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 going to each THPO. In 2017, for example, 180 THPOs received an average of $58,000 in funding, representing an average decrease of $20,000 from when the program was first established.

THPO responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Reviewing federal projects for their impact on tribal historic resources (Section 106 review);
- Locating, surveying, recording, and maintaining inventories of tribal historic resources;
- Facilitating nominations to the National Register of Historic Places;
- Preparing tribal historic preservation plans;
- Providing technical assistance and funding for historic preservation projects and activities;
- Reviewing federal historic rehabilitation tax credit projects;
- Providing technical assistance essential to Native language conservation and rejuvenation;
- Working with local, state, and federal law enforcement to apprehend and prosecute looters of Indian remains and sacred objects; and
- Providing oversight for repatriation per the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

FY 2020 Appropriations Request

Please support $20 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Officers in the FY 2020 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 2017 Enacted Funding: $10.485 million
- FY 2018 Enacted Funding: $11.485 million
- FY 2019 Enacted Funding: $11.735 million
- FY 2020 President’s Budget Request: $5.738 million
- FY 2020 NTHP Recommendation: $20 million

JUSTIFICATION: Tribal Historic Preservation Officers are in great need of federal funding as the number of THPOs has grown dramatically since the creation of the program. In FY 2020, there will be an estimated 200 THPOs. The requested appropriation would provide $100,000 to each THPO.
Recognized Tribal Historic Preservation Officers*

**ALABAMA**
Poech Band of Creek Indians

**ALASKA**
Organized Village of Kake

**ARIZONA**
Colorado River Indian Tribes
Gila River Indian Community
Hualapai Tribe
The Navajo Nation
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
Hoopa Valley Tribe
Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
Karuk Tribe
Mehoopa Band of Chico Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California
Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Pala Band of Mission Indians
Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians
Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians
Pineville Pomo Nation
Pit River Tribe
Rincon Band of Luiseño Mission Indians
Round Valley Indian Tribes
San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians
Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California
Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians
Stewarts Point Rancheria Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
Susansville 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**
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

**CONNECTICUT**
 Mashantucket (Western) Pequot Tribal Nation
Mohican 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
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
Nottawasaga 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**
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Wasohe 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
Zuni Pueblo

**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
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)
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
Coequille Indian Tribe
Crow 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

**Utah**
The Navajo Nation

**Virginia**
Pamunkey Indian Tribe

**Washington**
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
Lummi Nation
Makah Tribe
Nooksak Indian Tribe
Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe
Samish Indian Nation
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe
Skokomish Indian Tribe
Spokane Tribe of Indians
Squaxin Island Tribe
Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
Suquamish 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 of Wisconsin
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 January 1, 2019: http://nathpo.org/wp/thpos/find-a-thpo

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