

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 statewide non profit organizations include the Alaska Anthropological Association, Alaska Historical Society, Alaska Association of Historic Preservation, and Museums Alaska, Inc.

Project Opposition:

None known.