

State of Alaska FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Program Component Budget Summary

Component: State Historic Preservation Program

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Component Mission

The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation provides outdoor recreation opportunities and conserves and interprets natural, cultural, and historic resources for the use, enjoyment, and welfare of the people. (Differs from SLA 2002, Ch. 124 Section 114)

Component Services Provided

As the State of Alaska's historic preservation agency, the Office of History and Archaeology oversees statewide programs to identify, document, protect and restore sites and buildings, and to educate Alaskans and visitors about the state's heritage resources. The Office of History and Archaeology and the Alaska Historical Commission provide policy and program advice to the Commissioner, Governor and Legislature concerning history and prehistory, historic sites and buildings, and geographic names. The Office administers the national historic preservation program in Alaska, as set forth in the National Historic Preservation Act, and serves as State liaison to federal agencies, representing the State's interests in protecting its heritage resources. The national programs include historic preservation planning, survey, nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, public education and training, investment tax credits, project reviews, maintenance of statewide inventory, and local government assistance through its Certified Local Government program. To carry out these programs, the Office of History and Archaeology seeks partnerships with local governments, Native organizations, historical societies, non-profit organizations, private owners, and federal and state agencies.

Component Goals and Strategies

To administer a statewide historic preservation program to identify, document, protect and restore sites, structures, and buildings, and to educate Alaskans and visitors about the state's heritage resources.

- I. Review and comment on proposed state and federally assisted projects for impacts to historic properties.
 - A. Review approximately 2700 projects to determine whether or not historic properties may be impacted and provide comments to agencies.
 - B. Consult with federal agencies and/or their delegated representatives through the Section 106 process on impacts of federal undertakings on historic properties.
 - C. Participate in developing Memorandum of Agreement for mitigation of adverse effects to historic properties.
 - D. Participate in developing Programmatic Agreements with federal agencies to streamline the Section 106 review process for complex and long term projects.

- II. Provide high quality archaeological and historic research services to state agencies and other governmental entities.
 - A. Conduct research services and produce reports meeting state and federal professional standards, documenting findings of research and surveys.
 - B. Provide technical assistance to heritage tourism and interpretive programs.
 - C. Develop proposals for historic interpretive signs for the Alaska Highway system. Conduct research for historic interpretive signs in cooperation with State Parks' Interpretation and Education Section.

- III. Administer federal historic preservation program and provide technical assistance to property owners and land managers for identification and protection of historic and archaeological resources.
 - A. Provide grants to local governments and historic property owners for historic preservation planning, education, survey, nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, restoration and rehabilitation.
 - B. Provide information and technical assistance on the federal investment tax credit program and review tax credit applications for certification.
 - C. Provide technical assistance to heritage tourism and interpretive programs.
 - D. Provide information, technical assistance and consultation on standards for appropriate treatments for archaeological

sites and historic buildings, structures, objects and landscapes to government agencies and private historic property owners concerned with historical integrity and adaptive reuse issues.

E. Assist property owners listing historic properties in the National Register of Historic Places.

F. Coordinate, prepare and implement an Alaska historic preservation plan for use by the Office of History and Archaeology, certified local governments, and federal agencies.

IV. Assist development of new preservation programs and strengthen existing programs in local communities.

A. Certify interested local governments whose historic preservation programs qualify for the state's Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Program.

B. Provide training and program development assistance through workshops, individualized assistance, and grants.

V. Coordinate and plan special initiatives and projects in cooperation with other agencies.

A. Conduct architectural assessment of Jesse Lee Home in cooperation with City of Seward. Gather information for report to the Legislature on recommendations for the preservation, development and management of the Jesse Lee Home and a memorial to Benny Benson, designer of Alaska's state flag.

B. Coordinate with Department of Education, Alaska Humanities Forum and others on development of high school Alaska history curriculum.

C. Coordinate archaeological investigations and site management with Division of Mining, Land and Water in the Denali Highway and Tangle Lakes Archaeological District area.

D. Continue archaeological investigation of early man sites in Delta area.

VI. Maintain the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey and provide information to private and public sectors for use in developing strategies for protecting cultural resources.

A. Add a minimum of 500 new sites per year and make information available to authorized users.

B. Maintain a database of survey and inventory report information.

C. Continue conversion of AHRS database to Oracle format compatible with DNR/LRIS and DNR internal server.

D. Provide comment on cultural resource management policy and issues in state, federal and industry planning documents.

VII. Contribute to public education by publishing a newsletter and supporting activities associated with Archaeology Week, Preservation Week, and History Day.

A. Publish monthly electronic Heritage newsletter.

B. Promote and support activities associated with Archaeology Month, Historic Preservation Week, and History Day.

C. Coordinate Alaska Project Archaeology program. Organize a minimum of one training a year.

VIII. Administer the state's geographic names program, including preparing proposals to name physical features in Alaska for consideration by the Alaska Historical Commission and submitting results to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names.

A. Prepare informational materials for the program and respond to inquiries from the public.

B. Prepare geographic names proposal packages for review by the Alaska Historical Commission, the state review board, and submit completed actions to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names.

C. Maintain a database of place names approved by the Alaska Historical Commission and recognized as official names in the state.

Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004

The National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to consult with the State Historic Preservation Office on all undertakings and assess potential affects on historic properties. Because of the increase in complexity, size and volume of state and federal projects in Alaska the Office cannot consult on all projects, putting Alaska's heritage resources at risk. Project review staff participate minimally in the NEPA process, which agencies use for their primary environmental compliance. The State Historic Preservation Program receives a Historic Preservation Fund grant to provide staff to consult with agencies through the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process. NEPA consultation is not funded.

The Office of History and Archaeology will conduct a study, in cooperation with the City of Seward, to determine the costs and procedures necessary for the preservation, development, and management of the Jesse Lee Home which

incorporates a monument honoring Benny Benson for his role in designing the state flag and a place for community ceremonies and events, as called for in House Bill 96. State acquisition of the Jesse Lee Home is to be considered.

The Office of History and Archaeology is working with ADNR/LRIS, to move the AHRS (Alaska Heritage Resources Survey) database from dBase III+, where it has been since the mid-1980s, into an Oracle format that can be accessed through ADNR's internal server. The first phase, completed in September 2002, is a beta version that allows for tabular data entry. Future phases will address updates and the inclusion of other OHA databases. The long-term goal is to achieve a spatially enabled product that can be viewed/updated via GIS technology and a web interface. The transition to Oracle will make the AHRS database more consistent with ADNR operations and more user friendly.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2002

1. Reviewed over 2781 projects for impacts to historic properties. Eleven Memorandum of Agreement and three Programmatic Agreements signed.
2. Fairbanks mitigation fund historic preservation grants: Seven grants successfully completed; four still active; 2 cancelled.
3. Conducted Section 106 training for agencies and contractors, April 2002.
4. Produced nineteen cultural resource survey reports: seven full survey reports and twelve short reports.
5. Evaluated 252 properties for eligibility to the National Register for Historic Places; 86 determined eligible.
6. Nine new listings in the National Register of Historic Places.
7. Twenty-four Certified Local Government grants active in FY2002, seven of which were completed.
8. Gold Rush Task Force: Three grants completed. Ten Gold Rush signs completed for Nome and Solomon.
9. Nike Site Summit Task Force completed work and submitted report with recommendations to the Department of Army, Ft. Richardson.
10. Alaska Heritage Resource Survey: 1,147 new sites entered, 5,322 sites updated.
11. U.S. Board of Geographic Names took action on 18 Alaskan proposals submitted by the Alaska Historical Commission.
12. Twelve Historic Preservation Fund development grants active. Seven additional development grants awarded.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS41.35
AS44.37
P.L. 96-515

State Historic Preservation Program
Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2002 Actuals	FY2003 Authorized	FY2004 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	945.9	963.4	967.2
72000 Travel	21.6	92.5	88.5
73000 Contractual	57.4	303.4	268.4
74000 Supplies	14.6	35.3	35.3
75000 Equipment	10.6	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	1,050.1	1,394.6	1,359.4
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	17.6	340.3	343.5
1003 General Fund Match	289.3	324.2	294.2
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	15.0	0.0
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	53.0	217.5	218.7
1055 Inter-agency/Oil & Hazardous Waste	10.0	15.1	15.2
1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts	680.2	482.5	487.8
Funding Totals	1,050.1	1,394.6	1,359.4

**State Historic Preservation Program
Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004**

Delete one-time funding (\$45.0) for fiscal note from HB96 (SLA2002, CH24) - Jesse Lee Home.

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor**

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2003 Authorized	339.2	340.3	715.1	1,394.6
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Annualize FY2003 COLA Increase for General Government and Supervisory Bargaining Units	0.0	3.2	6.6	9.8
-Remove One-Time Funding for Fiscal Note Acquisition & Dev. of Jesse Lee Home (CH24 SLA02, HB96)	-45.0	0.0	0.0	-45.0
FY2004 Governor	294.2	343.5	721.7	1,359.4

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Personal Services Information

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2004</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	12	12	Annual Salaries	748,196
Part-time	4	4	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	257,706
			<i>Less 3.85% Vacancy Factor</i>	(38,702)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	16	16	Total Personal Services	967,200

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk III	1	0	0	0	1
Archaeologist I	4	0	0	0	4
Archaeologist II	3	0	0	0	3
Archaeologist III	1	0	0	0	1
Chf Off of Hist & Archaeology	1	0	0	0	1
Historian I	2	0	0	0	2
Historian II	1	0	0	0	1
Historian III	1	0	0	0	1
Natural Resource Tech I	2	0	0	0	2
Totals	16	0	0	0	16