STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICES

FY 2023 REQUEST: $65 MILLION FOR SHPO OFFICES

FY 2022 funding level: TBD

2021 funding level: $55.675 million

OVERVIEW

SHPOs were established in 1966 by the National Historic Preservation Act to administer federal historic preservation programs at the state and local levels. Under this partnership with the federal government, SHPOs are responsible for locating 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. These efforts help communities to encourage heritage tourism, increases economic development, and bring state and local input into the federal decision-making process.

SHPOS (AND THPOS) ARE CHARGED WITH CARRYING OUT THE PRIMARY FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT & NEED TO BE APPROPRIATELY FUNDED.

- With more than $500 billion in new infrastructure spending, SHPOs are in need of resources to review and comment on federal undertakings within a 30 day period.
- Increases in SHPO apportionments have not kept pace with the overall increase in the HPF.
- States are required to match 40% of the money they receive from the HPF.
- 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). 10% of SHPO HPF funding is passed through to CLGs.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 6.5 billion leveraged in private investment under the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program, primarily administered by SHPOs (FY20)
- 122 thousand jobs created, as a result of SHPO-administered Rehabilitation Tax Credit Programs (FY20)
- 8.5 million acres surveyed for cultural resources (FY21)
- 124,300 federal undertakings reviewed by SHPO (FY21)
- 89,600 National Register eligibility opinions provided by SHPO (FY21)
- 1,167 new listings to the National Register of Historic Places (FY21)