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 (THPO) to assist in their efforts to protect and preserve their historic resources. Each State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), appointed by the Governor for each state, manages 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, who are required to pass through 10% to Certified Local Governments (CLG), and provide a 40% match to their HPF funds. HPF grants to THPOs, which do not require a match, help them undertake preservation activities and assume SHPO responsibilities on Tribal land if desired.

### Distribution of FY 2021 HPF

- State Historic Preservation Offices: $55,675,000
- Tribal Preservation Offices and Heritage Grants: $15,000,000
- African American Civil Rights: $16,750,000
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities: $10,000,000
- History of Equal Rights: $3,375,000
- Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Program: $7,500,000
- Save America’s Treasures: $25,000,000
- Semiquincentennial: $10,000,000
- Underrepresented Communities: $1,000,000
- **Total**: $144,300,000

### Competitive HPF Grants

Competitive grants from the Historic Preservation Fund can be apportioned by Congress for specific grant programs. These programs address different types of preservation needs across the country and fund a variety of work including: physical preservation work, surveys and inventories, National Register nominations, education, documentation, and preservation planning.

FY2021 Programs funded at $73,625,000:

- African American Civil Rights
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- History of Equal Rights
- Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Program
- Save America’s Treasures
- Semiquincentennial
- Tribal Heritage Grants
- Underrepresented Communities

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Competitive HPF Programs

African American Civil Rights (AACR) grant program awarded $15.5 million from FY2020 to 53 history and preservation projects that tell the story of the African American struggle for equality. 142 applications requested almost $40 million. $16.75 million in FY2021 funding under review for award by September 2022.

Rehabilitation of the Americus Colored Hospital in Americus, Georgia. From 1923-1953 this hospital provided health and medical care to African Americans but also provided medical training for medical professionals of color. Photo courtesy of Americus-Sumter County Movement Remembered Committee, Inc.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) grant program awarded $10 million from FY2020 to 20 projects for rehabilitation of National Register listed buildings on HBCU historic campuses. 18 applications requested over $8 million. $10 million in FY2021 funding under review for award by September 2022.

Benedict College received HPF funding through the HBCU program to fund repairs to the building envelope and interior building systems. Built in 1925, Duckett Hall, pictured here, is one of five buildings in the College’s historic district. Photo courtesy of Benedict College

Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization subgrant program awarded $7.5 million from FY2020 for 11 block grants to organizations to create subgrant programs that will fund preservation projects in rural communities under 50,000 in population. 35 eligible applications requested almost $23 million. $7.5 million in FY2021 funding under review for award by September 2022.

Johnson Hall, in Gardiner, Maine, received subgrant funding for window and masonry repairs through the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program. Photo courtesy of Maine Development Foundation

Save America’s Treasures (SAT) grant program awarded $16 million from FY2020 to 49 projects for nationally significant collections and preservation projects. 94 eligible applications requested over $34 million. $25 million in FY2021 funding under review for award by September 2022.

The P.T. Barnum Museum, located in Bridgeport, CT, received SAT funds to enable window repair and preservation. Photo courtesy of NPS

Tribal Heritage grant program awarded $569,086 for 12 projects to Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Groups, and Native Hawaiian Organizations from repurposed THPO FY2020 funding. 28 applications requested nearly $1.4 million. $570,000 in FY2021 funding under review for award by September 2022.

The Afognak Native Corporation and Alutiiq Museum of Kodiak, AK received a Tribal Heritage Grant to conduct a survey of Afognak lands. One of the finds is this Ulu fish cleaning tool. Photo: Courtesy Patrick Saltonstall & Alutiiq Museum

Underrepresented Communities grant program awarded $750,000 from FY2020 to 17 projects for survey and nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. $1 million in FY2021 funding under review for award by September 2022.

The City of Portland, OR, received funding to complete a survey of the history of Portland’s LGBTQ+ community. The Other Inn, pictured here, is one of Portland’s earliest gay venues. Photo courtesy of Don Horn

History of Equal Rights grant program awarded $2.4 million from FY2020 to 6 projects to preserve sites related to the struggle of all Americans to gain equal rights. 14 applications requested nearly $10 million. $3.27 million in FY2021 under review for award by September 2022.

The historic headquarters of the League of Women for Community Service, Boston, MA, received funding repair the roof, windows, and exterior walls to stabilize the building for reuse as the League’s headquarters again. Photo by SSV Architects, 2019
HPF By-the-Numbers

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Diverse Communities Benefit from HPF Funding

The Grandstands at Historic Hamtramck Stadium used planning funds from an HPF African American Civil Rights grant in 2016 to guide the work needed to preserve one of only five Negro League ballparks still in existence. In 2019, Charter County of Wayne, Michigan, applied and received another grant for $490,000 to implement Phase 1 of the planned rehabilitation of the canopy and the grandstand. Hamtramck Stadium was home to the Detroit Stars and Detroit Wolves of the Major Negro Leagues in the 1930s, and recently the field was named for Norman “Turkey” Stearnes, inductee to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2020.

The Kokoma School House is a significant building to the Forest County Potawatomi Community as a physical representation of the Tribe’s response to removal of their children to remote government boarding schools. A Tribal Heritage Grant awarded in 2021 will develop a restoration plan for the preservation of the school, enabling the Tribe to prominently feature the school in its original setting and continue to tell this difficult history.

The Leona Tate Foundation for Change secured two HPF grants from the African American Civil Rights and Save America’s Treasures programs in 2019, totaling $1 million. The mission was to preserve McDonough 19 Elementary School in the Lower 9th Ward of New Orleans, the site of the first school desegregation in Louisiana on November 14, 1960, when three six-year old girls were escorted to school by US Marshals. Those three girls, now women, formed a nonprofit to purchase the school, and with HPF funds spent much of FY2021 rehabilitating it into an interpretive center and affordable housing for seniors, leveraging an additional $1.2 million in match. The project was also featured on the Today Show on March 20, 2022.

5 state wide historic preservation plans approved
Required under the National Historic Preservation Act, these state plans identify social, economic, and environmental trends that influence preservation practice, with public participation to set statewide goals and objectives for historic preservation.
In FY2021, the NPS and SHPOs certified 31 new communities as CLGs willing to commit to historic preservation and protect what makes their communities special. CLG partners have special access each year to ten percent of the annual HPF funding allocated to each State. In addition, they can apply for the competitive grant programs from the HPF. Featured are two new CLGs and NPS will share more throughout 2022, through a #CLGMonday post. Please join us in sharing your CLG stories too!

A railroad town from the 1860s, Sweetwater, Tennessee, was the hub for the East Tennessee & Georgia Railroad, which later became the Southern Railway in 1894. Sweetwater is also a gateway community to the Great Smokey Mountain National Park.

**Local Governments Certified FY2021**

- Montgomery and Prattville, Alabama
- Cañon City, Fort Morgan, and Lyons, Colorado
- Madison, Connecticut
- Davie and Martin County, Florida
- Winterville and Woodbury, Georgia
- Batavia and Kendall County Illinois
- Crawfordsville, Hobart, and West Lafayette, Indiana
- Ringgold County, Iowa
- Nantucket, Massachusetts
- Evart, Michigan
- Dassel, Minnesota
- Swansboro, North Carolina
- Bowling Green, Ohio
- Grants Pass and Ontario, Oregon
- Erie, Milford, and Sewickley, Pennsylvania
- Cumberland Gap, Jellico, and Sweetwater, Tennessee
- Santaquin, Utah
- St. Albans, Vermont

**Integrated Resource Management Applications (IRMA)**

The National Park Service’s Integrated Resource Management Applications (IRMA) catalogs model Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant products. Since 2016, more than 2,000 HPF products have been uploaded to IRMA. The focus of these grant funded products include historic resource documentation, interpretation, and planning.

View all products at [go.nps.gov/HPF_IRMA](go.nps.gov/HPF_IRMA). Categories of interest include “Preservation Plans & Reports” which includes almost 200 past and present State Historic Preservation Plans, and over 35 local preservation plans. Also view a selection of economic impact studies, design guidelines, interpretive and tourism plans, and past versions of this HPF Annual Report.