

A Report on



**Fiscal Year 2007
Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian
Tribes, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiian
Organizations**



**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Heritage Preservation Services
Tribal Preservation Program**

INTRODUCTION

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 authorizes grants to Indian tribes for cultural and historic preservation projects. Now in its fourteenth year, this grant program assists American Indians and Alaska Natives in protecting and promoting their unique cultural traditions.

From the beginning, the program has been shaped by Indian tribes. Tribal representatives defined "historic preservation from a tribal perspective" in a National Park Service report to Congress in 1990. *Keepers of the Treasures -- Protecting Historic Properties and Cultural Traditions on Indian Land* describes, in the words of Indian people, what they are concerned with protecting. Native language, oral history, plant and animal species important in tradition, sacred and historic places, and the establishment of tribal historic preservation offices are all part of preservation from a tribal perspective. The grants selected in Fiscal Year 2007 continue to reflect this broad range of funding needs.

Since 1990, approximately \$18.5 million has been awarded to **463** Indian and Alaska Native communities. In Fiscal Year 2007, a total of \$678,300 is being awarded to 18 communities for a broad range of historic preservation projects. The projects selected for funding are summarized below.

GRANT SELECTION PROCESS

Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, and Native Hawaiian organizations were invited to submit grant applications to support historic preservation projects and promote the continuation of living cultural traditions.

The application guidelines listed five major categories of eligible activities for Historic Preservation Fund grants: locating and identifying cultural resources, preserving a historic property listed on the National Register, preservation planning, oral history and documenting cultural traditions, and education and training projects in historic and cultural preservation.

Postcards announcing the availability and how to receive a grant application and application guidelines were mailed in November 2006 to the chief elected officials of all Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, Native Hawaiian organizations, and to others on a mailing list of over 1,400 individuals and organizations. In all, 49 proposals were received requesting approximately \$1.875 million.

Panels of experts who met in Washington, D.C. on April 17, 2007, evaluated each application. Panel members are listed below.

GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

Reviewers were asked to consider the following in evaluating applications:

1. How does this project address a critical cultural or historic preservation issue for the tribe?
2. Are the project objectives, activities, and desired results (products) well designed, thought-through, and achievable?
3. Will qualified people carry out the project?
4. Is the project budget clear and reasonable?
5. Is there demonstrable commitment to this project by the tribe?
6. What is the lasting impact on and benefit to the tribe if the project is successfully completed?

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Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians**

Tribe [State]	Amount
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (CA)	\$ 40,000
Blackfeet Tribe (MT)	\$ 38,837
Caddo Nation (OK)	\$ 36,556
Coeur d'Alene Tribe (ID)	\$ 16,784
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (MT)	\$ 39,975
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (MN)	\$ 39,897
Hopland Band of Pomo Indians (CA)	\$ 40,000
Hula Preservation Society (HI)	\$ 39,941
Nez Perce Tribe (ID)	\$ 31,775
Nooksack Indian Tribe (WA)	\$ 33,640
Organized Village of Kake (AK)	\$ 37,500
Passamaquoddy Tribe (ME)	\$ 39,413
Peoria Tribe (OK)	\$ 60,000
Sealaska Corporation (AK)	\$ 40,000
Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation (CA)	\$ 40,000
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (OK)	\$ 25,083
Yakama Nation (WA)	\$ 39,331
Yurok Tribe (CA)	\$ 39,568
TOTAL	\$678,300

**FY 2007 Project Descriptions
Listed by State**

Alaska

Tribe: **Organized Village of Kake**
Project Title: **Preservation, Documentation, and Translation of Kake Tlingit Audio Tapes**
Grant Award: **\$37,500.00**
Description: The Village of Kake will use funds to transfer more than 40 audiotapes of oral histories to a digital format, then translate and transcribe the contents of the tapes in order to retain them in their archives for public access.

Tribe: **Sealaska Corporation**
Project Title: **Keys to Our Past and Cultural Continuity**
Grant Award: **\$40,000.00**
Description: Funds will pay for documenting ancient Tlingit names of four clans through recording oral histories and traditional knowledge behind the names and to research historical documents and archival recordings to develop clan histories.

California

Tribe: **Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians**
Project Title: **Reevaluation of Andreas Canyon National Register District**
Grant Award: **\$40,000.00**
Description: Funding will be used to assess the current condition of historic resources of the Andreas Canyon Historic District and prepare digital photographic documentation of all features, especially the petroglyphs for managing this significant historic resource.

Tribe: **Hopland Band of Pomo Indians**
Project Title: **Building Hopland Tribe's Cultural and Historical Preservation Program through Training**
Grant Award: **\$40,000.00**
Description: Funds will pay for staff training that is tailored for developing a historic preservation program in order to help the Tribe save its history and culture.

Tribe: **Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation**
Project Title: **The Kumeyaay: The Land, the Sea, and the People**
Grant Award: **\$40,000.00**
Description: Funding will be used to prepare a cultural resource management plan for the long-term protection and management of documented land-based and submerged traditional cultural properties.

Tribe: **Yurok Tribe**
Project Title: **Yurok Tribe Coastal Resources Field Inventory Project**
Grant Award: **\$39,568.00**
Description: Funding will be used to research and document Yurok coastal resources that

include traditional cultural properties, archeological sites and cultural use areas.

Hawaii

Tribe: **Hula Preservation Society**
Project Title: **Our Last Living Link**
Grant Award: **\$39,941.00**
Description: The Hula Preservation Society will use funds to conduct ten oral history sessions with elders in order to gather information on hula history on three Hawaiian islands and then produce a set of education documentaries.

Idaho

Tribe: **Coeur d'Alene Tribe**
Project Title: **Hnq'espilgwesn "A Place for Things Long Ago"**
Grant Award: **\$16,784.00**
Description: Funding will be used to provide training to the Tribe's Cultural Resource Management Program staff in archive and collection management.

Tribe: **Nez Perce Tribe**
Project Title: **Updating Nez Perce Oral History Data Format**
Grant Award: **\$31,775.00**
Description: The Nez Perce Tribe will use funds to pay for the transfer of taped cultural activities and oral histories collected from the 1940s through the 1990s to digital format for long-term preservation.

Maine

Tribe: **Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point**
Project Title: **Comprehensive Land-Use Planning for Machias Bay Petroglyph Sites**
Grant Award: **\$39,413.00**
Description: Awarded funds will be used to develop a long-range comprehensive management plan for the preservation of the petroglyph sites and associated landscapes at Machias Bay, Maine.

Minnesota

Tribe: **Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa**
Project Title: **Grand Portage Cultural Resources Inventory**
Grant Award: **\$39,897.00**
Description: Funds will be used to initiate a comprehensive cultural resource inventory of the Grand Portage reservation.

Montana

Tribe: **Blackfeet Tribe**
Project Title: **Connecting Ancient Landscapes and Modern Blackfeet through Archaeology**
Grant Award: **\$38,837.00**
Description: Funds will be used to pay for a detailed survey and inventory of all features and resources associated with the Two Medicine Bison Kill site to provide information for the nomination of the site to the National Register of Historic Places.

Tribe: **Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes**
Project Title: **Visions and Voices: Connecting, Conserving and Preserving Tribal History**
Grant Award: **\$39,975.00**
Description: Awarded funds will be used to digitize, archive and catalog 3000 historical photographs and to collect a series of oral histories in order to better connect the community to its cultural collections.

Oklahoma

Tribe: **Caddo Nation**
Project Title: **Survey and Inventory of Significant Places in Caddo County, Oklahoma**
Grant Award: **\$36,556.00**
Description: The Caddo Nation will use funds to locate and document altars used in conjunction with peyote rituals in the Caddo County area.

Tribe: **Peoria Tribe of Indians**
Project Title: **Preservation of the Peoria Indian Schoolhouse - Phase II**
Grant Award: **\$60,000.00**
Description: The Peoria Tribe will use their grant funds to complete phase II of the restoration of the National Register listed Peoria Indian Schoolhouse.

Tribe: **Wichita and Affiliated Tribes**
Project Title: **Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Cultural Survey Project**
Grant Award: **\$25,083.00**
Description: Funds will be used to conduct a survey of tribal members in order to identify those with knowledge of tribal traditions and skills and if they are willing to share and teach the younger tribal members.

Washington

Tribe: **Nooksack Indian Tribe**
Project Title: **Preparation for Sustaining a Historical Preservation Program**
Grant Award: **\$33,640.00**
Description: Funds will be used to pay for training staff of their new cultural resource department in historic preservation.

Tribe: **Yakama Nation**
Project Title: **Preservation of the Plateau Nations**
Grant Award: **\$39,331.00**
Description: The Yakama Nation will use these funds to conduct oral history interviews with Elders on the history of the “tipin”, the ancient needle used for various sewing projects.