

National Historic Preservation Fund

FY2014 Request: \$800,000

Reference No: 6865

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Parks / Recreation

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: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2018

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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 capital project are cooperative projects executed through cooperative or assistance agreements or grants with federal agencies. The NHPF provides grants to local governments, agencies, organizations and individuals for restoration or stabilization of historic properties, and grants for survey, inventory, education and planning projects.

Funding:	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$650,000						\$650,000
G/F Match	\$150,000						\$150,000
Total:	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$800,000

<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	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

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. 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. 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. 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 subgrants 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 the Office of History and Archeology's (OHA) 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.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE OR PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED?

The issue addressed is protection and preservation of Alaska's heritage resources. Subgrants will be provided 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.

WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED?

The grants will be used for a variety of projects. There will be numerous recipients who will provide a scope of work for projects that are eligible for funding. Eligible activities include restoration of historic buildings; historic preservation planning; survey of historic and archaeological sites; maintenance of an inventory of historic properties; public education and training; certified local government program assistance; project review of impacts on historic resources by state and federal projects; and the National Register of Historic Places program.

WHAT RESULTS WILL BE ACHIEVED AND/OR PRODUCTS PRODUCED?

Alaska's heritage resources will be protected, preserved, identified, and/or interpreted through numerous individual grant projects. These funds will be leveraged through match funds provided by the grant recipients. Historic buildings will be restored, historic and archaeological sites will be

located and identified through surveys, historic and archaeological sites will be evaluated and interpreted, and communities will prepare historic preservation planning documents to provide guidance on the management of historic districts and properties.

WHY IS THIS PROJECT NEEDED NOW – WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF REMAINING STATUS QUO?

Federal funds will be available for the State's on-going State Historic Preservation Program and subgrants to local governments, agencies, organizations and owners of historic properties. If the federal grant funds were not accepted an opportunity to invest in Alaska's historic properties would be missed and threatened historic properties would be at greater risk. There is an ongoing need for the protection, preservation, rehabilitation, or restoration of historic properties. Other historic preservation projects eligible for grants address survey, inventory, education, planning, and training.

If the project is not accepted, the State's historic preservation program would not have the authority to receive the federal funds and subgrant those funds to the public, government, and business sectors. Historic properties would deteriorate. Developers and planners could experience project delays and additional costs because site inventory data is not available.

WHAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED WITH PRIOR YEAR FUNDING?

Grants under agreement in FY2012 and in progress with completion date 9/30/2013:

Certified Local Government Grants:

Mat-Su Borough – Archaeology Survey \$20,000
City and Borough of Sitka – Education – 100 year ANB Anniversary Phase II, \$3,761
City and Borough of Sitka – Sheldon Jackson College buildings - \$22,365
City of Cordova – Pioneers of Alaska: Igloo 19 bldg, \$5,255
City of Fairbanks – Main School Classroom Renovation, \$16,000
City and Borough of Juneau – Memorial Bldg planning, \$7,550
Municipality of Anchorage – Oscar Anderson House – education – 9,868
City and Borough of Juneau – Training – 4,408
City of Kenai – Training - \$3,776
City of Fairbanks – Training - \$4,804
City of Seward – Training - \$3,911
City of Unalaska – Training - \$6,384
Municipality of Anchorage – Training - \$5,793

Historic Building restoration and pre development planning grants:

Brown and Hawkins, Seward - \$25,000
Arthur Yates Memorial Bldg, Ketchikan - \$15,975

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Victor Holm Homestead, Kenai Peninsula - \$4,051
 Sentinel Island Light Station, Juneau area - \$5,000
 Discovery Saloon, Nome - \$25,000
 Nike Site Summit Historic District, Anchorage - \$25,000
 Fort Wm Seward Building #38 Bakery, Haines - \$25,000

Other grants – survey, inventory, education

OHA Surveys, statewide - \$25,000
 Oracle AHRS database programming - \$15,000
 SS Islander – artifact conservation and storage - \$2,500

SPECIFIC SPENDING DETAIL:

<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Personal Services	\$ 0	
Travel	\$ 0	
Services	\$150,000	Surveys, inventory, and planning associated with NHPF
Commodities	\$ 0	
Capital Outlay	\$ 0	
Grants	\$650,000	Grants to be awarded to municipalities, cities, boroughs, organizations, agencies, and individuals.
PROJECT TOTAL	\$800,000	

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 from staff or grants from the program support this project. State agencies managing historic properties support this project as some of these funds can be used to leverage other State funds allocated to historic properties.