

A Report on



**Fiscal Year 2011
Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes,
Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiian
Organizations**



**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Heritage Preservation Services
Tribal Preservation Program**

INTRODUCTION

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 authorizes grants to Indian tribes for cultural and historic preservation projects. Now in its fifteenth year, this grant program assists American Indians and Alaska Natives in protecting and promoting their unique cultural traditions.

From the beginning, the program has been shaped by Indian tribes. Tribal representatives defined "historic preservation from a tribal perspective" in a National Park Service report to Congress in 1990. *Keepers of the Treasures: Protecting Historic Properties and Cultural Traditions on Indian Land* describes, in the words of Indian people, what they are concerned with protecting. Native language, oral history, plant and animal species important in tradition, sacred and historic places, and the establishment of tribal historic preservation offices are all part of preservation from a tribal perspective. The grants selected in Fiscal Year 2011 continue to reflect this broad range of funding needs.

Since 1990, over \$20.5 million has been awarded to approximately 556 projects in Indian and Alaska Native communities. In Fiscal Year 2011, a total of \$741,460 is being awarded to 19 communities for a broad range of historic preservation projects. The projects selected for funding are summarized below.

GRANT SELECTION PROCESS

Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, and Native Hawaiian organizations were invited to submit grant applications to support historic preservation projects and promote the continuation of living cultural traditions.

The application guidelines listed five major categories of eligible activities for Historic Preservation Fund grants: locating and identifying cultural resources, preserving a historic property listed on the National Register, preservation planning, oral history and documenting cultural traditions, and education and training projects in historic and cultural preservation.

Postcards announcing the availability of and how to receive a grant application and application guidelines were mailed in the fall of 2010 to the chief elected officials of all Federally recognized Indian tribes and Alaskan Native groups, all Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, all State Historic Preservation Officers, and to others (including Native Hawaiian organizations) on a mailing list of over 1,400 individuals and organizations. In all, 40 proposals were received requesting approximately \$1.55 million.

A Panel of experts met in Washington, D.C. on April 21, 2011, and evaluated each application. Panel members are listed below.

GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

Reviewers were asked to consider the following criteria in evaluating applications:

1. What critical preservation issue does the project address and how well does it address it?
2. Are the project objectives and activities reasonable and achievable in terms of:
Time -- is there enough time allotted to each task and activity?
Personnel – for each task or activity are project personnel appropriate and qualified?
Budget – are the budget items reasonable and justified?
3. Is there a demonstrable commitment to the project by the tribe? Is the tribe donating any funds, staff time, or overhead/indirect costs?
4. Will there be a lasting impact and benefit to the tribe if this project is successfully completed?

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Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians**

Tribe [State]	Amount
Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town (OK)	\$ 40,000
Aoao O Na Loko La O Maui (HI)	\$ 60,000
Aroostook Band of Micmacs (ME)	\$ 39,734
Crow Tribe of Indians (MT)	\$ 39,378
Delaware Tribe of Indians (OK)	\$ 39,742
Fort Hall Business Council/Shoshone-Bannock Tribes (ID)	\$ 60,000
Huna Totem Corporation (AK)	\$ 39,875
Koniag, Inc. (AK)	\$ 39,955
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin (WI)	\$ 40,000
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe-Department of Natural Resources (MN)	\$ 29,939
Nambe Pueblo (NM)	\$ 37,047
Native Village of Afognak (AK)	\$ 35,254
Nez Perce Tribe (ID)	\$ 40,000
Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point (Sipayik) (ME)	\$ 19,231
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (WA)	\$ 38,410
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (WI)	\$ 31,812
Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians (CA)	\$ 32,916
Telida Traditional Council (AK)	\$ 38,207
Ute Tribal Preservation Office (CO)	\$ 39,960
TOTAL	\$741,460

**FY 2011 Project Descriptions
Listed by State**

Alaska

- Tribe: **Huna Totem Corporation**
Project Title: **Oral History Collection Management for Cultural Preservation Planning**
Grant Award: **\$39,875.00**
Description: Funding will support digitization of an oral history collection that will provide a searchable and accessible Tlingit primary source of information on sacred and culturally significant sites. Dissemination of this information to the Huna Tlingit will support collaborative efforts in the long-term preservation through the development of a Comprehensive Cultural Plan.
- Tribe: **Koniag, Inc.**
Project Title: **Neq'rvat: The Alutiiq Wild Foods Project**
Grant Award: **\$ 39,955.00**
Description: This project will unite the knowledge of the Alutiiq community's most experienced wild food harvester's and cooks with the Alutiiq Museum to document, share, and perpetuate tribal subsistence traditions.
- Tribe: **Native Village of Afognak**
Project Title: **Northern Kodiak Alutiiq Stories & Lost Word**
Grant Award: **\$35,254.00**
Description: Funding will complete Phase 1 of a planned Walk Through Old Afognak Internet site, where visitors can experience the historic village of Afognak via primary documents, photos, maps and audiovisual recordings.
- Tribe: **Telida Traditional Council**
Project Title: **Upper Kuskokwim Cultural and Historical Place Names Preservation Project**
Grant Award: **\$38,207.00**
Description: The Tribe will use grant funds to document historical and cultural places located throughout the Upper Kuskokwim River region by utilizing a comprehensive survey and interview process of leading experts, organizations and Elders. The project scope also involves the development of a GIS database and interactive GIS map.

California

- Tribe: **Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians**
Project Title: **The Soboba Cultural Sites Preservation Planning Project**
Grant Award: **\$32,916.00**
Description: Funding will go to support the development of a comprehensive management and planning tool that will aid in the maintenance of cultural sites previously identified by the Soboba Cultural Resources Department on the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians' reservation land.

Colorado

Tribe: **Ute Tribal Preservation Office**
Project Title: **Wetis Orupugat Navachukwak – Reconnecting Our Past: The Ute Tribe Park Expansion Project (Phase I)**
Grant Award: **\$39,960.00**
Description: This project will support archaeological site assessment, mapping and pottery tallies of several important archeological sites that are within the New Mexico portion of the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation.

Hawaii

Tribe: **Aoao O Na Loko La O Maui**
Project Title: **Revitalization of Ko'ie'ie Fishpond, a National and Native Hawaiian Treasure**
Grant Award: **\$60,000.00**
Description: Project funding will assist in the preservation of Hawaii's culture, traditions and practices through the revitalization and maintenance of the historic Ko'ie'ie Fishpond listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Idaho

Tribe: **Fort Hall Business Council/Shoshone-Bannock Tribes**
Project Title: **Reclaiming the Lincoln Creek Day School for the People**
Grant Award: **\$60,000.00**
Description: Funding will go to support the rehabilitation of the historic Lincoln Creek School into a community center to serve the remote Lincoln Creek District of the Reservation.

Tribe: **Nez Perce Tribe**
Project Title: **Nez Perce Arts Council Survey and Directory of Tribal Traditional Skills**
Grant Award: **\$40,000.00**
Description: Project funding will help preserve Nez Perce cultural practices by surveying and identifying traditional practitioners with knowledge of tribal traditions, cultural arts and skills, and develop an educational process to impart those skills to other tribal members.

Maine

Tribe: **Aroostook Band of Micmacs**
Project Title: **Survey of Mi'kmaq Traditional Skills**
Grant Award: **\$39,734.00**
Description: Funding will help preserve and protect traditional Mi'kmaq values by surveying tribal elders and inventorying the time-honored skills of the Tribe.

Tribe: **Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point (Sipayik)**
Project Title: **Historic Structure Report for Saint Anne's Church, Pleasant Point**
Grant Award: **\$19,231.00**
Description: This grant will enable the Tribal Historic Preservation Office to compile a "Historic Structure's Report" for the historic and architecturally significant St. Anne's Church at Pleasant Point Indian Reservation.

Minnesota

Tribe: **Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe-Department of Natural Resources**
Project Title: **Mille Lacs Band Culturally and Historically Significant Site Identification Project**
Grant Award: **\$29,939.00**
Description: Grant funds will contribute to ethnographic surveys that will assist in identifying spiritually, culturally, and historically significant sites eligible for preservation into perpetuity for the people of MLBO.

Montana

Tribe: **Crow Tribe of Indians**
Project Title: **Every Morning of the World Revisited: Crow History and Culture**
Grant Award: **\$39,378.00**
Description: Funding will facilitate the recording of stories told by Crow elders during archaeological field school sessions at the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. Work also includes digitizing previous sessions captured on audio tapes so that they may be accessible as an educational resource.

New Mexico

Tribe: **Nambe Pueblo**
Project Title: **Preservation of Nambe Pueblo: Historic Village and Ancient Migration Site**
Grant Award: **\$37,047.00**
Description: Project funds will contribute to the development of a preservation plan for culturally significant historic structures in the core of the Pueblo which is a National Register Historic District. A program in historic preservation training will be built into the project allowing participation of Pueblo members in addition to mentorship opportunities for youth by Pueblo elders.

Oklahoma

Tribe: **Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town**
Project Title: **Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town Oral History and Documentation Project**
Grant Award: **\$40,000.00**
Description: The Tribe will collect oral histories on video and audio recordings which encompass the tradition and culture of the tribe, from tribal elders for cultural transmission and educational purposes.

Tribe: **Delaware Tribe of Indians**
Project Title: **Survey and Inventory of Historic Delaware Sites in Southwest Missouri**
Grant Award: **\$39,742.00**
Description: Grant funding will support archaeological research in southwest Missouri to identify sites related to the Delaware occupation of the region which are now threatened by rapid urban development.

Washington

Tribe: **Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe**
Project Title: **Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Lands Cultural Resource Inventory Project**
Grant Award: **\$38,410.00**
Description: Funding will facilitate the survey and identification of cultural resources on Port Gamble S'Klallam reservation lands and surrounding areas that are of cultural significance to the Gamble S'Klallam tribal members.

Wisconsin

Tribe: **Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians**
Project Title: **Utilizing and Integrating Technology Opportunities through Historic Preservation Electronic Files**
Grant Award: **\$31,812.00**
Description: Project funds will assist historic preservation and planning efforts by moving Phase I, the collection of historic and archaeological information, into Phase II, the analysis of the collection. Part of the project will include developing a web site featuring the collection and historic preservation planning.

Tribe: **Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin**
Project Title: **Chief Kineway Settlement Survey**
Grant Award: **\$40,000.00**
Description: Funding will be used to survey, inventory, and map the archeological site know as Kineway Settlement and also document its oral history. It is believed the structure of this community most accurately reflects Menominee community structure prior to social and economic influences of neighboring cultures, and tells a story of the culture's response to the social and economic stress of forced relocation.