

**A Report on**



**Fiscal Year 2008  
Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes,  
Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiian  
Organizations**



**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Heritage Preservation Services  
Tribal Preservation Program**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 authorizes grants to Indian tribes for cultural and historic preservation projects. Now in its fifteenth year, this grant program assists American Indians and Alaska Natives in protecting and promoting their unique cultural traditions.

From the beginning, the program has been shaped by Indian tribes. Tribal representatives defined "historic preservation from a tribal perspective" in a National Park Service report to Congress in 1990. *Keepers of the Treasures: Protecting Historic Properties and Cultural Traditions on Indian Land* describes, in the words of Indian people, what they are concerned with protecting. Native language, oral history, plant and animal species important in tradition, sacred and historic places, and the establishment of tribal historic preservation offices are all part of preservation from a tribal perspective. The grants selected in Fiscal Year 2008 continue to reflect this broad range of funding needs.

Since 1990, almost \$18.5 million has been awarded to approximately 500 projects in Indian and Alaska Native communities. In Fiscal Year 2008, a total of \$678,300 is being awarded to 19 communities for a broad range of historic preservation projects. The projects selected for funding are summarized below.

## **GRANT SELECTION PROCESS**

Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, and Native Hawaiian organizations were invited to submit grant applications to support historic preservation projects and promote the continuation of living cultural traditions.

The application guidelines listed five major categories of eligible activities for Historic Preservation Fund grants: locating and identifying cultural resources, preserving a historic property listed on the National Register, preservation planning, oral history and documenting cultural traditions, and education and training projects in historic and cultural preservation.

Postcards announcing the availability of and how to receive a grant application and application guidelines were mailed in the fall of 2007 to the chief elected officials of all Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, Native Hawaiian organizations, and to others on a mailing list of over 1,400 individuals and organizations. In all, 60 proposals were received requesting approximately \$2.203 million.

Panels of experts who met in Washington, D.C. on April 15, 2008, evaluated each application. Panel members are listed below.

## GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

Reviewers were asked to consider the following in evaluating applications:

1. How does this project address a critical cultural or historic preservation issue for the tribe?
2. Are the project objectives, activities, and desired results (products) well designed, thought-through, and achievable?
3. Will qualified people carry out the project?
4. Is the project budget clear and reasonable?
5. Is there demonstrable commitment to this project by the tribe?
6. What is the lasting impact on and benefit to the tribe if the project is successfully completed?

## FISCAL YEAR 2008 GRANTS SELECTION PANEL PARTICIPANTS

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**Fiscal Year 2008 Historic Preservation Fund Grants to  
Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians**

Tribe [State]	Amount
Calista Elders Council (AK)	\$ 35,630
Chenega Corporation (AK)	\$ 29,000
Chilkat Indian Village (AK)	\$ 37,723
Citizen Potawatomi Nation (OK)	\$ 35,984
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (MI)	\$ 28,710
Hualapai Tribal Council (AZ)	\$ 39,943
Huna Totem Corporation (AK)	\$ 39,907
Ione Band of Miwok Indians (CA)	\$ 40,000
Karuk Tribe (CA)	\$ 38,663
Kavilco Incorporated (AK)	\$ 36,124
Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians (CA)	\$ 30,551
Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (ID)	\$ 23,388
Penobscot Nation (ME)	\$ 39,820
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians (MI)	\$ 39,958
Sokaogon Chippewa Community (WI)	\$ 60,000
Stockbridge-Munsee Community (WI)	\$ 12,057
Suquamish Tribe (WA)	\$ 38,446
Tetlin Village Council (AK)	\$ 39,996
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (OK)	\$ 32,400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$678,300</b>

**FY 2008 Project Descriptions  
Listed by State**

**Alaska**

- Tribe: **Calista Elders Council**  
Project Title: **Bringing Words Home: Central Yup'ik Tape Collection Audio Archiving Project**  
Grant Award: **\$35,630.00**  
Description: The Calista Elders Council will convert their collection of 524 audiotapes into MP3 format and begin to share them with Yup'ik listeners.
- Tribe: **Chenega Corporation**  
Project Title: **Chenega: Documenting Daily Life in a Village Destroyed by Tsunamis**  
Grant Award: **\$29,000.00**  
Description: The Native Village of Chenega was destroyed by a series of tidal waves in 1964. This project will collect information about daily life in the village through written and oral accounts in order to preserve its cultural practices.
- Tribe: **Chilkat Indian Village**  
Project Title: **Chilkat Tlingit's Artifact Inventory Documentation and Conservation Planning Project**  
Grant Award: **\$37,723.00**  
Description: Funds will be used to assemble a team of tribal members and preservation professionals to inventory and document precious clan artifacts and develop a plan to manage them through the Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center.
- Tribe: **Huna Totem Corporation**  
Project Title: **Survey of Preexisting Ethnographic, Archaeological and Historic Information on Huna Tlingit Sites**  
Grant Award: **\$39,907.00**  
Description: Funds will enable the group to acquire the existing documentation that has resulted from previous ethnographic, historic, and archaeological surveys conducted within the traditional territories of the Huna Tlingit clans and disseminate it to clan members, who will use it to make informed decisions about significant sites.
- Tribe: **Kavilco Corporation**  
Project Title: **Project Planning for Chief Son-I-Hat's Whale House**  
Grant Award: **\$36,124.00**  
Description: Funds will be used to provide a careful analysis of the extent of the deterioration of Chief Son-I-Hat's Whale House and develop detailed plans for its restoration.

Tribe: **Tetlin Village Council**  
Project Title: **Tetlin Tribal Cultural Resources Project: Historic Trading Routes**  
Grant Award: **\$39,996.00**  
Description: The Native Village of Tetlin's Elders' knowledge of the historic and culturally significant sites associated with traditional trading routes will be documented through interviews and site visits, then mapped and incorporated into a database that will be made available for later use in land management.

## **Arizona**

Tribe: **Hualapai Tribe**  
Project Title: **Hualapai Cultural Atlas: Phase II**  
Grant Award: **\$39,943.00**  
Description: In a project previously funded by the HPF, tribal members created a GIS that mapped places of cultural significance. They will expand on their work by obtaining additional archival information and integrating it into the database.

## **California**

Tribe: **Ione Band of Miwok Indians**  
Project Title: **Survey and Inventory of Miwok Cultural and Historic Sites**  
Grant Award: **\$40,000.00**  
Description: Funds will allow the tribe to complete an extensive survey of its culture utilizing ethno-historical and ethno-geographic methodology and create a digitized inventory that will be accessible to local, state, federal, and tribal entities.

Tribe: **Karuk Tribe**  
Project Title: **Cultural Resource Survey and Inventory of Tishannik, Near Orleans, California**  
Grant Award: **\$38,663.00**  
Description: Funds will be used to conduct an archival, archaeological and ethnographic inventory of a 155-acre tract of land known to the Karuk Tribe as Tishannik, with the ultimate goal of listing the site on the National Register of Historic Places.

Tribe: **Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians**  
Project Title: **Mooretown Rancheria 2008 Culture Documentation Project**  
Grant Award: **\$30,551.00**  
Description: Elders and other knowledgeable individuals will be recorded demonstrating traditional and social practices. The resulting video and audio recordings will be used as teaching tools to ensure the preservation of the tribe's life ways.

## **Idaho**

Tribe: **Nez Perce Tribe**  
Project Title: **Nez Perce Youth Oral History and Cultural Tradition Project**  
Grant Award: **\$23,388.00**  
Description: The funds will be used to teach Nez Perce youth about their tribe's rich musical tradition and train them to sing several songs that they will perform at a tribal gathering.

## **Maine**

Tribe: **Penobscot Nation**  
Project Title: **Nekkeyi: Penobscot Elders Story Project**  
Grant Award: **\$39,820.00**  
Description: The funds will be used to obtain, index, and catalogue historic Penobscot photographs and conduct interviews with tribal elders using the images as prompts. Their memories will be incorporated into a book, a film, and a map of the tribe's "Old Village".

## **Michigan**

Tribe: **Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians**  
Project Title: **Eyaawing Museum and Cultural Center Staff Training Enhancement Project**  
Grant Award: **\$28,710.00**  
Description: The grant will allow the museum to increase its capacity to recruit and train tribal members as preservation professionals by developing apprenticeship and internship programs and enrolling staff members in classes and workshops.

Tribe: **Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians**  
Project Title: **Study on Removal Period Sites in Michigan**  
Grant Award: **\$39,958.00**  
Description: The funds will be used to locate and survey removal period and post-removal period settlement sites historically associated with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians in southwestern Michigan.

## **Oklahoma**

Tribe: **Citizen Potawatomi Nation**  
Project Title: **Journey to Oklahoma**  
Grant Award: **\$35,984.00**  
Description: The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will produce a historical documentary, "Journey to Oklahoma", that examines the tribe's dispersion from the Great Lakes region during the removal era and their decision to accept United States citizenship, leading them to Indian Territory.

Tribe: **Wichita and Affiliated Tribes**  
Project Title: **Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Oral History and Documentation Project**  
Grant Award: **\$32,400.00**  
Description: The funds will be used to document the oral histories of eight of the tribes' elders and produce a record that will be used as both a teaching tool and a foundation for future cultural preservation activities.

## **Washington**

Tribe: **Suquamish Tribe**  
Project Title: **Suquamish Museum Digital Preservation and Data Sharing Project**  
Grant Award: **\$38,446.00**  
Description: The grant will enable the tribe to preserve cultural artifacts from the Suquamish Museum's collections, particularly those that are most at risk of degradation or loss, through digital photography.

## **Wisconsin**

Tribe: **Sokaogon Chippewa Community**  
Project Title: **Finishing Preservation Work on the Dinesen Cabin**  
Grant Award: **\$60,000.00**  
Description: The Tribe will complete the restoration of the Dinesen Cabin, a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places that will become a tourist attraction.

Tribe: **Stockbridge-Munsee Community**  
Project Title: **Stockbridge-Munsee New York Counties Inventory and Survey Project**  
Grant Award: **\$12,057.00**  
Description: The funds will allow the THPO to survey and inventory Mohican sites in Albany and Rensselaer Counties in upstate New York and to create a GIS database for its use when responding to inquiries pursuant to Section 106.