

**National Historic Preservation Fund**

**FY2015 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) **Contact:** Jean Davis  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2019 **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 capital project are cooperative historic preservation projects executed through cooperative or assistance agreements or grants with federal agencies. The NHPF funds grants to local governments, agencies, organizations and individuals for restoration or stabilization of historic properties, and grants for survey, inventory, education, planning and training projects. Cooperative historic preservation projects with federal agencies assist meeting mutual cultural resource management goals.

| <b>Funding:</b> | <b>FY2015</b>    | <b>FY2016</b>    | <b>FY2017</b>    | <b>FY2018</b>    | <b>FY2019</b>    | <b>FY2020</b>    | <b>Total</b>       |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Fed Rcpts       | \$650,000        | \$650,000        | \$650,000        | \$650,000        | \$650,000        | \$650,000        | \$3,900,000        |
| G/F Match       | \$150,000        | \$150,000        | \$150,000        | \$150,000        | \$150,000        | \$150,000        | \$900,000          |
| <b>Total:</b>   | <b>\$800,000</b> | <b>\$800,000</b> | <b>\$800,000</b> | <b>\$800,000</b> | <b>\$800,000</b> | <b>\$800,000</b> | <b>\$4,800,000</b> |

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|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <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>     |

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P72 L9 SB 18 \$800,000  
 Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P125 L8 SB 160 \$750,000  
 Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P83 L3 SB 46 \$750,000  
 Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P31 L20 SB 230 \$1,200,000  
 Sec1 Ch15 SLA2009 P18 L4 SB 75 \$1,150,000  
 Sec13 Ch29 SLA2008 P153 L22 SB 221 \$1,050,000

**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 sub-granted 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 percent 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 percent 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 to fund projects 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 Archaeology'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. This capital appropriation provides subgrants 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 the project 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 or products produced?**

Alaska's heritage resources will be protected, preserved, identified, and/or interpreted through numerous individual grant projects. These capital funds will be leveraged through matching 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?**

This capital project provides federal authorization for the state's on-going State Historic Preservation Program which includes 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. Cooperative projects with federal agencies also allow the state to pursue cultural resource management projects of mutual interest.

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. Opportunities for cooperative projects would be missed.

**What accomplishments have been achieved with prior year funding?**

Grants under agreement in FY2013 and in progress with completion date of 9/30/2014.

**Certified Local Government Grants:**

- Fairbanks North Star Borough – Historic signage, Phase 3, \$12,000.
- City and Borough of Juneau – Salt Water Pump House Rehab, \$19,564.
- City of Seward – Historic Preservation Plan Revision, \$8,052.
- Matanuska-Susitna Borough – National Register documentation for Cottonwood Creek archaeology district, \$20,000.
- Municipality of Anchorage – Centennial Web Page, \$20,000.
- City and Borough of Sitka – Lincoln St. Historic District survey, \$20,000.

**Historic Building restoration and pre-development grants:**

- Sentinel Island Light Station, Juneau area, \$19,979.
- Black Rapids Roadhouse, Richardson Hwy (south of Delta, north of Paxson), \$25,000.

**Other grants – survey, inventory, education, conservation:**

- Office of History and Archaeology surveys, statewide, \$25,000.
- Oracle AHRS integrated database programming, \$100,000.
- Publications and Interpretation, \$2,500.
- Cold War Anniversary, \$10,000.

- S. S. Islander artifact conservation, \$5,000.

**Specific Spending Detail:**

| LINE ITEM            | DOLLAR AMOUNT    | DESCRIPTION  |
|----------------------|------------------|--|
| Services             | \$ 150,000       | Surveys, inventory and planning associated with NHPF   |
| Grants               | \$ 650,000       | Grants to be awarded to municipalities, cities, boroughs organizations, agencies and individuals |
| <b>Project Total</b> | <b>\$800,000</b> |  |