

**National Historic Preservation Fund Federal Grant Program FY2011 Request: \$1,200,000**  
**Reference No: 6865**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation **Project Type:** Parks / Recreation  
**Category:** Natural Resources  
**Location:** Statewide **Contact:** Leta Simons  
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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2010 - 09/30/2013

**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, tax credits and public education. 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. The preservation of Alaska's cultural resources benefits the physical, environmental and economic interests of the State.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$1,000,000						\$1,000,000
G/F Match	\$200,000						\$200,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>

<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:**

SLA2009/CH15	\$1,200,000	25% complete
SLA2008/CH29	\$1,050,000	75% complete
SLA2007/CH30	\$1,050,000	95% complete
SLA2006/CH82	\$1,000,000	Complete
SLA2005/CH3	\$1,000,000	Complete
SLA2004/CH159	\$ 950,000	Complete

**Project Description/Justification:**

The National Historic Preservation Fund (NHPF) provides federal assistance on a 60/40 matching basis for the State Historic Preservation Program. A portion of the state match is met with the general fund match in this appropriation, and the remainder is met in the operating budget for the State Historic Preservation Program component. 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 resources by state and federal projects; and the National Register of Historic Places 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. These projects leverage state programs and funding. They provide cultural resource information and protect heritage sites.

Project Benefits: The State Historic Preservation Program 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: 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. 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.

### **Why is this Project Needed Now?**

This 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 would experience project delays. Updated historic site inventory data required for project planning by the National Historic Preservation Act and Alaska Historic Preservation Act and access to the electronic database would not be available.

**Specific Spending Detail:**

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Personal Services	\$ 540,000	Archeologists, historians and other existing staff
Travel	\$ 18,000	Travel to required conferences and sites
Services	\$ 266,000	Contract services
Commodities	\$ 13,000	Office supplies
Grants	\$ 363,000	Local govts, other organizations

**Project Support:**

All federal agencies support this project. They are required to consult with the State on all federally funded, permitted, or licensed projects. This project funds the State Historic Preservation Program which serves as the state liaison with the federal agencies for these purposes. State agencies, developers, historic property owners, resource development businesses, museums and historical societies support the project. Supporting statewide non-profit organizations include the Alaska Anthropological Association, Alaska Historical Society, and Alaska Association for Historic Preservation and Museums Alaska, Inc.