

National Historic Preservation Fund

FY2012 Request: \$750,000

Reference No: 6865

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2016 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The National Historic Preservation Fund (NHPF) is a federal program to assist states with their statewide historic preservation programs. Also included in this request are cooperative agreements with federal agencies and grants from federal programs. The statewide historic preservation program contributes to the Department's mission through the development, conservation and use of Alaska's heritage properties and is consistent with the public interest and the Alaska Historic Preservation Act. The NHPF funds grants to local governments, agencies, organizations and individuals for restoration or stabilization of historic properties, or survey, inventory, education, planning and training projects.

Funding:	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$600,000						\$600,000
G/F Match	\$150,000						\$150,000
Total:	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$750,000

<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
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

SLA2010/CH43	\$1,200,000	25% complete
SLA2009/CH15	\$1,150,000	50% complete
SLA2008/CH29	\$1,050,000	75% complete
SLA2007/CH30	\$1,000,000	90% complete
SLA2006/CH82	\$1,050,000	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 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
- the National Register of Historic Places program.

A portion of the NHPF is subgranted to local governments, agencies, organizations and individuals 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 two year 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 multi-year 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. Through its subgrant program, historic properties throughout the state are acquired, restored or stabilized.

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. Subgrants that support the identification, evaluation and preservation of 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 project 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.

A portion of the this funding is subgranted to local governments, agencies, organizations and owners of historic properties for the protection, preservation, rehabilitation, or restoration of historic properties. Other historic preservation projects eligible for grants are those addressing survey, inventory, education, planning, and training.

Specific Spending Detail:

<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION (text)</u>
Travel	\$ 25,000	Travel costs associate with NHPF
Services	\$315,000	Surveys, inventory and planning associated with NHPF
Commodities	\$ 10,000	Supplies associated with NHPF
Capital Outlay		
Grants	\$400,000	Grants to local gov't agencies

State Match Required:

- NO
- YES

The federal historic preservation funds require a match of at least 40%. Historic preservation development grants and Certified Local Government grants are matched by the grantee at 40% to 50%. Some federal funds received do not require match.

Project Support:

Supporting statewide non-profit organizations include the Alaska Anthropological Association, Alaska Historical Society, Alaska Association for Historic Preservation and Museums Alaska, Inc. Owners of historic properties eligible or listed in the National Register of Historic Places who receive technical assistance.