

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Planning
Category: Natural Resources
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2003 - 09/30/2005

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The National Historic Preservation Fund 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. The federal/state partnership program created in the National Historic Preservation Act requires a state historic preservation program to meet basic levels of professional staffing and program services. Cooperative agreements with federal agencies and grants from federal programs, which do not require match, fund cultural resource management projects.

Funding:	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$950,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,350,000	\$1,450,000	\$7,200,000
G/F Match	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$300,000
Total:	\$1,000,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,500,000	\$7,500,000

<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
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

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 resources 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:

Cultural resource management project monies are received 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, or 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 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 Preservation Program for project administration. The Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Program receives 10% of the NHPF in the form of pass-through grants. The balance of the NHPF funds the State Historic Preservation Program.

Project Support:

Federal and state agencies, developers, historic property owners, resource development businesses, museums and historical societies. Organizations include the Alaska Anthropological Association, Alaska Historical Society, Alaska Association of Historic Preservation, and Museums Alaska.

Project Opposition:

None known.

Prior Funding History and Status:

In the past five years, the State has received approximately \$3,133,378.00 from the National Historic Preservation Fund. The State has received NHPF grants annually since 1971. Cooperative Agreements and Direct Grants account from approximately \$1,200,000 received by the State from special cultural resource management projects.

Annual Operating and Maintenance Costs:

\$282.4 general fund match in the State Historic Preservation Program component operating budget. The NHPF program requires a 40% match from the state. Pass-through NHPF grants to Certified Local Governments also require a 40% match.