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**ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER  
NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS THEME STUDY**

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## Appendix 3

### Sources of Information about AAPI Cultural Resources

A number of NPS programs are concerned with AAPI history and cultural resources. Other groups are also useful sources of information, including the Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation, which is dedicated to the preservation of AAPI cultural resources nationwide. The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders was a staunch supporter of the development of the AAPI theme study. A brief description of the programs and groups who contributed to this publication is provided below.

#### **ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE INITIATIVE (NPS)**

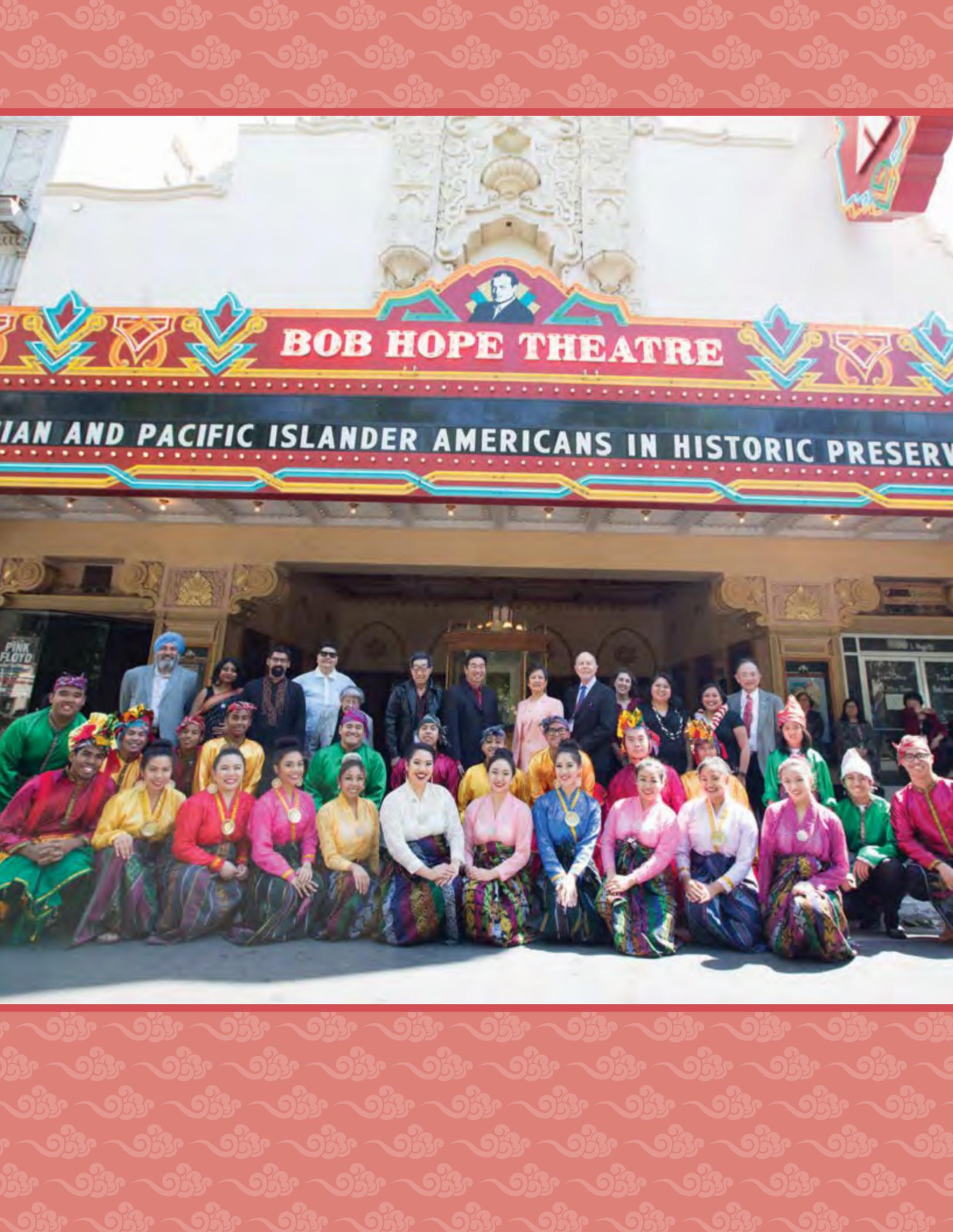
A link to the NPS AAPI Heritage Initiative can be found on the NPS website “Telling All Americans’ Stories.” The website includes links to NPS programs, such as Teaching with

Historic Places and Heritage Travel Itineraries. It also provides links to the national parks and historic sites related to AAPI cultures. The website generally serves as a clearinghouse for AAPI publications, activities, conferences, and accomplishments, inside and outside of NPS. Please see [www.nps.gov/subjects/tellingallamericansstories/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/subjects/tellingallamericansstories/index.htm).

#### **UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITY GRANTS (NPS)**

The NPS website for Underrepresented Community Grants describes AAPI projects funded through the grant program. When complete, many of the funded projects will be a rich source of identified AAPI sites in specific locations. Please see [www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/community-grants](http://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/community-grants).

**Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation.** The Little Manila Dance Collective and 2016 honorees for historic preservation efforts are shown in Stockton, California, the site of the 2016 annual meeting. The APIAHiP was formed in 2007 to protect historic places and cultural resources significant to Asian and Pacific Islander Americans. It focuses on information sharing, educational programs to raise public awareness and impact historic preservation policy, and increasing public and private resources for building historic preservation capacity. Photo by Aldrich Sabac; courtesy of the Little Manila Foundation.



Projects funded with FY14 grants included two related to AAPI groups:

- The Utah State Historic Preservation Office was provided funds to complete a nomination of the Iosepa Polynesian Archeological District and to conduct an archeological survey of railroad sites associated with Chinese labor.
- The City of Boston was provided funding to develop a National Register historic context statement for the city's Chinese community in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The FY15 grants provided additional funding for projects associated with AAPI culture.

- The City of Los Angeles Asian American Historic Context Project was funded to develop historic contexts and survey materials associated with the city's Japanese, Filipino, Thai, Korean, and Chinese American populations.
- The City of San Francisco Civil Rights Project involved the preparation of three National Register nominations and a citywide inventory of properties associated with the advancement of civil rights for African American, Asian American, Latino American, LGBTQ populations, and women. The grant application mentioned two completed efforts of interest to the AAPI theme study. One was the San Francisco Filipino Heritage Addendum to the South of Market Area Historic Context Statements (Page & Turnbull, Inc., 2013); the other was the San Francisco Japantown Historic Context Statement (Donna Graves and Page & Turnbull, Inc., 2011).
- The Fort Snelling (Minnesota) Historic District National Historic Landmark Update Project was funded to update documentation to reflect the fort's role as a WWII Japanese language school.
- The Butte, Montana, Ethnic Atlas and National Register Nomination Project was funded to re-survey the Butte-Anaconda NHL Historic District to identify Chinese ethnic sites, as well as important enclaves of African American and Arabic-speaking (Lebanese) peoples, and develop two new National Register nominations.

### **NPS JAPANESE AMERICAN CONFINEMENT SITES (JACS) GRANT PROGRAM**

Congress established the JACS grant program (P.L. 109-441, 120 Stat. 3288) to encourage the preservation and interpretation of sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II. Projects funded through the program are intended to identify, research, evaluate, interpret, protect, restore, repair, and acquire historic confinement sites, so present and future populations can learn from the failure in judgment of the nation's leaders. Projects have yielded a great deal of information about the confinement period and the facilities, including their material culture. Oral histories made through the program have profoundly increased our understanding of life at the sites and the toll it took on those confined. NHL nominations are a potential outcome of the program. Please see [www.nps.gov/JACS/index.html](http://www.nps.gov/JACS/index.html).

### **WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE ON ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS**

The White House Initiative did not contribute site specific information to development of the AAPI theme study or the property lists, but it was a constant supporter of the theme study effort. The web site includes current information of interest to the AAPI community, including political and social developments related to AAPI. Please see [www.whitehouse.gov/aapi](http://www.whitehouse.gov/aapi).

### **ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICANS IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Asian & Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation (APIAHIP), formed in 2007, is a national network of preservationists, historians, planners, and advocates who are interested in historic and cultural preservation in Asian and Pacific Islander American communities. It provides forums for discussing AAPI preservation issues of mutual interest and is active in advocacy and policy issues. The group has sponsored two projects of particular relevance to the AAPI theme study, "East at Main Street," a national APIA history mapping project, and the APIA Endangered Sites list. Please see [www.apiahip.org/](http://www.apiahip.org/).