



## National Park Service (NPS) Grants A Quick Guide for Preserving Native American Cultural Resources

### What are the NPS grants specifically designated for Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiians?

#### Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian Organizations

Also referred to as Tribal Heritage Grants, these competitively selected grants are awarded to Indian tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian Organizations for the preservation and protection of their cultural heritage. Projects are awarded in five categories:

- Comprehensive Preservation Planning
- Education and Training for Building a Historic Preservation Program
- Locating and Identifying Cultural Resources
- Oral History and Documenting Cultural Traditions
- Preserving Historic Structures Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

In the past, grants have been used for projects such as survey and inventory of sacred and historic places, National Register of Historic Places nominations, surveys of traditional cultural practices, oral histories, and education and training in historic preservation. For more information go to [http://www.nps.gov/history/tribal\\_heritage/](http://www.nps.gov/history/tribal_heritage/)

#### Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Grants

These competitively selected grants are awarded to Indian tribes (to include Alaska Natives), Native Hawaiian Organizations, and museums to assist in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of Native American human remains and cultural items (see *Quick Guide – National NAGPRA*). There are two types of NAGPRA grant awards, each with a different application process:

- *Consultation/Documentation Grants* support the efforts of Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian Organizations, and museums to consult on and document NAGPRA-related human remains and cultural items.
- *Repatriation Grants* help defray costs associated with the packing, transportation, contamination removal, reburial, and/or storage of NAGPRA-related human remains and cultural items.

For more information go to: [www.nps.gov/history/nagpra/grants](http://www.nps.gov/history/nagpra/grants)

#### Tribal Historic Preservation Office Program Grants

These non-competitive grants are awarded to Indian tribes to support the activities of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs). The grants provide support in fulfilling responsibilities under Section 101(d) of the National Historic Preservation Act (see *Quick Guide – NHPA Section 101 (d)*). Such responsibilities include conducting surveys of historic places, maintaining historic site inventories, National Register of Historic Places nominations, and reviewing Federal agency undertakings under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (see *Quick Guide – Section 106*). The grants are based on a formula established after consultation with the THPOs. For more information go to <http://www.nps.gov/history/thpo/grants.html>



## What other NPS grants would be of interest to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiians?

### American Battlefield Protection Program(ABPP) Grants

These competitively selected, non-matching grants assist with identification, documentation, and planning for the protection of historic battlefields on American soil. In the past, ABPP grants have funded activities such as research, surveys, resource plans, National Register of Historic Places nominations, and interpretation. These grants are available to tribal governments and organizations (both Federally and non-Federally recognized), state and local governments, academic institutions, museums, nonprofits, and other Federal agencies. In addition, the ABPP offers technical assistance on a range of battlefield preservation topics. For more information go to:  
<http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/abpp/>

### Save America's Treasures and Preserve America Grants (inactive)

Periodically, grant programs are established or renewed by Congress. Two such programs were Save America's Treasures, a matching grant program that funded the physical conservation of culturally significant historic properties and objects, and Preserve America, a matching-grant program that provided planning funds to designated Preserve America Communities to support preservation efforts through heritage tourism, education, and historic preservation planning. Both programs were open to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations and may be refunded in future years. For more information go to <http://www.nps.gov/history/grants.htm>

## Where can I find information about other Federal grants?

Grants.gov is the Federal government's official storehouse for information on over 1,000 Federal grant programs that provide access to approximately \$500 billion in annual awards. Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations may use Grants.gov to search on specific topics and/or sign-up to receive notifications of new grant opportunity postings.

## Definitions

For the purposes of these descriptions:

- *Indian tribes* is defined as an American Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, or community that the Secretary of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an individual tribe pursuant to the Federally Recognized Tribe List Act of 1994, 25 USC. 479a.
- *Native American* is defined as of, or relating to, a tribe, people, or culture that is indigenous to the United States.
- *Native Hawaiian* is defined as any individual who is a descendant of the aboriginal people who, prior to 1778, occupied and exercised sovereignty in the area that now constitutes the State of Hawaii.
- *Native Hawaiian Organization* is defined as any organization that serves and represents the interests of Native Hawaiians; has as a primary and stated purpose the provision of services to Native Hawaiians; and has expertise in Native Hawaiian Affairs.