STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICES

FY 2019 REQUEST:

- $52 million for State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs) for heritage preservation and protection programs that create jobs, generate economic development, and spur community revitalization.
- Includes $2 million for competitive grants to survey and digitally document America’s historic resources and $50 million to SHPOs.
- Current funding level is $47.925 million.

SHPOs were established in 1966 by the National Historic Preservation Act to administer federal historic preservation programs at the state and local levels. These programs help communities identify, evaluate, preserve, and revitalize their historic, archeological, and cultural resources. This encourages heritage tourism, increases economic development, and brings state and local input into federal decision-making.

QUICK FACTS

- The Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), created in 1976, provides federal funding to State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices.
- States are required to match 40% of the money they receive from the HPF.
- In FY16, the Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program, administered primarily by SHPOs, leveraged $4.6 billion in private investment and created about 109,000 jobs.
- Working under 30 day deadlines, last year SHPOs reviewed and commented on nearly 99,845 federal undertakings.
- Through the work of SHPOs and the National Park Service, last year 1,111 new listings were added to the National Register of Historic Places.
- More than 1 million Americans live in National Register homes or districts in virtually every county.
- There are more than 2,000 Certified Local Governments (CLG’s). Ten percent of SHPO HPF funding is passed through to CLGs.
- In 2016, SHPOs and consultants surveyed more than 15 million acres for cultural resources.
- Nearly half of the nation’s historic resource records are solely available in paper/map formats.
- 95% of States report that lack of digital records impacts their project review efficiency.

Grants to States Adjusted for Inflation (FY 1969 $)