



# HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVOCACY WEEK

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# 2024 ADVOCACY WEEK OUTLOOK

Welcome to National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week 2024! Get ready for policy briefings with lobbying and advocacy experts, remarks from special guests, meetings on the Hill, and networking with fellow grassroots advocates from across the nation. The 118th Congress has been dubbed the “most unproductive Congress in decades,” yet historic preservation continues to attract bipartisan support. National preservation organizations have been working with elected officials over the last year to introduce legislation that supports key preservation programs and funding. This week is your chance to bring the grassroots voice to your elected officials. Meetings go best when constituents demonstrate how a bill or proposed action will impact the local district, so take a look at this guide and take notes during Tuesday’s training day to ensure you’re best positioned to make your pitch for preservation.

This year, we’re requesting the all-important HPF reauthorization; FY 2025 HPF appropriations; much-needed enhancements to the federal Historic Tax Credit; and promotion of the Historic Preservation Caucus. We remain committed to furthering the protection of historic and cultural heritage, encouraging economic development, and fostering job creation - priorities that both sides of the aisle can support. We invite you to continue to nurture existing and build new relationships with your elected officials in Congress so historic preservation continues to help support, recognize, and protect America’s heritage.

## STRATEGIES FOR HILL VISITS

### KNOW YOUR MEMBER

- Research your Congressional Member's biography, committee assignments & policy priorities
- You may find that someone helped establish a National Historic Landmark, provided assistance with a local tax credit project or sought funding for a specific preservation project. In some cases, you'll be talking to someone who has no track record with historic preservation at all - and that's OK!
- Share your knowledge of preservation and the district. Share how what you do relates to a given program
- Focus on building a 2-way dialogue to share information & problem solve the issues at hand in a bipartisan manner. Offer to be a resource to offices
- Create an opportunity for more dialogue. Invite the member and/or staff to visit a historic site or HTC project in their district. If there's an upcoming event in the district, invite them to attend

### KNOW YOUR ASKS & FELLOW ADVOCATES

- State coordinators should prepare relevant materials to leave behind for staff offices & share w/advocates
- Talk with other advocates in your state - ask questions and exchange ideas!
- At the conclusion of the meeting, ask for a picture

**AFTER EACH HILL VISIT, PLEASE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF YOUR DELEGATION COMPLETE THIS ONLINE HILL FORM**



**AND REMEMBER TO FOLLOW UP AFTER YOUR MEETINGS TO THANK MEMBERS AND PROVIDE ANY PROMISED INFORMATION!**



**HPF REAUTHORIZATION**

**ASK:** Support the immediate reauthorization of the now lapsed Historic Preservation Fund.

- Co-sponsor [H.R. 3350](#)
- Support the inclusion of HPF reauthorization as part of future legislative vehicles
- Support intro of a Senate bill to reauthorize HPF at no less than \$250 million annually

**TALK TO:** Members of Congress & staff, especially members of the [House Natural Resources Committee](#) and [Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee](#), especially those on the Federal Lands & Public Lands subcommittees.

IT IS VITAL THAT CONGRESS RENEW AND STRENGTHEN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE HPF SO SHPOS & THPOS CAN PERFORM THEIR FEDERALLY MANDATED DUTIES; THEN ALONG WITH THE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS, WE CAN SAVE AMERICA'S HISTORIC PLACES

**HPF APPROPRIATIONS**

**ASK:** Support FY 2025 Historic Preservation Fund appropriations of \$225 million

- \$70 million for SHPOs
- \$34 million for THPOs
- \$121 million for preservation grant programs
- Please see HPF 1-pager for complete ask

**TALK TO:** Members of Congress & staff, especially members of the [House](#) & [Senate](#) appropriations committee, especially those on the Interior subcommittees.

- **Appropriators:** Thank/encourage their support of HPF; remind them that more funding is needed to carry out the essential programs funded by HPF.
- **Non-Appropriators:** Ask them to voice support of the HPF request to the Chairman & Ranking Member of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee.

**HISTORIC TAX CREDIT**

**ASK:** Support much-needed enhancements to the Historic Tax Credit program.

- Co-sponsor [HTC-GO \[S.639 | H.1785\]](#)
- Support provision inclusion in a moving legislative vehicle

**TALK TO:** Members of Congress & staff, specifically members of the [House Ways & Means Committee](#) & [Senate Finance Committee](#).

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION CAUCUS**

**ASK:** Join the House Historic Preservation Caucus (or thank if your member is on it).

**TALK TO:** Members of the U.S. House of Representatives (& their staff)

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