

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND REQUEST

"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 Fiscal Year 2022 REQUEST:

- **\$60 million for State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs) for heritage preservation and protection programs that create jobs, economic development, and community revitalization. (FY 2021 funding - \$55.675 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 conducting preservation education and planning.
- **\$24 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) (FY 2021 funding - \$15 million)**  
THPOs are designated by 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. Tribal historic preservation plans are based on traditional knowledge and cultural values, and may involve projects to improve Indian schools, roads, health clinics and housing.
- **\$19 million for African American Civil Rights Initiative Competitive Grants (FY 2021 funding - \$16.75 million)**  
Preserves the sites and stories of the African American struggle to gain equal rights in America.
- **\$7 million for the History of Equal Rights Grant Program (FY 2021 funding - \$3.375 million)** Preserves sites related to the struggle of all people to achieve equal rights in America.
- **\$10 million for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (FY 2021 funding - \$10 million)**  
Funds grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to preserve and repair historic buildings on the campuses of HBCUs.
- **\$20 million for Save America's Treasures Program (FY 2021 Funding - \$25 million)** Helps preserve nationally significant historic properties and collections that convey our nation's rich heritage to future generations of Americans
- **\$1 million for Underrepresented Community Grants (FY 2021 Funding - \$1 million)** Supports works towards diversifying the nominations submitted to the National Register of Historic Places.
- **\$9 million for Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants (FY 2021 Funding - \$7.5 million)** Supports the rehabilitation of historic properties and fosters economic development of rural communities through subgrants.
- **Semiquincentennial Grants** We strongly support funding for the competitive grant program to preserve publicly owned historical sites commemorating the upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the United States.

**Total Historic Preservation Fund Request: FY 2022 \$150 million (FY 2021 \$144 .3 million)**