

**AP/AL:** Appropriation **Project Type:** Planning  
**Category:** Natural Resources  
**Location:** Statewide **Contact:** Judy Bittner  
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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2004 - 09/30/2006

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The National Historic Preservation Fund (NHPF) 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. Cooperative agreements with federal agencies and grants from federal programs, which do not require match, fund cultural resource management projects. The historic preservation program contributes to the department's mission through the development, conservation and use of Alaska's heritage properties which is consistent with the public interest and the Alaska Historic Preservation Act.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>	<b>FY2008</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fed Rcpts	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$5,700,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$950,000</b>	<b>\$950,000</b>	<b>\$950,000</b>	<b>\$950,000</b>	<b>\$950,000</b>	<b>\$950,000</b>	<b>\$5,700,000</b>

<input checked="" 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
40% = 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:**

- SLA03/CH82 - \$1,000,000
- SSSLA02/CH1 - \$950,000
- SLA01/CH61 - \$1,250,000
- SLA00/CH135 - \$640,000
- SLA99/CH2 - \$640,000
- SLA98/CH139 - \$640,000

**Project Description/Justification:**

The National Historic Preservation Fund provides federal assistance on a 60/40 matching basis for the State Historic Preservation Program. A federalist program, 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 (A.S.41.35). 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 resourced 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 federal partnership program and receive funds.

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

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

The State receives cultural resource management project monies 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, and other resource management projects as identified in the cooperative agreements or grants. The projects leverage state programs and funding. They provide cultural resource information and protect heritage sites.

**Project Benefits:**

This CIP project funds the only history and archaeology program in the Alaska state government, the State Historic Preservation Program. 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 is 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 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.

**Why is this Project Needed Now:**

This CIP provides federal funds for the State's on-going State Historic Preservation Program. If the federal grant funds were not accepted, the State's historic preservation program would not be able to provide services to the public, government, and business sectors. Historic properties would be at risk. Developers and land managers would not have access to updated inventory information for project planning. Historic preservation grant monies would not be available.

**Specific Spending Detail:**

Up to 10% of the federal grant funds received are retained by the State Historic Preservation Program for project administration. The Certified Local Government Preservation Program receives 10% of the NHPF in the form of pass-through grants. The balance of the NHPF goes to the State Historic Preservation Program.

**Project Support:**

Federal and state agencies, developers, historic property owners, resource development businesses, museums and historical societies support the CIP project. Supporting organizations include the Alaska Anthropological Association, Alaska Historical Society, Alaska Association of Historic Preservation, and Museums Alaska, Inc.

**Project Opposition:**

None known.

**State Match Required:** *Yes 40% state GFM*

Match will be met through GFM appropriation to the State Historic Preservation Program. Sub-grantees will match historic preservation grants at 40% to 50%.