

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

# Tribal Historic Preservation Officers

Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) are officially designated by federally-recognized Native American Tribes to direct preservation programs approved by the National Park Service (NPS). The THPO assumes some or all of the functions and responsibilities of State Historic Preservation Officers on tribal lands. The NPS distributes Historic Preservation Fund grants, which are typically matched by Tribes, to THPOs by apportionment formula.

## Background

For many years, THPOs have received insufficient federal funding to fully implement their federally mandated responsibilities. There were only 12 federally recognized THPOs when the program began in 1996, with \$79,875 allocated to each. In FY 2021, by contrast, 198 THPOs received an average of \$69,369 in funding.

Collectively, Tribes with NPS-recognized THPOs exercise responsibilities over a land base that exceeds 50 million acres in 30 states. THPOs review federal undertakings—including projects using federal funding or requiring federal approval—for their impacts on tribal historic resources (Section 106 review). THPOs also survey and maintain inventories of tribal historic resources, prepare preservation plans, and provide technical assistance and funding for preservation activities. THPOs also facilitate nominations to the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) and Tribal Registers. Along with federal, state, and local law enforcement, THPOs work to prosecute looters of Indian remains and sacred objects. They also provide oversight for repatriation per the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

In FY 2021, THPOs:

- Reviewed more than 45,000 federal undertakings, providing 3,500 National Register eligibility opinions
- Surveyed approximately 75,000 acres for cultural resources and inventoried, evaluated, or designated over 2,600 significant historical and archeological properties
- Nominated more than 1,100 properties to Tribal Registers



Council Member of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Mike Iyall, speaks at Mount Rainier National Park. The Cowlitz Tribe from southwest Washington state joined the Tribal National Historic Preservation Program in March 2021. The Cowlitz peoples are an associated Tribe of Mount Rainier National Park, recognized as dedicated stewards of their sacred and ancestral lands.

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## FY 2023 Appropriations Request

**Please support \$34 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Officers in the FY 2023 Interior Appropriations bill.**

**APPROPRIATIONS BILL:** Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

**AGENCY:** National Park Service

**ACCOUNT:** Historic Preservation Fund

**ACTIVITY:** Grants to Tribes

### Recent Funding History:

FY 2020 Enacted Funding:	\$13.735 million
FY 2021 Enacted Funding:	\$15.000 million
FY 2022 Enacted Funding:	\$16.000 million
FY 2023 President's Budget Request:	\$23.000 million
<b>FY 2023 NTHP Recommendation:</b>	<b>\$34.000 million</b>

**JUSTIFICATION:** Since the creation of the program, the number of federally-recognized Tribal Historic Preservation Officers has grown from 12 to almost 200 despite the significant shortfalls in THPO funding. The FY22 enacted funding falls drastically short of the needs for the growing number of THPOs.

## Recognized Tribal Historic Preservation Officers\*

### ALABAMA

Poarch Band of Creek Indians

### ALASKA

Organized Village of Kake

### ARIZONA

Colorado River Indian Tribes  
Gila River Indian Community  
Hopi Tribe of Arizona  
Hualapai Tribe  
The Navajo Nation  
Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona  
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community  
San Carlos Apache Tribe  
Tohono Nation  
White Mountain Apache Tribe

### CALIFORNIA

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria  
Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley  
Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians  
Bishop Paiute Tribe  
Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe of Indians  
Bridgeport Indian Colony  
Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians  
Cahuilla Band of Indians  
Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria  
Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians  
Elem Indian Colony  
Elk Valley Rancheria  
Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians  
Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria  
Fort Independence Paiute Indians  
Habematolel Band of Pomo Indians  
Hoopa Valley Tribe  
Hoplant Band of Pomo Indians  
Jamul Indian Village  
Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of Stewarts Point Rancheria  
Karuk Tribe  
Manzanita Band of Diegueno Mission Indians  
Mechoopda Band of Chico  
Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California  
Morongo Band of Mission Indians  
Pala Band of Mission Indians  
Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians  
Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians  
Pinoleville Pomo Nation  
Pit River Tribe  
Resighini Rancheria  
Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians  
Round Valley Indian Tribes  
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians  
San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Indians  
Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California  
Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians  
Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians  
Stewarts Point Rancheria Kasha Band of Pomo Indians  
Susanville Indian Rancheria  
Timbisha Shoshone Tribe  
Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation  
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians  
United Auburn Indian Community  
Wilton Rancheria

Wiyot Tribe  
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation  
Yurok Tribe

### COLORADO

Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Reservation  
Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation  
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

### CONNECTICUT

Mashantucket Western Pequot Tribal Nation  
Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut

### FLORIDA

Seminole Tribe of Florida

### IDAHO

Coeur d'Alene Tribe  
Nez Perce Tribe

### KANSAS

Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska

### LOUISIANA

Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana  
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana  
Jena Band of Choctaw Indians  
Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana

### MAINE

Aroostook Band of Micmacs  
Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians  
Passamaquoddy Tribe  
Penobscot Nation

### MASSACHUSETTS

Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head-Aquinnah

### MICHIGAN

Bay Mills Indian Community  
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians  
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan  
Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi  
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians  
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

### MINNESOTA

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians  
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa  
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa  
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe  
Lower Sioux Indian Community  
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe  
Prairie Island Indian Community of Minnesota  
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians  
Upper Sioux Community  
White Earth Nation of Minnesota Chippewa

### MONTANA

The Blackfeet Nation  
Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation  
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes  
The Crow Tribe of Indians  
Fort Belknap Indian Community  
Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux

Tribes  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

### NEBRASKA

Omaha Tribe of Nebraska  
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska  
Santee Sioux Nation  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

### NEVADA

Duckwater Shoshone Tribe of the Duckwater Reservation  
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe  
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

### NEW MEXICO

Jicarilla Apache Nation  
Mescalero Apache Tribe  
The Navajo Nation  
Pueblo of Acoma  
The Pueblo of Isleta  
Pueblo of Jemez  
Pueblo of Laguna  
Pueblo of Pojoaque  
Pueblo of San Felipe  
Pueblo of San Ildefonso  
Pueblo of Santa Ana  
Pueblo of Santa Clara  
Pueblo of Tesuque  
Pueblo of Zia  
Santo Domingo Pueblo  
Zuni Pueblo

### NEVADA

Moapa Band of Paiute Indians of the Moapa River Indian Reservation

### NEW YORK

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe  
Seneca Nation of Indians

### NORTH CAROLINA

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

### NORTH DAKOTA

Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation  
Spirit Lake Tribe of Fort Totten  
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

### OKLAHOMA

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma  
Caddo Nation  
Cherokee Nation  
Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma  
Citizen Potawatomi Nation  
Comanche Nation  
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma  
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma  
Muscogee Creek Nation  
Osage Nation  
Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma  
Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma  
Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma  
Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma  
Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma (O-Gah-Pah)  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma  
Seneca Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma  
Thlopthlocco Tribal Town  
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes  
Wyandotte Nation

### OREGON

Burns Paiute  
Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon  
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon  
Coquille Indian Tribe  
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

### RHODE ISLAND

Narragansett Indian Tribe

### SOUTH CAROLINA

Catawba Indian Nation

### SOUTH DAKOTA

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe  
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe  
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe  
Oglala Sioux Tribe  
Rosebud Sioux Tribe of Indians  
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate  
Yankton Sioux Tribe

### TEXAS

Ysleta del Sur Pueblo

### UTAH

The Navajo Nation

### WASHINGTON

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation  
Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation  
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation  
Cowlitz Indian Tribe  
Hoh Indian Tribe  
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
Lummi Nation  
Makah Tribe  
Nooksak Indian Tribe  
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe  
Quinalt Indian Nation  
Samish Indian Nation  
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe  
Skokomish Indian Tribe  
Spokane Tribe of Indians  
Squaxin Island Tribe  
Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians  
Squamish Tribe  
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

### WISCONSIN

Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of the Chippewa  
Forest County Potawatomi Community  
The Ho-Chunk Nation  
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin  
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians  
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin  
Oneida Nation of Wisconsin  
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa  
Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians

### WYOMING

Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation  
Northern Arapaho Tribe

\*As of March 2022:  
<https://www.nathpo.org/thpo-search/>