

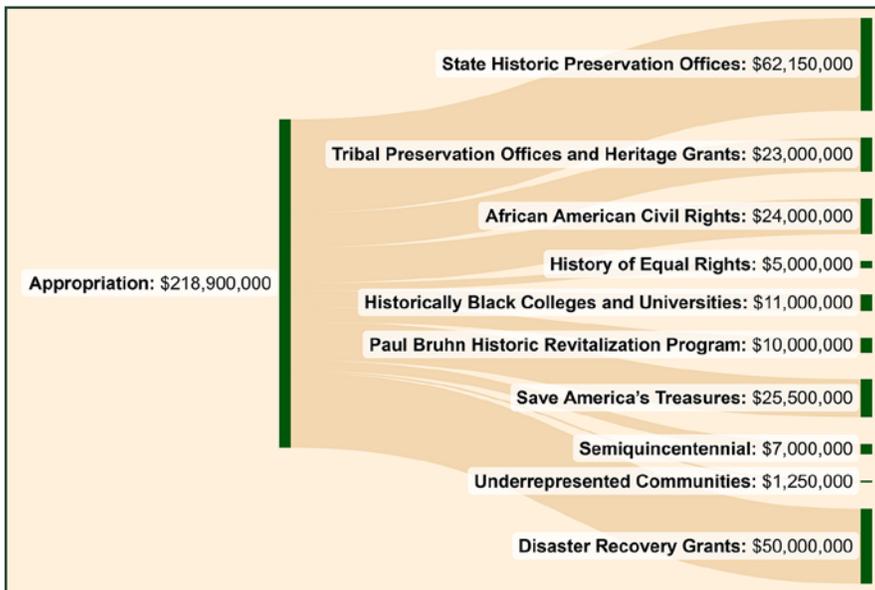


# Historic Preservation Fund Annual Report

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The National Park Service (NPS) administers the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior and uses annually appropriated funds to provide grants to State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices to assist in their efforts to protect and preserve their historic resources. Each State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer uses this annual appropriation to perform the Federal preservation responsibilities required by the National Historic Preservation Act. Preservation activities may be carried out directly by States (SHPO), who are required to pass 10% of their funding to Certified Local Governments (CLG), and provide a 40% match to their HPF funds. HPF grants to Tribes (THPO), which do not require a match, help them undertake preservation activities and assume SHPO responsibilities on tribal land as outlined in their THPO agreement with the NPS.

## FY25 Appropriations from the HPF



Place Economics' [report](#) on the Cumulative Impact of the HPF found that for each \$1, an additional \$4 in economic activity took place locally. For ESHPF, investment was even higher at \$4.86 per \$1 spent, resulting in almost 5X the federal investment in disaster recovery of historic resources.

## \$218.9 million

Amount appropriated in FY2025 by the US Congress from the HPF for historic preservation.

## ESHPF at Work

\$50 million in new Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund (ESHPF) grants were appropriated in FY25 and awarded to 33 projects for repair and recovery of historic and cultural resources impacted by major disasters in calendar years 2023 and 2024. Ongoing supplemental appropriations of \$100 million, supporting recovery of States and Tribes impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, Florence, Michael, and Typhoon Yutu, are nearing completion. Louisiana and South Carolina completed their subgrant projects for Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, surveying over 9800 historic resources, 24,000 acres of archaeological sites, and repairing 7 historic sites. In downtown Abbeville, South Carolina, completed repairs allowed an antebellum church damaged during Hurricane Irma to welcome its congregation back into a safe building in 2025.



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# Competitive HPF Programs

Congressional appropriations of Historic Preservation Funds are used to support eight competitive grant programs, in addition to the mandatory grants to State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, which address preservation needs across the country that help protect the historic and cultural sites that tell the story of the nation.



**African American Civil Rights (AACR)** grant program awarded \$21.9 million to 44 projects in 19 states for history and preservation projects that tell the story of the African American struggle for equality. NPS received 138 applications requesting over \$60 million.

The Alabama Historical Commission received \$17,000 to develop new lesson plans for the Freedom Rides Museum in Montgomery, Alabama, supporting a permanent exhibit and Virtual Reality Experience centered on the museum's vintage Greyhound bus. Timed to coincide with the 65th anniversary of the 1961 Freedom Rides, the project will expand the museum's educational offerings with formal lesson plans and materials for elementary-aged students that illuminate the movement's challenge to desegregated interstate transit. By gathering firsthand anecdotal accounts from Freedom Riders in the community, the initiative will provide personal perspectives while aligning with the Alabama Department of Education's updated K-12 Social Studies Course of Study Standards. This investment strengthens the museum's ability to teach a pivotal chapter of civil rights history to new generations. Photo courtesy: Alabama Historical Commission



**Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)** grant program awarded \$10.6 million in grants to 16 preservation projects in 6 states for National Register listed or eligible buildings on HBCU historic campuses. NPS received 27 applications requesting over \$18 million.

Voorhees University received \$423,942 to preserve and stabilize St. Philip's Chapel, a defining landmark of its historic campus in Denmark, South Carolina. Constructed in 1935 by Voorhees masonry students, the chapel stands as a testament to the institution's legacy as the first Historically Black College or University founded by an African American woman, Elizabeth Evelyn Wright, whose vision transformed educational access for rural Black communities. The project will strengthen St. Philip's Chapel through major restoration and modernization, including new HVAC systems, ADA-compliant restroom upgrades, full electrical rewiring and restoration of historic light fixtures, office renovations, and substantial structural improvements to the sanctuary and basement. With its striking early 20th-century brick façade and capacity to seat 550 congregants, St. Philip's Chapel remains a vital spiritual and cultural anchor for the university and the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. Photo courtesy: Voorhees University



**History of Equal Rights (HER)** grant program awarded \$5 million to 8 projects in 7 states to preserve sites related to the struggle of all Americans to gain equal rights. NPS received 58 eligible applications requesting over \$35 million.

Cranaleith Spiritual Center received \$750,000 for the restoration of Mill-Rae, or Cranaleith Spiritual Center in Philadelphia, PA. Mill Rae was commissioned in 1890 by leading suffragist Rachel Foster Avery and designed by Minerva Parker Nichols, the first independent female architect in the United States. Unusual for its time, the house was created to serve both as Avery's family residence and as a gathering place for women organizing for the right to vote—at a moment when such spaces were rarely available to them. Today, the property is owned by Cranaleith Spiritual Center, which has spent 25 years carefully maintaining the site and preserving its historic integrity. This grant will fund the first comprehensive historic structure report for Mill Rae, providing a detailed conditions assessment and treatment recommendations from a multidisciplinary team of preservation professionals. The report will guide long term stewardship, ensuring that this nationally significant site—deeply tied to the women's suffrage movement and the legacy of two pioneering women—remains protected for future generations. The applicant will provide \$30,000 in non-federal match. Photo courtesy: Molly Lester, Cranaleith Spiritual Center

## Save America's Treasures Preserves America's Most Significant Historic Sites and Collections

Since 1998, the Save America's Treasures program has awarded \$400 million from the HPF to preserve and protect America's most significant cultural resources. These grants fund the preservation of irreplaceable resources, ranging from National Historic Landmarks to museum collections, documents, artworks, and artifacts, that convey the nation's rich heritage to future generations. Each project must provide a dollar-for-dollar match, thus doubling the investment in our Nation's history.

The Barnum Museum Foundation, Inc was awarded \$500,000 for the extensive repair of 79 historic windows and stained glass to ensure its operation as a museum for years to come. The Barnum Museum, located in Bridgeport, CT, first opened in 1893 as the Barnum Institute of Science and History. It is nationally significant for its association with its founder and benefactor Phineas Taylor Barnum, better known as P. T. Barnum of Barnum & Bailey Circus. A nationally renowned, progressive, and self-made showman and businessman, P.T. Barnum (1810-1891) reshaped American concepts of family entertainment and culture in the second half of the nineteenth century. In partnership with the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office, the Barnum Museum Foundation successfully completed the project and was awarded the CT AIA Award of Excellence on December 11, 2025. The Barnum Museum Foundation, Inc provided \$1,102,107 in non-federal match for the project.



*Barnum Museum north and west elevation. Photo courtesy: The Barnum Museum Foundation*



**Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization (BRUHN)** subgrant program awarded \$9.95 million to 14 recipients in 14 states to support economic development through the preservation of historic buildings in rural communities across the country. NPS received 73 applications requesting over \$48 million.

The Preservation Trust of Vermont received \$750,000 through the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program to support historic preservation and community revitalization projects in Vermont's downtowns and village centers. The Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants, named for PTV's founding president Paul Bruhn, were created to help strengthen rural communities across the country. Focused on communities with populations under 7,500, the Trust will provide subgrant funding for preservation activities for properties listed—or eligible for listing—in the National Register of Historic Places across the state. By the project's completion in 2030, the program is expected to support 5–7 preservation projects and produce 2–3 new National Register listings, strengthening the long-term stewardship of nonprofit, municipal, and privately owned historic buildings across Vermont's designated downtowns and village centers. The Trust provided \$270,000 in non-federal match. Photo courtesy: Jenna Lapachinski, Preservation Trust of Vermont



**Save America's Treasures (SAT)** grant program awarded \$24.7 million to 67 projects in 33 states, the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia for nationally significant collections and preservation projects. NPS received 147 applications requesting over \$60 million.

The Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Benevolent Society received \$100,000 to preserve the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in South Point, Lawrence County, Ohio, the first Black church west of the Appalachian Mountains and the only surviving antebellum Black church in the state. Built in 1849 by the "Burlington 37"—formerly enslaved people from Virginia—the church served as a vital spiritual and community hub for those who crossed the Ohio River to freedom. This restoration project, completed in late 2025, stabilized the structure with a new roof, electrical upgrades, and the building's first HVAC system, transforming the site into a community center and a key stop on the Appalachian Freedom Heritage tourism route. The applicant provided \$100,000 in non-federal match. Photo courtesy: Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Benevolent Society



**Semiquincentennial (SEMIQUIN)** grant program awarded \$7 million to 14 preservation projects in 9 states to mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. NPS received 68 applications requesting over \$62 million.

Moravian University received \$750,000 to support the replacement of all 91 windows in Brethren's House, the largest and most architecturally significant eighteenth century building in Bethlehem, PA. Built in 1748, the structure is one of the finest surviving examples of German Colonial architecture in the United States and forms a key component of the Historic Moravian Bethlehem Historic District and the UNESCO listed Moravian Church Settlements World Heritage site. Upgrading the non-historic windows will help ensure the long term preservation of this nationally important landmark, protecting its historic fabric while improving its resilience for future generations. The project will benefit Moravian University's students, faculty, and staff, the residents of Bethlehem, and the hundreds of thousands of visitors who come each year to experience the city's historic district. The applicant provided \$176,349 in non federal match. Photo courtesy: Nicholas Chismar, Moravian University



**Tribal Heritage (THG)** grant program awarded \$607,564 to 9 projects to Federally recognized Tribes, Alaska Native Groups, and Native Hawaiian Organizations from repurposed Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) FY2025 funding. NPS received 31 applications requesting over \$2 million.

The White Mountain Apache Tribe received \$42,396 to continue its oral history project documenting the memories and experiences of tribal members who attended the Theodore Roosevelt School, an American Indian boarding and day school on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. Established in 1923 on the grounds of an 1871 U.S. Army base, the school once served as an instrument of federal assimilation policy, becoming a site of profound hardship for many Native children. The project will expand documentation work by interviewing younger generations of attendees, capturing evolving perspectives on the school's legacy. The project will record up to 40 hours of new oral histories, culminating in an illustrated children's book designed for Apache youth that shares the experiences of their elders at the Theodore Roosevelt School. Photo courtesy: National Register of Historic Places, NPS



**Underrepresented Communities (URC)** grant program awarded \$1.25 million to 20 projects in 17 states, and the District of Columbia, for survey and nominations to add more diverse resources to the National Register of Historic Places. NPS received 38 applications requesting over \$2.29 million.

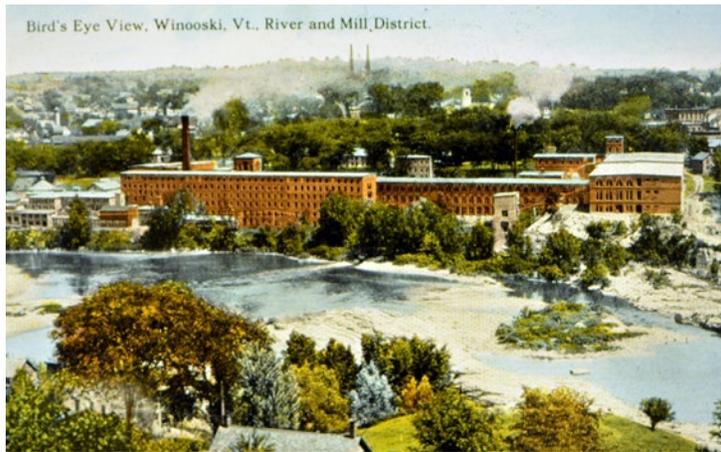
History Colorado (Colorado SHPO), located in Denver, Colorado, was awarded \$74,998 to survey 40 African American travel-related resources, or Green Book sites, statewide. The grant funded the completion of a Multiple Property Document Form and three National Register of Historic Places nominations for various sites across the state relating to African American travel and recreation resources during segregation. These sites were primarily the travel destinations of African American families and travelers who wanted safe and welcoming places to stay while driving across the United States. This research builds upon a larger State Historic Preservation Office initiative, the Colorado African American Travel and Recreation Resources Survey Plan, completed in 2021 which sought to document the history and lived experiences of African American travelers in Colorado during the time of segregation. Photo courtesy: Poppie Gullett, History Colorado

**HPF By-the-Numbers**

	<b>SHPO</b>	<b>THPO</b>
New listings to the National Register of Historic Places	<b>1,076</b>	<b>41</b>
—cumulative total listings	<b>100,446</b>	—total contributing resources <b>2,032,908</b>
Properties nominated to Tribal Registers	<b>n/a</b>	<b>1,005</b>
Federal undertakings reviewed	<b>101,200</b>	<b>9,801 Tribal Lands</b> <b>100,014 Ancestral Lands</b>
Acres surveyed/Sites newly identified	<b>3,513,492 acres</b> <b>488,800 sites</b>	<b>661,101 acres</b> <b>7,272 sites added to Tribal Inventories</b>
National Register eligibility opinions provided	<b>73,800</b>	<b>160</b>

# CLG : 19 Communities in 14 States Total 2,103 Participating Communities

The City of Winooski, Vermont sits on the Winooski River and borders the state's largest city, Burlington. From its Abenaki origins to its Historic Mill District and timeless New England architecture, Winooski is a city that respects its past while embracing the future. The city was designated a CLG in May 2025, and plans to continue its deep commitment to historic preservation, civic engagement, and thoughtful planning.



A historic postcard of Winooski's Mill District, courtesy the City of Winooski

In Alabama, the City of Decatur used a CLG Grant to produce a Conditions Assessment Report for the Carnegie Library, the first library in the city. The construction of the library was funded by philanthropist and businessman Andrew Carnegie and is now one of eight remaining Carnegie Libraries in Alabama. In 1971, the library became a children's library, and by 1976 had been desegregated. The building's current use is as an art gallery and community gathering space. Several issues prompted the need for an assessment including a dropping floorplate. Consulting firm Lord Aeck Sargent prepared the thirty-six-page report which was instrumental in providing current conditions and highlighting needs to ensure the future use of the space. The report provided the groundwork to complete a successful rehabilitation.



(above) Present day Carnegie Library.

(right) Historic photograph of Carnegie Library. Photos courtesy the City of Decatur, AL

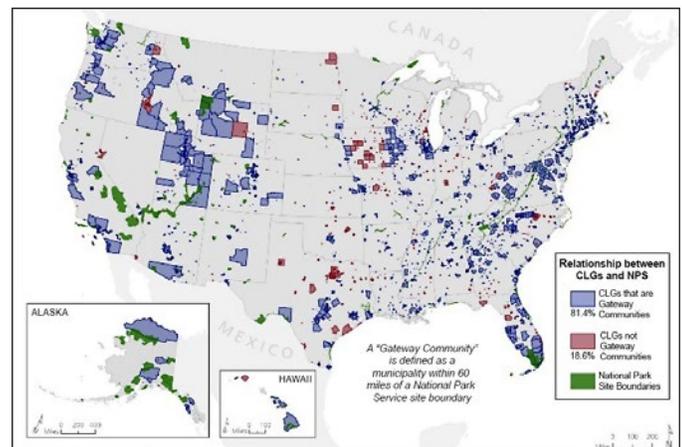


## Local Governments Certified FY2025

In FY2025, the NPS and State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) certified 19 new communities as Certified Local Governments (CLGs), committing to preserving and protecting what makes their communities special. CLGs, as partners in the national preservation program, have access each year to 10% of the annual HPF funding allocated to States. In addition, they can apply for competitive HPF program grants.

CLG Name	Approval Date	State Name
Ozark	25-Oct-24	Alabama
Rangely	30-Jul-25	Colorado
Polk County	20-Dec-24	Florida
Keokuk	20-Feb-25	Iowa
Sykesville	25-Oct-24	Maryland
Fall River	19-Nov-24	Massachusetts
Magee	2-Oct-24	Mississippi
Plattsburg	15-Jul-25	Missouri
Crete	11-Feb-25	Nebraska
Hebron	5-Mar-25	Nebraska
Loudon	20-May-25	Tennessee
Mesquite	16-Oct-24	Texas
Montgomery County	17-Oct-24	Texas
Bailey County	12-Mar-25	Texas
McKinney	9-Jul-25	Texas
Hidalgo County	6-May-25	Texas
Vernal	4-Jun-25	Utah
Winooski	20-May-25	Vermont
Hopewell	5-Dec-24	Virginia

## CLG Gateway Application



Map of Certified Local Governments

The Certified Local Government Gateway application is designed to connect local governments with their federal partners, like National Parks, to promote nationwide preservation initiatives. Access to the app can be found at <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/clg/index.htm>.