



Brown Chapel AME Church in Alabama played a pivotal role in the Selma to Montgomery marches that helped lead to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In FY 2021, it received \$500,000 from the African American Civil Rights grant program within the HPF for its preservation.

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Invest in the Preservation of Our Nation’s Heritage

The HPF provides direct support to State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices that conduct surveys and documentation of historic resources and places, perform review of federal projects, and provide grants to local communities. In addition, the HPF also supports several competitive grant programs to preserve, document, and exhibit diverse histories. These programs address a wide variety of preservation needs across the country and fund various types of work. In recent years, more competitive grant programs have been created to celebrate the diversity of our nation and the histories of underrepresented communities - such as the History of Equal Rights, African American Civil Rights, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The HPF does not use tax-payer dollars. The HPF is uniquely structured, allocating a small percentage of federal offshore drilling revenue (non-tax dollars) towards identifying, protecting, and utilizing historic resources. Every year since 1976, \$150 million has been deposited into the HPF account in the federal treasury. Yet Congress has historically appropriated only a fraction of that amount.

Boost Funding for the Historic Preservation Fund

For more than forty years, the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) has supported the preservation and rehabilitation of historic sites throughout the nation, leading to economic growth, job creation, and community revitalization. Through the HPF, Tribal Nations, states, cities, and towns across the country have benefitted from the preservation of their unique histories to create vibrant and inclusive communities that encompass our nation’s full history. Now more than ever, the work of the HPF is breathing life into long untold stories and helping communities protect places that form our cultural foundations.

Urge Congress to support the Senate Interior Appropriations funding level of \$195.166 million, plus a one year extension of the program’s authorization, for the HPF in FY 2024.





Upcoming Reauthorization

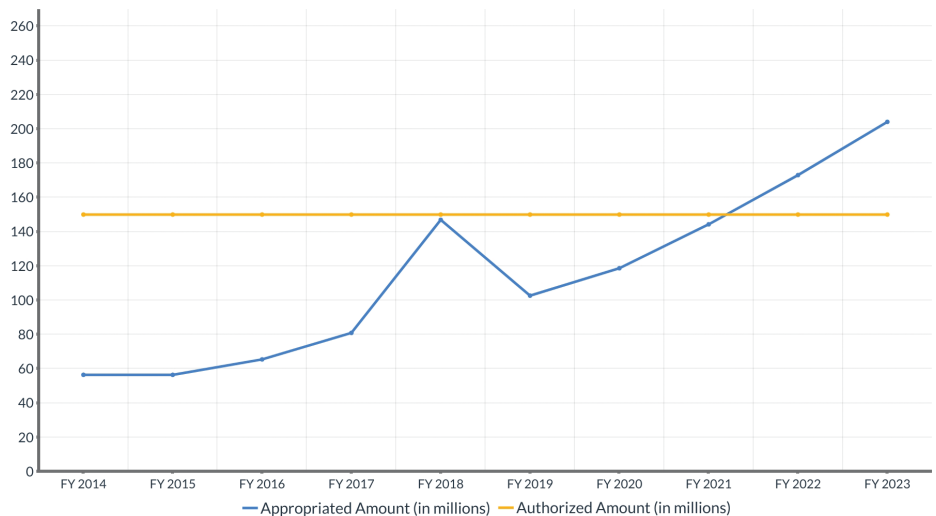
Despite chronic underfunding, for more than four decades, the HPF has facilitated nearly 90,000 listings on the National Register, surveyed millions of acres to protect significant cultural resources, and supported \$117 billion in private investment through the federal Historic Tax Credit—which is administered in part by State Historic Preservation Offices—resulting in the rehabilitation of over 47,000 historic buildings and the creation of nearly 3 million local jobs.

Authorization for the HPF expired on September 30th, 2023. Historic Preservation Caucus co-chairs Reps. Michael Turner (R-OH) and Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) introduced the Historic Preservation Fund Reauthorization Act (H.R. 3350) in May 2023. This legislation would authorize funding for the HPF for the next 10 years and increase its authorized level from \$150 to \$250 million, annually. This additional \$100 million represents the first increase in HPF’s authorized level since its inception over 40 years ago.

There is an additional avenue for a temporary one-year extension to the HPF’s authorization. In early 2023, President Biden released the annual budget request reflecting the Administration’s recommended funding levels for agencies and programs for FY 2024. Included in this budget proposal was a one-year extension for the HPF, which was echoed in the Senate Interior Appropriations bill in July 2023. This extension would allow more time to build bipartisan support for the Historic Preservation Fund Reauthorization Act.

Preserving America’s history becomes more challenging with the passage of time. The HPF should receive the support and certainty needed to adequately protect our nation’s historic resources well into the future.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND Authorized Amount vs. Appropriated Amount



A history of the appropriated amount of funding for the Historic Preservation Fund. While Congress exceeded HPF’s authorized amount of \$150 million for the first time in FY2022, demand for preservation services still exceeds this funding level and calls for a higher authorized amount.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

PROGRAM CATEGORY	Biden FY24 Budget Request	FY24 House Markup Levels	FY24 Senate Markup Levels
State Historic Preservation Offices	\$62.150	\$62.150	\$62.150
Tribal Historic Preservation Offices	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$23.00
African American Civil Rights Grants	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00
History of Equal Rights Grants	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Semiquincentennial Grants	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
HBCU Grants	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00
Underrepresented Communities Grants	\$1.250	\$1.25	\$1.25
Save America Treasures (SAT) Grants	\$26.50	\$26.50	\$26.50
Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50
Congressionally Directed Spending	N/A	\$0	\$19.766
Historic Preservation Fund (HPF)	\$177.900	\$175.4	\$195.166

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