impacts on historic resources by state and federal projects; and the National Register program. A portion of the NHPF can be used for acquisition, stabilization and restoration of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This audited NHPF program requires each activity area meet performance criteria to maintain eligibility to participate in the partnership program and receive funds.

**Cultural Resource Management Cooperative Agreements and Direct Grants.**

Cultural resource management project monies are received through cooperative agreements with federal agencies and through direct grants from funding agencies. The monies are used for archaeological or historical field surveys, database inventory projects, restoration and rehabilitation projects, or other cultural resource management projects as identified in the cooperative agreements or grants.

**Project Benefits:**

This project is the only history and archaeology program in state government. It serves public interests regarding the broad spectrum of historic preservation programs. The preservation of Alaska's significant cultural resources benefits the physical, environmental and economic interests of the State. It ensures the retention of a sense of place, which fundamental to all successful communities. Historic properties provide continuity with the past, attract visitors, create a sense of civic pride and provide opportunities to enrich the education of our children.

**Economic Development:**

Historic properties have both economic and cultural value. Federal grants to identify, evaluate and preserve historic properties directly support the visitor industry, help revitalize historic commercial and residential neighborhoods, and create jobs for Alaskans. Investment in historic preservation stimulates economic activity, conserves and adaptively reuses existing properties. Maintenance of the inventory of historic places helps developers, land managers and planners save money and avoid impacts to historic properties by providing basic data for their use in project planning and design.

**Project Support:**

The project is supported by land managers, developers, historic preservation organizations, local and tribal governments, owners of historic properties and State and federal agencies.

**Project Opposition:**

Most public participation in the program is voluntary. Agency participation is required by state and federal law.

**Specific Spending Detail:**

Up to 10% of the federal grant funds received are retained by State Historic Preservation Program for project administration.

**Does this project leverage other funding for the state?**

The NHPF program requires a 40% match (dollars and in-kind donations) from the state. Pass-through NHPF grants to Certified Local Governments also require a 40% match.

**Alternative Approaches/Financing Considered:**

Partnerships and matching funds are already part of the project. One alternative is for the state to finance the entire state historic preservation program with state funds and not meet federal program standards.