



# Historic Preservation Fund Annual Report

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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 to assist in their efforts to protect and preserve their historic resources. Each State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer uses 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 (SHPO), who are required to pass 10% of their funding to Certified Local Governments (CLG), and provide a 40% match to their HPF funds. HPF grants to Tribes (THPO), which do not require a match, help them undertake preservation activities and assume SHPO responsibilities on tribal land as outlined in their THPO agreement with the NPS.

## Distribution of FY 2023 HPF

|   |                      |
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| State Historic Preservation Offices             | \$62,150,000         |
| Tribal Preservation Offices and Heritage Grants | \$23,000,000         |
| African American Civil Rights                   | \$24,000,000         |
| Historically Black Colleges and Universities    | \$11,000,000         |
| History of Equal Rights                         | \$5,000,000          |
| Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Program      | \$12,500,000         |
| Save America's Treasures                        | \$26,500,000         |
| Semiquincentennial                              | \$10,000,000         |
| Underrepresented Communities                    | \$1,250,000          |
| Congressionally Directed Spending               | \$29,115,000         |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>\$204,515,000</b> |

**FOR EVERY \$1 OF FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AN ADDITIONAL \$3.97 IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY TAKES PLACE LOCALLY**

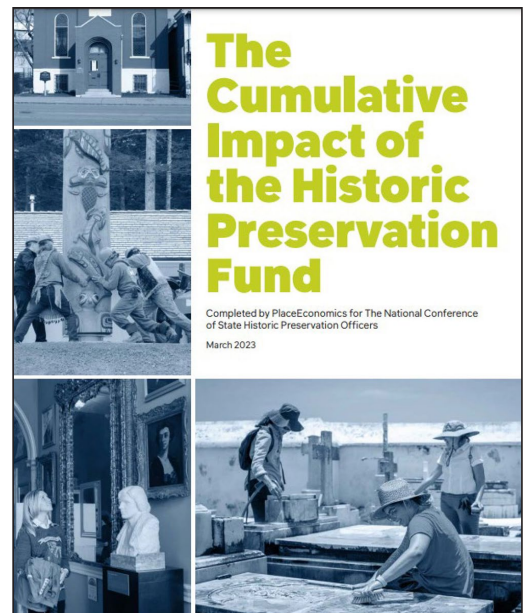
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## \$204.5 million

Amount appropriated in FY2023 by the US Congress from the HPF for historic preservation

## Impact on the HPF

[The Cumulative Impact of the Historic Preservation Fund](#) for 20 years from 2001 to 2021 was released in March 2023. The report includes funding to State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs), Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs), and Certified Local Governments (CLGs) as well as the impacts of HPF competitive grant programs such as Save America's Treasures, African American Civil Rights, Tribal Heritage Grants, and more. The report was produced by [PlaceEconomics](#) for the [National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers](#) in partnership with the National Park Service.



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# Competitive HPF Programs

Competitive grants from the Historic Preservation Fund can be appropriated 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, surveys and inventories, National Register nominations, education, documentation, and preservation planning.



**African American Civil Rights (AACR)** grant program awarded \$21 million from FY2022 to 37 projects in 16 states for history and preservation projects that tell the story of the African American struggle for equality. 116 applications requested over \$52 million.

The Prince Hall Masonic Lodge, headquarters to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) during the 1960s in Atlanta, Georgia, was also the location of many African American-owned businesses including Madam C.J. Walker Beauty Shoppe and WERD, the nation's first African American-owned and directed radio station. The property is in the Martin Luther King, Jr., Historic District. This grant will fund work to the roof, drainage system, exterior walls, windows and mechanical systems. Following rehabilitation, the SCLC offices will be open to the public and provide educational programming while housing historic and archival items. Photo courtesy: Ben Gray for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution



**Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)** grant program awarded \$9.7 million in grants to assist 14 preservation projects in 10 states for National Register listed or eligible buildings on HBCU historic campuses.

The Mansion House, Hampton, Virginia, pre-dates the founding of Hampton University, by 40 years and was part of the 160-acre Little Scotland Plantation, then a hospital for Camp Hamilton during the Civil War. In 1867, it became a teachers' residence and the home of General Armstrong, who founded Hampton University in 1868. As a contributing resource to the Hampton University National Historic Landmark District, listed in November 1969, the House will receive upgrades to the site's mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, repair of deteriorated structural elements, repointing of masonry, and repairing the deteriorated finishes throughout. Photo courtesy: Hampton University



**History of Equal Rights (HER)** grant program awarded \$4.48 million from FY2022 for 8 projects in 7 states to preserve sites related to the struggle of all Americans to gain equal rights.

The Detroit Association of Colored Women's Clubs bought this house in 1941 to serve as headquarters for the association. From the house, the association, and particularly its president, Rosa Gragg, addressed numerous social issues including African American civil rights. This grant will foster its ongoing preservation by producing a historic structure report and a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Photo courtesy: Sandra Little and Ruth Mills

## Diverse Communities Benefit from HPF Funding

### St. John Rosenwald School, Gordonsville, Virginia

Julius Rosenwald, President of Sears, Roebuck and Company, was a businessman and philanthropist who partnered with Booker T. Washington to build schools for African American children across fifteen states. The St. John Rosenwald School was built in 1922-1923 in Gordonsville, one of 380 schools built in Virginia by the Julius Rosenwald Fund. St. John, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is a powerful reminder of the denial of African American access to public education



Grand reopening of St. John Rosenwald School, November 2023, NPS Photo.

systems and serves as an example of a former school building successfully preserved and adapted to a new use for the community.

The St. John Family Life and Fitness Center, Inc. received two African American Civil Rights Grants from the Historic Preservation Fund. These grants supported the rehabilitation of the former school into a community and fitness center, and museum. The work included foundation stabilization, and installation of a heating and cooling system, plumbing, insulation, and electrical work. A grand reopening of the property was celebrated in November of 2023.

Since 2016, the African American Civil Rights program has provided over \$126 million to document, protect, and preserve the places and events associated with one of the greatest struggles in American history. The goal of this HPF grant program is to preserve and protect the sites and stories associated with the struggle for equality from transatlantic slave trade forward.

**8 statewide 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.



**Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization (BRUHN)** subgrant program awarded \$9.7 million from FY2022 to 13 recipients in 12 states to support economic development through the preservation of historic buildings in rural communities across the country. 50 applications requested over \$33 million.

Red Lodge Area Community Foundation will provide subgrants to renew community anchors in flood-ravaged Carbon County, Montana, that serves as a gateway to Yellowstone National Park. Selected properties will be catalysts for economic stability and growth at a time when the community has been overwhelmed by a flooding event unlike any the region has ever faced. The Foundation will partner with community economic development and historic preservation entities to direct subgrants to income-producing historic buildings in critical need of sensitive repair and rehabilitation. Photo courtesy: Jeremy Battles



**Save America's Treasures (SAT)** grant program awarded \$25.7 million from FY2022 to 58 projects in 26 states, the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia for nationally significant collections and preservation projects. 72 applications requested over \$30 million.

A contributing structure to the San Juan Bautista Plaza National Historic Landmark District in Sacramento, California, the Zanetta House/Plaza Hall exemplifies the early statehood period in California's history and a 19th century town built on the traditional Spanish-Mexican Colonial Plaza plan. This grant will fund the holistic rehabilitation of the structure, addressing numerous threats including seismic vulnerability, moisture, mechanical and electrical deficiencies, visitor safety, and accessibility. Photo courtesy: California Department of Parks and Recreation



**Semiquincentennial (SEMIQUIN)** grant program awarded \$10 million from FY2022 to 20 preservation projects in 14 states to mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

Viets' Tavern in East Granby, Connecticut, is integral to the story of the Old New-Gate Prison, the nation's first state prison facility. Built by Captain John Viets in 1755, the tavern is situated less than ten yards from the front gate of the prison where he served as warden. Viet's Tavern tells a more complete history of the United States by focusing on the role of incarceration before 1800. Grant funding will address outdated electrical wiring, reinforce framing and ceilings, and repair paneling and rotted windowsills. Photo courtesy: Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development



**Tribal Heritage (THG)** grant program awarded \$603,149 to 10 projects to Federally recognized Tribes, Alaska Native Groups, and Native Hawaiian Organizations from repurposed THPO FY2022 funding. 31 applications requested \$1.8 million.

Wheelock Academy, located in Durant, Oklahoma, was a boarding school for young Native American girls, most of whom were Choctaw, from 1884-1955. Funds will be used by the Choctaw Nation to conduct feasibility studies for Pushmataha Hall and Wilson Hall. The studies will assess what is required to return the buildings to a safe and secure condition, as well as estimated costs and timelines for rehabilitation, and make recommendations for future viability. Photo courtesy: Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



**Underrepresented Communities (URC)** grant program awarded \$1.25 million from FY2022 to 19 projects in 19 states, and the District of Columbia, for survey and nominations to add more diverse resources to the National Register of Historic Places.

Established in 1916, the Jefferson Jacobs Rosenwald School in Louisville, Kentucky, was named for a local farmer who also later developed the Taylor-Jacob subdivision, the only known example in the county that was owned, designed, developed, and managed by and for African Americans. The subdivision and the school will be surveyed and nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with this grant funding. Photo courtesy: Develop Louisville

| HPF By-the-Numbers                              | SHPO  | THPO  |
|---|---|---|
|   | New listings to the National Register of Historic Places<br>—cumulative total listings <b>98,000</b> —total contributing resources <b>1.9 million</b> | <b>841</b>                                    |
| Properties nominated to Tribal Registers        | n/a   | <b>413</b>                                    |
| Federal undertakings reviewed                   | <b>177,400</b>  | 9,850 Tribal Lands<br>125,500 Ancestral Lands |
| Acres surveyed/Sites newly identified           | <b>5,338,000 acres</b><br><b>934,800 sites</b>  | <b>255,000 acres</b>                          |
| National Register eligibility opinions provided | <b>83,200</b>   | <b>9,850</b>                                  |

# CLG : 23 New Communities in 14 States Total 2,107 Participating Communities



Town of Harrisville, NH

Harrisville is a small New Hampshire town centered around a uniquely preserved 19th century hydro-powered industrial mill complex, the only New England textile village that has largely survived in its original form. The scenic village makes up just one of six historic districts listed in the National Register, including several individually listed structures and farms throughout town. In 1977, Harrisville was designated a National Historic Landmark. Located in the heart of the Monadnock region in the southwestern area of the state, Harrisville contains plentiful woods, pastures, lakes, and ponds enjoyed by its year-round population of roughly 960 residents. Harrisville became a CLG in March 2023.



Saginaw, MI

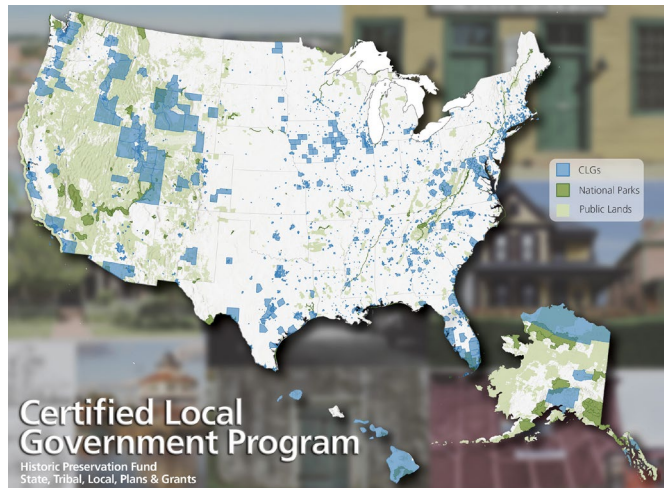
After receiving certification as a CLG, Saginaw, Michigan wrote – “The CLG program has the opportunity to be a catalytic driver for economic development activities in the City of Saginaw,” said Cassi Zimmerman, Director of Planning and Economic Development for the City of Saginaw. “We plan to utilize as many programs as possible to provide funding and development assistance to our historic property owners to drive investment in our existing building stock. We recognize the importance of historic structures when it comes to strengthening neighborhoods. The many benefits of this program will help us target incremental improvements along historic corridors and areas within the city, to improve, preserve and increase occupancy of Saginaw’s historic building stock.”

## Local Governments Certified FY2023

In FY2023, the NPS and SHPOs certified 23 new communities as Certified Local Governments (CLGs) willing to commit to historic preservation and protect what makes their communities special. CLG partners have special access each year to 10% of the annual HPF funding allocated to each State. In addition, they can apply for competitive grant programs from the HPF. Featured are two new CLGs and NPS will share more through [#CLGMonday](#) posts.

| CLG Name                       | Approval Date | State Name     |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Kodiak                         | 03/23/2023    | Alaska         |
| Minturn                        | 02/28/2023    | Colorado       |
| Venice                         | 06/16/2023    | Florida        |
| Wilton Manors                  | 06/16/2023    | Florida        |
| Newton                         | 09/22/2023    | Kansas         |
| Wyandotte County & Kansas City | 03/20/2023    | Kansas         |
| Harrodsburg                    | 09/21/2023    | Kentucky       |
| Beverly                        | 03/07/2023    | Massachusetts  |
| Sudbury                        | 12/15/2022    | Massachusetts  |
| City of Coldwater              | 09/01/2023    | Michigan       |
| Saginaw                        | 12/28/2022    | Michigan       |
| Harrisville                    | 03/23/2023    | New Hampshire  |
| Niagara Falls                  | 06/16/2023    | New York       |
| Southampton                    | 01/30/2023    | New York       |
| West Seneca                    | 02/28/2023    | New York       |
| Boone                          | 12/14/2022    | North Carolina |
| Waxhaw                         | 01/24/2023    | North Carolina |
| Weatherford                    | 05/15/2023    | Texas          |
| St. Albans, Town of            | 04/18/2023    | Vermont        |
| Woodstock, Town of             | 09/18/2023    | Vermont        |
| King William County            | 08/15/2023    | Virginia       |
| Prairie du Chien               | 12/05/2022    | Wisconsin      |
| Wisconsin Rapids               | 03/15/2023    | Wisconsin      |

## CLG Gateway Application



Map of Certified Local Governments

The Certified Local Government Gateway application is designed to connect local governments with their federal partners, like National Parks. Access at [www.nps.gov/stlpg](http://www.nps.gov/stlpg) under “HPF In Action.”