



Tribal Heritage Grants



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CHILKOOT INDIAN ASSOCIATION

Who May Apply

- Federally recognized Tribes
- Alaska Native Villages/Corporations
- Native Hawaiian Organizations

This funding opportunity is limited to Indian Tribes that meet the definition in 54 USC 300309 and Native Hawaiian Organizations that meet the definition in 54 USC 300314.

What Is Funded

1. Locating and identifying cultural resources
 - a. Survey and inventory of historic or significant places
 - b. Survey of traditional skills and information
2. Preserving a historic property listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places
 - a. Project planning (plans and specifications for preserving a structure or site)
 - b. Repair work to preserve a specific historic structure or site
3. Comprehensive preservation planning
4. Oral history and documenting cultural traditions
5. Training and education for building a Historic Preservation Program
6. Cultural and historic preservation interpretation and education

What Is Not Funded

- Applications from Tribes that are not federally recognized
- Tribes without a UEI number
- General language projects
- NAGPRA projects
- Mitigation work pursuant to Section 106
- Projects without a Tribal Resolution
- Costs to manage the grant may not exceed 25% of the total budget per statute
- Repair grants for properties not listed in the National Register of Historic Places — See Category 2.B.
- Moving historic structures
- Salaries of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) already funded by the NPS
- Salaries for a training grant
- Delinquent grantees
- Construction of new buildings
- Acquisition of collections or historic sites
- Conservation of collections, except as part of gathering oral history documentation
- Long-term maintenance or work outside the grant period
- Reconstructing historic properties (recreating all or a significant portion that no longer exists)
- Moving historic properties or work to historic properties that have been moved and are no longer eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places
- Cash reserves, endowments, or revolving funds
- Fund-raising costs
- Work performed prior to announcement of award
- Lobbying or advocacy activities
- Costs for work already funded through other federal programs such as the federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit program, American Battlefield Protection Program, or other non-HPF grants

Grant Amounts

The minimum grant request is \$15,000 federal share. The maximum grant request is \$75,000 federal share. Please note that the selection panel may, at its discretion, award less than the minimum grant request. Matching funds are not required, but may be considered as part of the evaluation process.

Evaluation and Selection Criteria

Project descriptions must address, and applications will be rated on, each of the criteria listed below. NPS will evaluate and consider only complete applications that separately address each of the criteria. You are required to provide a detailed narrative of these elements using the project description and budget justification worksheets. These items along with other required application documents are only available through Grants.gov.

1. Cultural and/or Historic Preservation Issue and Need

- a. How does this project address a critical cultural or historic preservation issue for the Tribe?
- b. Discuss how the project is the next logical step towards long-term preservation of the resource(s).

2. Feasibility

Are the project objectives and activities reasonable and achievable in terms of:

- a. Time- Is there enough time allotted to each task and activity? Do you have qualified people to carry out the project? Demonstrate how you will successfully complete the project within the given timeframe (2-3 years) and resources while meeting all federal requirements and guidelines. List and describe all tasks and their projected results. Provide a detailed timeline for the work and budget justification, using the form provided, for all project costs to show why costs are necessary, reasonable, and allowable. Your proposal should include a brief description of project personnel, including brief resumes or position descriptions. If a project director has not yet been selected, indicate the type of skills, abilities, and experience that will be required.
- b. Workplan – Are the project objectives, activities, and desired results (products) well-designed, necessary, and achievable?
- c. Budget- Are all budget items justified as being necessary and explained in the narrative description? If contributions are being provided by the Tribe or outside sources, they should be shown in the submitted budget. Are all costs reasonable?

3. Commitment

- a. Is there a demonstrable commitment to the project by the Tribe?
- b. Is the Tribe donating any funds, staff time, and overhead/indirect costs?
- c. Describe how community members or the public will be actively involved, and how the project will meet the goals of relevant state, tribal, or local historic preservation plans. The specific goal(s) and plan(s) should be identified.

4. Long Term Impacts

- a. Will there be a lasting impact and benefit to the Tribe if this project is successfully completed? Extra consideration may be given to projects with cross-generational involvement, educational results, or those with maintenance plans for historic resources.
- b. Describe the public-private partnerships and community engagement involved in the project and how these partnerships will sustain and continue to support the resource(s) after the grant project is complete.

Process and Deadlines

Approximately \$500,000 is available for this grant program in fiscal year 2024. Applications are anticipated to open in winter of 2024 and are due in spring of 2025. All applications must be submitted through Grants.gov. No paper applications will be accepted. Registration in Grants.gov, SAM.gov, and other federal systems can take up to four weeks, so please start early. Extensions will not be granted due to incomplete registrations in these systems. To be notified when the opportunity opens, please visit Grants.gov and subscribe to a saved search for CFDA 15.966. You can create a saved search on Grants.gov under the “Connect” menu “Manage Subscriptions.”

Additional Information

Visit [go.nps.gov/tribalheritage](https://www.nps.gov/tribalheritage) for more information about this grant program.

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