

2018

THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND ANNUAL REPORT

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND IN 2018

In fiscal year 2018, the U.S. Congress appropriated \$146.9 million from the Historic Preservation Fund for historic preservation. HPF grants to States, Tribes, local governments and nonprofits serve as catalysts for preserving and protecting our Nation's irreplaceable heritage without expending tax dollars. HPF funded grants and programs leverage private and nonfederal investment, while creating jobs that expand local economies and accelerate historic preservation activities. This report outlines the large economic, educational, and cultural effect that the HPF has on America as a whole.

Project grants from the Historic Preservation Fund can be apportioned by Congress for specific competitive grant programs. In 2018, five of those programs were funded at over \$31 million: African American Civil Rights, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program, Save America's Treasures, and Underrepresented Communities. In addition the competitive Tribal Heritage program was also funded, and a supplemental appropriation for \$50 million was funded to support recovery of the affected States and Tribes from Hurricane Harvey, Irma, and Maria. These programs address different types of preservation needs across the country and fund a variety of work including: physical preservation work, survey and inventory, National Register nominations, education, documentation, and preservation planning.

HOW DOES THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND WORK?

The National Park Service (NPS) administers the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, and uses the majority of appropriated funds to provide grants to State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO) to assist in their efforts to protect and preserve their historic resources. Each State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), appointed by the Governor for each state, manages this annual appropriation to perform the Federal preservation responsibilities required by the NHPA. Preservation activities may be carried out directly by States, who are required to provide a 40% match to their HPF funds. HPF grants to THPOs help them undertake preservation activities and assume SHPO responsibilities on Tribal land if desired.

FEDERAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION LAW UPDATE

In fall of 2018, the NPS released the fifth edition of the Federal Historic Preservation Laws publication, an anthology of Federal laws related to preservation of the United States' cultural heritage. This update incorporates amendments and other changes to existing laws as well as several newly enacted programs, but the majority of changes pertain to those laws now contained in Title 54 of the United States Code.

Past versions of the Federal Historic Preservation Laws have served as a tool for everyone from government agencies and lawyers, to university professors and everyday citizens to reference the Federal framework for preservation law. This newest update aims to build on that function by presenting recent changes in the law in an intuitive format so that communities and individuals may draw upon it to preserve what makes their communities special.

The book is available online at go.nps.gov/preservationlaws.



"An Incident in Contemporary American Life" by Mitchell Jamieson.
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS



Underrepresented Community (URC)

Photo courtesy Community Baptist Church, Paterson, New Jersey



Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program (HRSP)

Waitsfield Village, Vermont

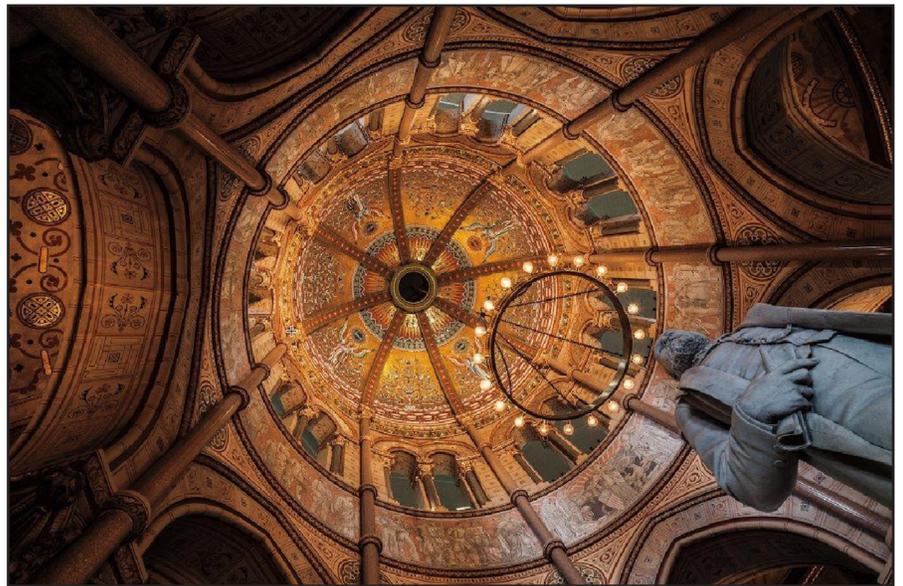
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Tribal Heritage

Catawba Indian Nation, South Carolina

Photo courtesy of Wenona Haire



Save America's Treasures (SAT)

James Garfield Memorial, Cleveland, Ohio

Photo courtesy of The Lake View Cemetery Foundation



Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)

Founder's Hall, Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Photo courtesy of Howard University



African American Civil Rights (AACR)

16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama

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FISCAL YEAR 2018 AT A GLANCE

HPF COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS

- African American Civil Rights grant program will award \$13 million for history and preservation projects. 114 applications requested almost \$35 million and applications are under review.
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities grant program, not funded since 2008, awarded \$4 million from FY2017 and \$5 million from FY2018 to 19 projects for rehabilitation of National Register listed buildings on HBCU historic campuses. 44 applications requested over \$20 million.
- Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program, new for FY2018, will award \$5 million in block grants to organizations to create subgrant programs that will fund preservation projects in communities under 50,000 in population. Applications are currently being accepted.
- Save America's Treasures grant program will award \$13 million for nationally significant collections and preservation projects. 54 applications requested over \$40 million and applications are under review.
- Tribal Heritage grant program awarded \$986,691 for 23 projects to Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Groups, and Native Hawaiian Organizations from repurposed FY2017 funding.
- Underrepresented Communities grant program will award \$500,000 for survey and nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. 18 applications requested over \$1 million.

CLG PROGRAM & PLANNING

- 41 new communities became Certified Local Governments (CLGs), bringing the total number of participating communities in the federal preservation program to 2000.
- 13 state-wide historic preservation plans were reviewed and 12 approved. Required under the NHPA, these plans identify social, economic, and environmental trends that influence preservation practice, with public participation to set statewide goals and objectives for historic preservation.

SHPO AND THPO ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- SHPOs added 1017 new listings to the National Register of Historic Places, and THPOs added 48, bringing the cumulative total to 93,337 listings with 1.8 million total contributing resources. THPOs nominated 8261 properties to Tribal Registers.
- SHPOs surveyed approximately 19 million acres for cultural resources. THPOs surveyed 230,000 acres.
- SHPOs reviewed 130,500 Federal undertakings and provided 95,200 National Register eligibility opinions. THPOs reviewed 126,230 undertakings, and provided 7,000 eligibility opinions.

DISTRIBUTION OF FY 2018 HPF

State Historic Preservation Offices	\$48,925,000
Tribal Preservation and Grants	\$11,485,000
African American Civil Rights	\$13,000,000
Historically Black Colleges and Universities	\$5,000,000
Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program	\$5,000,000
Save America's Treasures	\$13,000,000
Underrepresented Community Grants	\$500,000
Emergency Supplemental Hurricane Funding	\$50,000,000
Total	\$146,910,000

Topeka, Kansas City-Wide Preservation Plan



The City of Topeka, Kansas utilized a historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant in 2014 to produce a city-wide preservation plan. That plan established multiple goals that the city has been working diligently to meet including "making historic preservation central to Topeka's quality of life."

In 2018, the city sought HPF monies to conduct a three-day, hands-on wood window restoration workshop to teach property owners and skilled contractors the best practices of window restoration techniques.

Bob Yapp, founder of the Belvedere School for Historic Preservation, was selected to lead the workshop of 18 participants held at the former St. Joseph's Parochial School building. Local media, elected officials, and neighborhood residents visited the class. The workshop resulted in complete restoration of nine large wooden windows on the lowest level of the school. The school building is now being prepared for rehabilitation for housing utilizing state and federal rehabilitation tax credit programs and the city is planning another hands-on workshop for the summer of 2019 to demonstrate how to remove vinyl siding from historic houses and repair the underlying clapboards.



Photo courtesy of Kansas Historical Society

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS REACH 2,000!

In FY2018, the Certified Local Government program reached a milestone number of 2000 communities! Davidson, North Carolina, was the 2000th CLG to join in the Federal Preservation Partnership program with the National Park Service and the State Historic Preservation Offices. In 2018, the NPS and our SHPO partners certified 30 communities willing to take on local commitment to historic preservation and work to save what makes their communities special. Our CLG partners have special access each year to ten percent of the annual HPF funding allocated to each State. In addition, they can apply for the competitive grant programs that the HPF also makes available.

Throughout 2019, the NPS invites our state and local partners to share the successes of the CLG program across their platforms. preservation through partnerships works, and we know there are great examples of local preservation work being accomplished throughout the country. #CLG2000



Perspective view Main Street. Photo courtesy of the Town of Davidson, North Carolina.

Located in North Carolina's Piedmont, the Town of Davidson was founded by farmers of Scotch-Irish roots in a region traditionally occupied by a number of Tribes. They are the 2013 winner of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association's "Great Main Street" award.

DISCOVER HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND GRANT PRODUCTS ON-LINE

The Integrated Resource Management Applications (IRMA) system is a web-based portal where users can access data and information related to National Park Service natural and cultural resources. IRMA now includes many examples of work products that were produced with Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant assistance.

HPF grant products have been cataloged and made publicly available in IRMA by the State, Tribal, Local, Plans and Grants (STLPG) Division of the National Park Service. STLPG regularly adds more work products to IRMA, as HPF grants for State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices and seven competitive grant

programs continue to produce them. This work enables preservation partners to protect and share significant cultural resources in their communities, and IRMA helps to share those models with the rest of the preservation community.

To access IRMA, navigate to go.nps.gov/HPF_IRMA. Then, select "Historic Preservation Fund (HPF)" from the Park, Office, and Program or Region menu, choose a category of featured content, and click the "View Report" button. Examples of categories you may be interested in browsing include informational brochures, local design guidelines, or structural reports detailing the history and condition of historic properties.

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