



Mount Zion Baptist Church is the only resource in Washington state listed on the National Register of Historic Places due to its association with African American history. In FY 2020, Washington's Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation received a \$50,000 grant to identify and survey historic sites in Washington relating to African American history.

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Background

The National Register and NHLs are inventories of the nation's historic and archaeological places considered "worthy of preservation." Yet, these repositories have historically not told the stories of all Americans. The inaugural FY 2014 federal budget justification for the grant program notes that only a small percentage of National Register and NHL designations reflect diverse stories. This competitive grant program was created to better recognize places that tell a richer American story, including women, African American, Asian American, American Indian, American Latino, Native Alaskan, Native Hawaiian, and LGBTQ history sites and stories.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

Underrepresented Community Grant Program

The Underrepresented Community Grant Program is a small but important program that enables the National Park Service (NPS) to better recognize, preserve, and interpret the stories of historically disenfranchised and underrepresented groups. Grants support projects to survey, inventory, and nominate new sites or amend previous listings represented in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) and as National Historic Landmarks (NHLs) to increase diversity. As our nation struggles to reconcile the difficult moments in our history and create a more inclusive future, this grant program can be used to identify and protect the places that tell the stories of all Americans.

FY 2023 Appropriations Request

Please support \$3 million for the Underrepresented Community Grant Program in the FY 2023 Interior Appropriations bill.

APPROPRIATIONS BILL: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

AGENCY: National Park Service

ACCOUNT: Historic Preservation Fund

ACTIVITY: Competitive grants for the survey and nomination of properties to the National Register of Historic Places and as National Historic Landmarks associated with communities currently underrepresented

Recent Funding History:

FY 2020 Enacted Funding:	\$750,000
FY 2021 Enacted Funding:	\$1 million
FY 2022 Enacted Funding:	\$1.25 million
FY 2023 President's Budget Request:	\$1 million
FY 2023 NTHP Recommendation:	\$3 million

JUSTIFICATION: Increased funding for the Underrepresented Community Grant Program will further protect and interpret America's diverse heritage and support economic opportunities in local communities. It would also allow for more inclusive nominations to the National Register or NHL designations, or amendments to existing nominations.

Underrepresented Community Grant Program: Highlighted Projects

The NN Cannery History Project, Alaska

FY 2015 \$33,153

The NN Cannery History Project was created to preserve the stories of the diverse and often underrecognized cannery workers who labored at the old NN Cannery, Alaska's most important salmon fishery. This grant was used to nominate the Diamond NN Cannery Maritime Historic District to the National Register and organize a digital storytelling workshop in Naknek with Bristol Bay High School students.

Washington Black History Survey and Nomination, Washington

FY 2020 \$50,000

With this grant, Washington's Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation is creating a comprehensive list of African American "creators" (architects, designers, engineers, artists, builders, etc.) with work completed in Washington State; completing five biographies of identified individuals; preparing 30-50 Historic Property Inventory (HPI) forms for properties associated with said individuals; and preparing at least two National Register nominations. Identifying African American creators who have made contributions to Washington's built environment will help tell the full story of Washington state history.

New York City LGBT Historic Sites Survey and Nomination Project, New York

FY 2019 \$25,000; FY 2018 \$25,000; FY 2016 \$49,999; FY 2014 \$49,999

Over the years, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation has received multiple grants to support the NYC LGBT Historic Sites Program, an effort to expand public recognition of sites associated with LGBTQ communities in New York City. As of January 2021, seven properties have been successfully added to the National Register and 310 sites across the city have been documented. The most recent round of funding will support efforts to nominate women's history sites to the National Register.

Survey and Historical Context for Portland's LGBTQ Community, Oregon

FY 2020 \$50,000

The City of Portland's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability will use this grant to develop a historic context statement, historic resource survey, and National Register nominations for sites associated with Portland's LGBTQ histories. The 2020 listing of the Darcelle XV Showplace in the National Register—a first for Portland and Oregon—generated public interest and elevated the urgency for prioritizing the documentation and protection of important places associated with lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer, and other histories currently absent from the City's Historic Resources Inventory.

Spanish and Mexican American Sites in Tucson Nomination Project, Arizona

FY 2017 \$42,760

The National Historic Landmark-eligible, Barrio Viejo is a neighborhood located in the traditional Hispanic area of Tucson, parts of which date back to the 1860s. It contains Barrio Libre, a National Register-listed historic district, significant for its collection of Sonoran row house architecture. The Arizona Department of Parks is using grant funds to update the inventory of Barrio Libre and the broader Barrio Viejo neighborhood and provide context development in support of the National Historic Landmark nomination.

American Indian Multiple Property Documentation in Baltimore, Maryland

FY 2020 \$50,000

Baltimore is part of the ancestral homelands of the Piscataway and the Susquehannock, and many other Native people who have lived in the city over time. After World War II, thousands of Lumbee Tribe members, whose ancestral lands are in North Carolina, migrated to Baltimore City, seeking a better quality of life. They settled within a 64-block area in East Baltimore, referred to as "the reservation." The Maryland Historical Trust will prepare a National Register Multiple Property



The groundbreaking National Register listing of the Darcelle XV Showplace, a drag club, generated public interest and elevated the urgency for prioritizing the documentation and protection of places associated with LGBTQ histories currently absent from Portland's Historic Resources Inventory. The nomination also served as a proof-of-concept for the City's application for Underrepresented Community Grant funding for an LGBTQ survey and context statement.

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Documentation Form to document American Indian heritage in Baltimore City.

Cupeño Traditional Cultural Landscape Nomination, California

FY 2018 \$49,531

The Pala Band of Mission Indians was pleased to receive an Underrepresented Community Grant to prepare a National Register nomination for a deeply significant part of the traditional territory of the Kuupangawichum (Cupeño) people. The Traditional Cultural Landscape that is being nominated for inclusion includes portions of the village of Kupa, from which the Cupeño were forcibly removed by the federal government in 1903 for a 3-day march to the Pala Reservation. Fortunately, the Pala Band is now the trustee of a 240-acre parcel of land surrounding Kupa that includes the Kupa cemetery, the chapel of St. Francis of Assisi, and numerous cultural, historic, and sacred sites.