

A Report on



**Fiscal Year 2013
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 twenty-third 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 2013 continue to reflect this broad range of funding needs.

Since 1990, over \$21.8 million has been awarded to approximately 593 projects in Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities. In Fiscal Year 2013, a total of \$645,351 is being awarded to 17 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 of and how to receive a grant application and application guidelines were mailed in early December 2012 to the chief elected officials of all Federally recognized Indian tribes and Alaskan Native groups, all Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, all State Historic Preservation Officers, and to others (including Native Hawaiian organizations) on a mailing list of over 1,400 individuals and organizations. In all, 42 proposals were received requesting approximately \$1.55 million.

A Panel of experts met in Washington, D.C. on May 14, 2013, and evaluated each application. Panel members are listed below.

GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

Reviewers were asked to consider the following criteria in evaluating applications:

1. What critical preservation issue does the project address and how well does it address it?
2. Are the project objectives and activities reasonable and achievable in terms of:
Time -- is there enough time allotted to each task and activity?
Personnel – for each task or activity are project personnel appropriate and qualified?
Budget – are the budget items reasonable and justified?
3. Is there a demonstrable commitment to the project by the tribe? Is the tribe donating any funds, staff time, or overhead/indirect costs?
4. Will there be a lasting impact and benefit to the tribe if this project is successfully completed?

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**Fiscal Year 2013 Historic Preservation Fund Grants to
Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians**

Tribe [State]	Amount
Burns Paiute Tribe (OR)	\$ 39,211
Chilkat Indian Village (AK)	\$ 39,935
Confederation Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation (OR)	\$ 40,000
Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes (MT)	\$ 40,000
Hula Preservation Society (HI)	\$ 39,610
Kake, Organized Village of (AK)	\$ 39,779
Karuk Tribe (CA)	\$ 37,628
Kewenaw Bay Indian Community (MI)	\$ 24,210
Koniag, Inc. (AK)	\$ 39,402
Makah Nation (WA)	\$ 39,568
Pedro Bay Village Council (AK)	\$ 33,548
Penobscot Nation (ME)	\$ 32,897
Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians(CA)	\$ 40,000
Pueblo of Laguna (ME)	\$ 39,622
Santo Domingo Pueblo (NM)	\$ 39,946
Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak (AK)	\$ 40,000
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe (CO)	\$ 39,995
TOTAL	\$645,351.00

**FY 2013 Project Descriptions
Listed by State**

Alaska

Tribe: **Chilkat Indian Village**
Project Title: **Documenting Tlingit Traditions while Creating a Replica Longhouse Exhibit**
Grant Award: **\$39,935.00**
Description: Video documentation of cultural practices, clan history, and traditional skills as they are used to hand-hew planks, posts, and foundation boards for an authentic replica clan longhouse exhibit in the Jikaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center.

Tribe: **Kake, Organized Village of**
Project Title: **Architectural Plans & Specifications for OVK NHL Kake Cannery Bungalows**
Grant Award: **\$ 39,779.00**
Description: The Organized Village of Kake's Tribal Historic Preservation Office proposes to use funds to complete architectural plans and specifications for the bungalows in the Kake Cannery National Historic Landmark, to further pursue rehabilitation to restore and preserve these important structures.

Tribe: **Koniag, Inc**
Project Title: **Koniag Lands Survey**
Grant Award: **\$39,402.00**
Description: Koniag proposes to have the archaeologist from the Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository complete surface surveys and shovel testing in five areas of tribal land. Archaeologists will prepare a detailed report describing the areas surveyed, sites encountered, current site conditions, and threats to site preservation. Finally, a cultural resources management proposal that will include a full inventory of Koniag owned sites, identify patterns of destruction, places of concern, management issues, preservation opportunities and prospects for research, will be created.

Tribe: **Pedro Bay Village Council**
Project Title: **Pedro Bay Traditional Gatherings Cultural Documentation Project**
Grant Award: **\$33,548.00**
Description: The primary objective of this project is to professionally document the Dena'ina Tea Party, its ceremonies and traditions via digital video/DVD. Elders will be interviewed in advance of and during the event in order to document what is still known of traditional tea parties, including preparations, traditional foods, special clothing and decorations.

Tribe: **Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak**
Project Title: **Kodiak Alutiiq Culture Bearers Survey**
Grant Award: **\$40,000.00**
Description: This project proposes to produce a digital database of Kodiak Island Alutiiq families from the 1820s to today with their genealogical relationships and geographical location, identified through historical records research, and identify which living individuals possess specific historical and cultural knowledge.

California

Tribe: **Hualapai Tribe**
Project Title: **Stabilization of the Hualapai Tribe's Historic Osterman Gas Station**
Grant Award: **\$55,000.00**
Description: The Tribe will use grant funds to stabilize and repair the foundation and structural walls of the Osterman Gas Station. The Tribe's plans include renovating this structure into a welcome center.

Tribe: **Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Nation**
Project Title: **Cultural Resource Protection Program for Sycuan Land Holdings**
Grant Award: **\$40,000.00**
Description: Funds will support properly identifying the Tribe's cultural resources. The Cultural Resource Protection Program will establish policy and procedures to define, identify and record cultural resources within the Sycuan Land Holdings so that they can make informed decisions regarding land development.

Colorado

Tribe: **Ute Mountain Ute Tribe**
Project Title: **Wetis Orupugat Navachukwak – Reconnecting Our Past: The Ute Tribe Park Expansion Project (Phase II)**
Grant Award: **\$39,985.00**
Description: This project will support the continued archaeological site assessment, mapping and pottery tallies of two important archeological sites located adjacent to and south of Barker Arroyo, located within the New Mexico portion of the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation.

Hawaii

Tribe: **Hoi Mai Ka Lei I Mamo**
Project Title: **Traditional Hawaiian Opelu (mackerel) Fishing Practices at Hookena, Hawaii**
Grant Award: **\$38,963.00**
Description: This project will record the voices and words of elders (kupuna) imparting their knowledge and memories of the traditional opelu fishing practices and life at Hookena, Kona, Hawaii.

Mississippi

Tribe: **Mississippi Band of Choctaw**
Project Title: **Ampatoba Okchalechi**
Grant Award: **\$35,915.00**
Description: Funding will support a year-long, bi-weekly community classes, at nine locations, providing 27 students/tribal members with the information needed to revitalize the art of Choctaw ceramics physically and socially.

New Mexico

Tribe: **Pueblo of Santa Ana**
Project Title: **The Tamaya Universe Project**
Grant Award: **\$37,885.00**
Description: This grant will allow the identification of culturally significant areas on Santa Ana (Tamaya) Tribal lands and surrounding aboriginal territory. Ultimately, the project will contribute to the development of a digital planning resource and provide a primary foundation for a comprehensive Tribal Preservation Plan.

Oklahoma

Tribe: **Miami Tribe of Oklahoma**
Project Title: **Identifying Miami Tribal Allotments in Ottawa County, Oklahoma**
Grant Award: **\$28,850.00**
Description: Grant funds will contribute to researching the timeline of tribal members' arrival in Indian Territory. Survey results will substantiate arrival dates into Indian territory, when they were removed from the present locations, which tribal members were allotted, and when they were allotted. Products will include a booklet documenting this piece of history and an interactive map for the Internet.

Tribe: **Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma**
Project Title: **Preservation of the Peoria Indian Schoolhouse – Phase IV**
Grant Award: **\$60,000.00**
Description: Grant funds will be used for Phase IV of the preservation of the Peoria Indian Schoolhouse. This will include the replacing of hardwood floors, repairing interior plaster and lathe walls and ceilings, and the installation of insulation in the attic.

Rhode Island

Tribe: **Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office**
Project Title: **THPO Toolkit: Essential Guide for Tribal Programs**
Grant Award: **\$39,378.00**
Description: This is a collaborative project working with interested THPOs and tribal representatives, enlisting their assistance in identifying the strategies and attributes that generally characterize effective THPO programs. Specifically, the project will identify initiatives that serve their respective tribal community interests and needs. The final product will result in a curriculum and toolkit for THPOs and Tribes.

South Carolina

Tribe: **Catawba Indian Nation**
Project Title: **Catawba Cultural Skills Needs Assessment**
Grant Award: **\$35,520.00**
Description: The funds will be used to conduct a cultural skills needs assessment of the Tribe's endangered traditions and arts.

South Dakota

Tribe: **Oglala Sioux Tribe**
Project Title: **Oglala Sioux Tribe, Tribal Historic Preservation Office Training**
Grant Award: **\$27,506.00**
Description: Funds will be used to train the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer in collections and archive management.

Washington

Tribe: **Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe**
Project Title: **Tamanowas Rock: Documenting a Sacred Site**
Grant Award: **\$23,629.00**
Description: This project will consist of completing a systematic pedestrian survey of the Site, remapping, and subsurface testing of the Site to determine the eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and producing a final report.

Tribe: **Nisqually Indian Tribe**
Project Title: **Nisqually State Park Cultural Resources Investigation**
Grant Award: **\$39,000.00**
Description: Funds will support a cultural resources investigation of the Nisqually State Park as part of the development process identified in the park's master plan for infrastructure and cultural preservation/education.

Tribe: **Quinault Indian Nation**
Project Title: **The Plant World Around Us: Compiling Quinault Ethnobotany**
Grant Award: **\$36,000.00**
Description: This project will use funds to document historical cultural uses of plants in the region traditionally inhabited by the Quinault and associated Cost Salish peoples by surveying Elders and tribal plant-gatherers, and reviewing all relevant written sources. The end product will be an illustrated booklet for tribal members.

Tribe: **Suquamish Tribe**
Project Title: **Oral History of Suquamish Tribe Plant Collecting and Hunting Traditions**
Grant Award: **\$34,841.00**
Description: This project proposes to interview 63 Tribal Elders with knowledge of traditional plant gathering and/or hunting activities.

Wyoming

Tribe: **Eastern Shoshone Tribe**
Project Title: **Shoshone Homelands: An Oral History Mapping**
Grant Award: **\$37,084.00**
Description: Funds will support an interdisciplinary oral history project involving archaeology, ethnography, and the cultural history of the Shoshone peoples in the Great Yellowstone Ecosystem. The project will consist of digitizing and repackaging existing oral history interviews, conducting new interviews, and using both, with existing documentary film footage, to create an online exhibit highlighting the Shoshone historical interaction with wildlife and the natural environment.

Tribe: **Northern Arapaho Tribe**
Project Title: **Wind River Reservation Archivist Development and Training Project**
Grant Award: **\$32,116.00**
Description: The Tribes will use funds to train a curator/archivist to catalog and preserve their collection of rare artifacts, photographs, and documents.