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**Background**

Preserving America’s diverse heritage, cultures, and traditions requires coordination of federal, state, local, and private efforts. Administered by the National Park Service, the HPF provides matching grants by formula for State Historic Preservation Officers and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, as well as funding for several targeted competitive grant programs, including:

- The African American Civil Rights Grants program;
- The Underrepresented Community Grant Program;
- The Historically Black Colleges and Universities Grant Program;
- The Save America’s Treasures grants; and
- The Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program

**FY 2020 Appropriations Request**

Please support $148.5 million for the Historic Preservation Fund in the FY 2020 Interior Appropriations bill.

**APPROPRIATIONS BILL:** Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
**AGENCY:** National Park Service  
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**Recent Funding History:**

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**JUSTIFICATION:** Increased funding for the Historic Preservation Fund would allow state and tribal historic preservation officers to complete necessary duties and enhance funding for successful competitive grant programs, such as the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Grant Program.
Preserving Main Street

The Historic Preservation Fund benefits preservation in local communities through various programs, including the Certified Local Government (CLG) Program. Jointly administered by the National Park Service and State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs), the CLG program allows local communities to access funding for surveys, National Register nominations, rehabilitation work, educational programs, structural assessments, feasibility studies, and more. At least 10% of HPF funding to states must be passed along to CLGs as subgrants. These local communities can also access SHPO staff for technical assistance. Preserving the historic fabric of main streets helps revitalize local economies and strengthen communities.

Named “America's Best Main Street” in 2014 by Parade Magazine, Collierville is a Certified Local Government and participates in the Tennessee Main Street program.

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