

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

"The preservation of this irreplaceable heritage is in the public interest so that its vital legacy of cultural, educational, esthetic, inspirational, economic and energy benefits will be maintained and enriched for future generations of Americans."

-1966 National Historic Preservation Act



HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND FY17 REQUEST:

- **\$55 million for State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs) for heritage preservation and protection programs that create jobs, economic development, and community revitalization. The request includes \$5 million for a competitive grant program to survey and document America's historic resources. (current funding - \$46.925 million, President's request - \$46.925 million)**

In partnership with the federal government, SHPOs carry out the primary functions of the National Historic Preservation Act including –finding and documenting America's historic places, making nominations to the National Register, providing assistance on rehabilitation tax credit projects, reviewing impacts of federal projects, working with local governments and preservation commissions, and conducting preservation education and planning.

- **\$15 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) to carry out the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act and to support the tribal competitive grant program. (current funding - \$9.985 million, President's request \$11.985 million)**

THPOs are federally recognized tribal governments that have entered into an agreement with the Department of the Interior to assume the federal compliance role of the SHPO on their respective Tribal lands. THPOs are actively involved with projects to improve Indian schools, roads, health clinics and housing. In FY96, 12 tribes received an average of \$80,000. In FY13, 136 tribes received an average of \$60,000 – more than \$20,000 less than when the program first started. There are anticipated to be nearly 170 THPOs by the end of FY16. Without increased funding, the average THPO grant will continue to decrease.

- **\$500,000 for a competitive Identification Grant Program (current funding - \$500,000, President's request \$500,000)**

For competitive grants for the survey and nomination of properties to the National Register of Places and as National Historic Landmarks associated with communities currently underrepresented.

- **\$25 million for Civil Rights Initiative Competitive Grants (current funding - \$8 million, President's request \$25 million)**

A competitive grant program to preserve the sites and stories of Civil Rights in America. Funding would provide competitive grants to document, interpret, and preserve the sites and stories with the Civil Rights movement and the African American experience.

- **\$3 million for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (current funding - \$0, President's request \$3 million)**

Funding would provide grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to document, interpret, and preserve the stories and sites associated with the Civil Rights Movement and the African-American experience.

Total Historic Preservation Fund Request: \$98.5 million (President's request \$87.4 million)

To mark the 50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, we ask for your support for this incremental increase to help achieve full funding of the HPF of \$150 million by 2020.