

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND



## FISCAL YEAR 2023 REQUEST: \$200 MILLION for...

**\$65** million State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs) (FY22 \$57.675m)  
SHPOs carry out federal and state preservation programs that identify, revitalize and protect historic properties.

**\$35** million Save America's Treasures Program (FY22 \$26m)  
A grants program to help preserve nationally significant historic properties and collections.

**\$34** million Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) (FY22 \$16m)  
THPOs are federally recognized tribal governments that have been designated by the Department of Interior to assume the role of SHPO on their respective tribal lands.

**\$24** million African American Civil Rights Grants (FY 22\$21.750m)  
A competitive grant program to document, interpret, and preserve sites and stories related to the African American struggle to gain equal rights.

**\$12** million Historically Black Colleges and Universities (FY22 \$10m)  
A grant program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to preserve and repair historic buildings on the campuses of HBCUs.

**\$12** million Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants (FY22 \$10m)  
Grant program that supports the revitalization of historic properties and generates economic development in rural communities.

**\$10** million Semiquincentennial Celebration Grants (FY22 \$10m)  
Funding of a competitive grant program to commemorate the founding of the United States.

**\$5** million History of Equal Rights Grants (FY22 \$4.625m)  
A competitive grant program to preserve sites related to the struggle for any or all people to achieve equal rights in America.

**\$3** million Underrepresented Community Grants (FY22 \$1.250m)  
Supports works towards diversifying the nominations submitted to the National Register of Historic Places.

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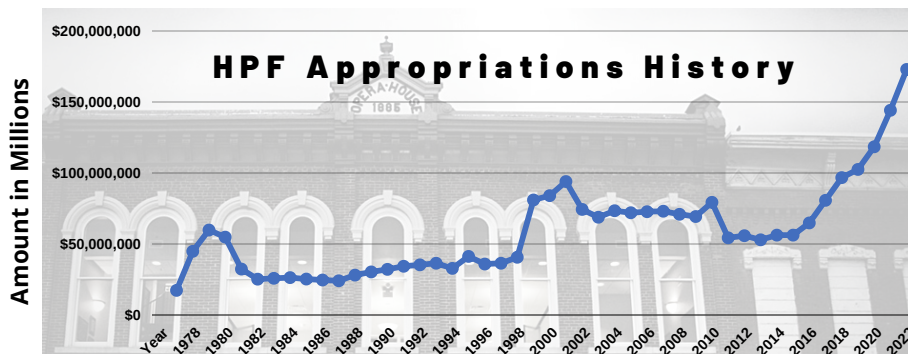


## CO-SPONSORS NEEDED

### CO-SPONSOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ENHANCEMENT ACT (H.R. 6589)

- Permanently authorizes funding for the HPF.
- Increases authorization from \$150 million to \$300 million annually.
- Ensures \$300 million is appropriated for the intended purpose each year.

(Senate version forthcoming)



## ENHANCING THE HPF IS LONG OVERDUE

## HPF OVERVIEW

- Established in 1976, the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) has helped to recognize, save, revitalize, and protect America's historic places. For more than forty years it has empowered states and local entities to preserve the buildings and sites that tell their community's stories.
- The HPF allocates a small percentage of revenue from federal offshore drilling (non-tax dollars) towards identifying, protecting, and utilizing historic resources. States are required to match at least 40 percent of the funding that they receive from the HPF.
- The combined funds allow states and tribes to carry out their federally-mandated duties of protecting our historic places and evaluating the impact of federal projects upon them.
- The HPF has been used to educate people of all ages, build community pride, and revitalize historic sites. It has also aided in the creation of jobs and strengthened state and local economies.

- The HPF received its first increase to the authorized funding level of \$150 million since the program's inception in 1976. The increase to a funding level of \$173.07 million in FY22 underscores the importance of appropriate funding of the HPF, and the need to continually increase levels to meet growing demands for funding.
- State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices are charged with carrying out responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act. This increased & reliable funding will boost capacity & efficiency among those offices and reduce the processing time for agency reviews.
- The bipartisan infrastructure bill passed by Congress and signed into law creates additional work for SHPOs/THPOs to process federally mandated reviews, but there was no inclusion of funding necessary to accomplish increasing demands.
- Funding set aside for HPF has never been fully appropriated, despite the money being available for that purpose. As of the start of FY 2022, 3.4 billion dollars was available in the Historic Preservation Fund.
- The HPF provides millions of dollars in pass-through grants to local communities for the rehabilitation of historic buildings, to fund survey and documentation projects, and provide resources to strengthen local communities.