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 going to each. In 2019, for example, 187 THPOs received an average of $62,754 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). In 2018, THPOs reviewed more than 126,000 federal undertakings and provided 7,000 National Register of Historic Places (National Register) eligibility opinions. THPOs also survey and maintain inventories of tribal historic resources, prepare preservation plans, and provide technical assistance and funding for preservation activities. THPOs facilitate nominations to the National Register, and added 48 properties to the National Register and nominated more than 8,000 properties to Tribal Registers in 2018. Along with local, state, and federal 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).

FY 2021 Appropriations Request

Please support $22 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Officers in the FY 2021 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:

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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. Currently, there are nearly 200 THPOs. Increased funding would help address significant shortfalls in THPO funding needs.
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 Band 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
Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
Jamul Indian Village
Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of Stewarts Point Rancheria
Karuk Tribe
Manzanita Band of Diegueno 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 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 Indians
Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California
Singe Springs Band of Miwok Indians
Sokoba Band of Luiseño Indians
Stewarts Point Rancheria Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
Susanville Indian Rancheria
Timbisha Shoshone Tribe
Tohono O’odham 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
Mohogan 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-besh-nash-wish-Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan
Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Pottawatomi
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
Washeash 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
Muscogee Creek Nation
Osage Nation
Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma
Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma
Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
Ponca Tribe 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

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
Hoh Indian Tribe
Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
Lummi Nation
Makah Tribe
Nooksak Indian Tribe
Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe
Quinault Indian Nation
Samish Indian Nation
Sauk-Suiattle Tribe of the Stillaguamish Indian Tribe
Sokomish Indian Tribe
Sokokim 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
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 December 1, 2019: http://nathpo.org/wp/thpos/find-a-thpo

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