

**A Report on**



**Fiscal Year 2010  
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 2010 continue to reflect this broad range of funding needs.

Since 1990, over \$19.8 million has been awarded to approximately 537 projects in Indian and Alaska Native communities. In Fiscal Year 2010, a total of \$899,316 is being awarded to 26 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 2009 to the chief elected officials of all Federally recognized Indian tribes and Alaskan Native groups, all Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, all State Historic Preservation Officers, and to others (including Native Hawaiian organizations) on a mailing list of over 1,400 individuals and organizations. In all, 78 proposals were received requesting approximately \$2.85 million.

Starting this year, reviews by the panelists were completed on-line, eliminating the need for paper review sheets. Applications were rated on a scale of 1 to 100, instead of the previous scale of 1 to 4.

Panels of experts who met in Washington, D.C. on April 6, 2010, evaluated each application. Panel members are listed below.

## GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

Reviewers were asked to consider the following in evaluating applications:

1. What critical preservation issue does the project address and how well does it address it?
2. Are the project objectives and activities reasonable and achievable in terms of:  
Time -- is there enough time allotted to each task and activity?  
Personnel – for each task or activity are project personnel appropriate and qualified?  
Budget – are the budget items reasonable and justified?
3. Is there a demonstrable commitment to the project by the tribe? Is the tribe donating any funds, staff time, or overhead/indirect costs?
4. Will there be a lasting impact and benefit to the tribe if this project is successfully completed?

## FISCAL YEAR 2010 GRANTS SELECTION PANEL PARTICIPANTS

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**Fiscal Year 2010 Historic Preservation Fund Grants to  
Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians**

<b>Tribe [State]</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas (TX)	\$ 26,440
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa (WI)	\$ 40,000
Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley (CA)	\$ 28,729
Caddo Nation (OK)	\$ 38,250
Calista Elders Council (AK)	\$ 39,900
Cape Fox Corporation (AK)	\$ 37,068
Cherokee Nation (OK)	\$ 36,322
Chippewa Cree Tribe (MT)	\$ 40,000
Confederate Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, & Siuslaw Indians (OR)	\$ 40,000
Eyak, Native Village of (AK)	\$ 39,220
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe (CA)	\$ 7,850
Hula Preservation Society (HI)	\$ 33,175
Kamehameha I Moku O Kona, Royal Order of (HI)	\$ 60,000
Kasaan, Organized Village of (AK)	\$ 37,315
Kaw Nation (OK)	\$ 40,000
Kawerak, Inc. (AK)	\$ 22,484
Mescalero Apache Tribe Historic Preservation Office (NM)	\$ 33,600
Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township (ME)	\$ 34,917
Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma (OK)	\$ 60,000
Poarch Band of Creek Indians (AL)	\$ 14,929
Quinault Indian Nation (WA)	\$ 40,000
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (MI)	\$ 24,891
St. Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) (NY)	\$ 17,996
Stockbridge-Munsee Community (WI)	\$ 40,000
Suquamish Tribe (THPO) (WA)	\$ 37,187
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians (ND)	\$ 29,043
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$899,316.00</b>

**FY 2010 Project Descriptions  
Listed by State**

**Alabama**

Tribe: **Poarch Band of Creek Indians**  
Project Title: **Poarch Band of Creek Indians "The Voice of Vision"**  
Grant Award: **\$14,929.00**  
Description: This grant will support the digitization of approximately 650 negatives and slides and to collect oral histories from selected Tribal members on the events and people depicted in these photos. The oral histories and the photographs will be compiled into a book and used to create an exhibit called "The Voice of Vision" at the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Museum and Welcome Center.

**Alaska**

Tribe: **Calista Elders Council**  
Project Title: **Documenting Place Names with Yup'ik Elders in Southwestern Alaska**  
Grant Award: **\$39,900.00**  
Description: In order to document ancestral names of old villages, river, lakes, bays, and areas important to the continuation of traditional cultural lifeways, the Yup'ik Elders will gather to document place names on maps and record stories relating to such places which will be transcribed into English and published regionally.

Tribe: **Cape Fox Organization**  
Project Title: **Data Collection and research of cultural sites in Southeast Alaska**  
Grant Award: **\$37,068.00**  
Description: In collaboration with the U.S. Forest Service, Ketchikan District, the Cape Fox Heritage Foundation will collect information and data on native sacred sites, historical places, cultural places, and pictograph/petroglyph sites in the Southern part of the Southeast Alaska (Panhandle) region. Funds will also be used to support a seminar in historic preservation and cultural resource management.

Tribe: **Eyak, Native Village of**  
Project Title: **Native Village of Eyak Comprehensive Preservation Planning Project**  
Grant Award: **\$39,220.00**  
Description: Funds will be used to develop a comprehensive plan for the protection, preservation and management of cultural and natural resources found at the cultural site known as "Mummy Island," significant for its archeological remains of an ancient native village.

Tribe: **Kasaan, Organized Village of**  
Project Title: **Preservation of Chief Son-I-Hat's Whale House – Phase II**  
Grant Award: **\$37,315.00**  
Description: Funding will be used to support the gathering of all documentation on and the development of a long-term preservation plan for the Chief Son-I-Hat's Whale house and the surrounding totems.

Tribe: **Kawerak, Inc.**  
Project Title: **Digitizing the Eskimo Heritage Collection Project**  
Grant Award: **\$22,484.00**  
Description: Project funding will cover expenses needed for digitizing slides, negatives, photographs, video, and audio documents that have been housed in the Eskimo Heritage Collection. Once digitized the Eskimo Heritage Program plans to make the collection accessible via the Internet.

## **California**

Tribe: **Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley**  
Project Title: **Paiute and Shoshone Historic Manuscript Transcription & Publishing Project**  
Grant Award: **\$28,729.00**  
Description: Funding will be used to support proofreading, printing, and distributing the written oral histories from the 1930s that contain cultural information on myths, biographies, and accounts of first contact with Euro-Americans; thus, completing the Paiute and Shoshone Historic Manuscript Transcription and Publishing project began in 2004.

Tribe: **Fort Mojave Indian Tribe**  
Project Title: **Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Historic Preservation Training Project**  
Grant Award: **\$7,850.00**  
Description: Funds will be used to provide training to the Tribe's cultural resource staff and cultural advisors on compliance issues of the National Historic Preservation Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

## **Hawaii**

Tribe: **Hula Preservation Society**  
Project Title: **Saving the Hula 'Ohe (Nose Flute Hula)**  
Grant Award: **\$33,175.00**  
Description: To help aid in preserving the ancient traditional Hula dance form of 'Ohe Hano Ihu, funds will be used to document the few elders still in existence with knowledge of this form of hula and then develop a training process for younger Kumu Hula (hula teachers).

Tribe: **Kamehameha I, Moku O Kona**  
Project Title: **Preservation and Restoration of Kuamo'o (Lekeleke) Burial Site**  
Grant Award: **\$60,000.00**  
Description: Funding will be used to pay for the removal of all vegetation covering the Kuamo'o (Lekeleke) burial site, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, in order to complete a full restoration of the site.

## **Maine**

Tribe: **Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township**  
Project Title: **Reviving Traditional Birch Bark Canoe Building**  
Grant Award: **\$34,917.00**  
Description: The tribe will use the funding to help preserve the ancient cultural practice of birch bark canoe building by videotaping the process as it is carried out by builders and apprentices.

## **Michigan**

Tribe: **Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians**  
Project Title: **Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Cultural Resource Directory**  
Grant Award: **\$24,891.00**  
Description: Funding will be used for locating and identifying tribal members who possess and practice traditional lifeways of the Chippewa-Anishinaabe Nation in order to create a cultural resource directory and database that will assist the tribe with cross-cultural education.

## **Montana**

Tribe: **Chippewa Cree Tribe**  
Project Title: **2010 Recording Chippewa Cree Traditional Cultural Properties**  
Grant Award: **\$40,000.00**  
Description: Tribal elders, working with the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, have identified 45 significant cultural sites and grant funds will be used to survey, map and record these traditional cultural properties.

## **New Mexico**

Tribe: **Mescalero Apache Tribe Historic Preservation Office**  
Project Title: **Inventory and Survey of the Mescalero Apache Cemeteries**  
Grant Award: **\$33,600.00**  
Description: Funding will be used for surveying two cemetery grounds, mapping services, and ground penetrating radar services to aid in documentation. In addition, oral histories will be undertaken to help in determining unmarked graves and sites.

## **New York**

Tribe: **St. Regis Mohawk Tribe**  
Project Title: **Surveying Akwesasne's Cultural Knowledge - Setting Our Sights on the Future.**  
Grant Award: **\$17,996.00**  
Description: Funding will support a survey of the tribal members to identify who possesses knowledge of traditional arts, medicine, language, food preparation, farming techniques and more.

## North Dakota

Tribe: **Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians**  
Project Title: **Turtle Mountain Chippewa Intangible Cultural Heritage Project**  
Grant Award: **\$29,043.00**  
Description: The Tribe plans to use funds to support their Tribal Historic Preservation Office to survey and inventory the Tribe's intangible cultural heritage in such areas: arts, handicrafts, traditional foods, celebrations, ceremonies, rites, music, performance expressions and languages, and living human treasures (knowledge owners).

## Oklahoma

Tribe: **Caddo Nation**  
Project Title: **Caddo Nation: Development of an Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan**  
Grant Award: **\$38,250.00**  
Description: With input from tribal elders and members, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office will use funds to draft a Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan that will be part of the larger Natural Resource Management Plan. This will help in guiding leaders in identification and preservation of specific plant and animal species and traditional cultural properties.

Tribe: **Cherokee Nation**  
Project Title: **Preserving Iyadvnelidasdi: Intergenerational Transmission of Cherokee Language, Traditions, and Life Ways**  
Grant Award: **\$36,322.00**  
Description: Funding will be used to document elders, who are fluent in the Cherokee's native language, explaining and sharing lifeways, traditions, and culture to tribal youth. This will establish a process and methodology for additional re-acculturation projects.

Tribe: **Kaw Nation**  
Project Title: **Historic Kaw Council House Planning Project**  
Grant Award: **\$40,000.00**  
Description: The grant will support the hiring of a historic preservation architect to complete a condition assessment and working plans and specifications for the restoration of the Kaw Council House, a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places, to its former use as tribal meeting hall and to make its history known among the Kaw people.

Tribe: **Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma**  
Project Title: **Preservation of the Peoria Indian Schoolhouse – Phase III**  
Grant Award: **\$60,000.00**  
Description: The Peoria Tribe recognizes the cultural importance of the Peoria Schoolhouse, a one-room schoolhouse listed on the National Register of Historic Places that represents the hardships faced by their ancestors to receive an education, and will use the grant to help with interior renovations.

## **Oregon**

Tribe: **Confederate Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians**  
Project Title: **Building a Historic Preservation Program Based on Cultural Values**  
Grant Award: **\$40,000.00**  
Description: Funding will cover the costs of training tribal members in archival and artifact management so that the Tribe may develop archival and collections management processes that reconcile professional practices within the cultural context of the Tribe.

## **Texas**

Tribe: **The Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas**  
Project Title: **Protecting A Legacy: Cultural Expressions**  
Grant Award: **\$26,440.00**  
Description: The Alabama-Coushatta tribe will use the grant to documenting Tribal elders demonstrating traditional cultural practices such as original dances and songs, pine needle basketry and stickball and other games of the tribe. Audio and video documentation will be distributed on DVDs to area schools, museums and libraries as teaching resources.

## **Washington**

Tribe: **Suquamish Tribe**  
Project Title: **Survey of Traditional Hunting and Plant Gathering Skills**  
Grant Award: **\$37,187.00**  
Description: The Tribe's Archaeology and Historic Preservation Program will use funding to survey Tribal elders who possess knowledge of traditional hunting and plant gathering practices and skills.

Tribe: **Quinault Indian Nation**  
Project Title: **Chitem Totem and Canoe Revitalization Project**  
Grant Award: **\$40,000.00**  
Description: The funds will allow the Tribe to host mask, totem and canoe carving sessions and workshops for the purpose of documenting the sharing of these traditional cultural arts between tribal elders and youth.

**Wisconsin**

Tribe: **Stockbridge-Munsee Community**  
Project Title: **Stockbridge-Munsee Historic Preservation GIS Database Extension Project**  
Grant Award: **\$40,000.000**  
Description: Funding will be used to expand their Geographic Information System, created in 2008, by adding data on documented local historic and cultural sites on the reservation providing all Tribal departments information that will help eliminate possible chances of disturbances of burials, sacred, and historical sites.

Tribe: **Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa**  
Project Title: **Bad River Cultural Resource Preservation Project**  
Grant Award: **40,000.00**  
Description: The Tribe will use grant funds to develop a cultural resource preservation team which will then research twelve known cemeteries and burial sites and two structures.