



## Protecting Native Places Fund 2024 Application



### **About the Protecting Native Places Fund**

Recognizing the interconnectedness of efforts to protect Indigenous culture and the natural world, NATHPO in partnership with Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and The Wilderness Society (TWS), through the support of the Wilburforce Foundation, has again endowed the Protecting Native Places Fund (PNPF) to support NATHPO Member THPOs in these important efforts. This year, we are excited to have an additional partner in TVA, which allowed us to grow the fund for 2024!

NATHPO and our partners recognize that public lands management has traditionally excluded the involvement of Native peoples. Through this fund, we aim to help change that. Additionally, the PNPF supports efforts to protect and manage Tribal cultural places, increase the role of Tribes in management and stewardship of culturally significant areas, and address racist and offensive place names. The focus of these efforts is on public lands\*. Specifically, we seek to assist efforts to ensure that cultural sites are well managed and protected and that Tribes have an adequate say in the management of cultural resources and the incorporation of traditional knowledge on public land. This can include on-the-ground restoration and stewardship, or efforts to change local land management plans or policies.

*\*"Public lands" includes lands held by local/state/federal government or held in public trust.*

### **The Details**

- **Amount:** \$135,000 will be awarded as \$5,000 grants (27 grants available).
  - This is on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served basis
  - We will only accept 27 applications
- **Eligibility:** NATHPO Full or Associate members in good standing are eligible for the Protecting Native Places Fund. If you have questions about your membership status, please contact [Accounting@nathpo.org](mailto:Accounting@nathpo.org) with 'Membership Question' in the subject line.
- **Timeline:**
  - Application submittal opens October 1, 2024.
  - Application submittal closes November 1, 2024, OR after we accept 27 applications, whichever comes first.
  - NATHPO staff and Board will evaluate applications and select awardees.
    - Notification of award: November 15, 2024
    - After award notification: Please submit W9 and banking information
  - Grants will be disbursed by December 1, 2024.
  - The period of performance will be December 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025.
  - Final THPO interviews will be conducted in December 2025.

### **How to Apply**

We understand your time is extremely valuable and we have worked to make applying for this grant, as well as reporting, as easy to manage as possible. To apply, simply answer the following questions in up to 500 words each and email them to NATHPO's Executive Director, Dr. Valerie J. Grussing at [valerie@nathpo.org](mailto:valerie@nathpo.org) and copy NATHPO's Director of Operations, Melissa Madrigal, at [melissa@nathpo.org](mailto:melissa@nathpo.org).

**Question 1:** Is your THPO office involved in efforts to ensure that cultural resources and places on public land are managed and protected, including the incorporation of traditional knowledge? Examples of this work may include on-the-ground restoration and stewardship, or efforts to influence land management plans or policies. Please briefly list a few of the projects your office is working on.

**Question 2:** If granted \$5,000, how would your THPO office use it to help advance one or more of the priority areas of effort on public lands? Priority areas include:

- Protect and manage Tribal cultural resources and places;
- Increase the role of Tribes in management and stewardship of cultural resources and places;
- Address racist and offensive place names.

*Suggested project ideas from the NATHPO Board of Directors:*

- *Purchase new or updated equipment (computers, scanners, video equipment, etc.)*
- *Staff training*
- *Purchase relevant software (GIS, project management, etc.)*
- *One-time project (digitizing old records, developing strategic plans, documenting sites)*
- *Provide internship opportunities*

### **Final Reporting Process**

At the end of the grant period, reporting will be accomplished via a short interview with NATHPO and the recipient THPO. This eliminates the need for additional paperwork for recipient THPO offices. It will also be an opportunity to visit and for both parties to identify what worked and what improvements may be made in the future. Here are the details:

- Final reporting will occur in an interview format via virtual meeting with the recipient THPO offices and NATHPO staff.
- NATHPO will schedule these meetings based on the THPO's expected timeline.
- During the interview, NATHPO will record the answers to these questions and that information will be the final reporting.
- NATHPO requires at least 2 photos to be submitted prior to the THPO interview with caption, photo credit, and release; to possibly be used in reporting to The Wilderness Society and on NATHPO's website. A photo release is required for each person in the photos (below).

### **Acknowledgements**

NATHPO would like to thank Tennessee Valley Authority, The Wilderness Society and the Wilburforce Foundation for their efforts in making the Protecting Native Places Fund a reality. Our mission is supporting THPOs and their work in Protecting Native Places and it is a dream come true for NATHPO to be able to offer our membership this opportunity.

To our members, our gratitude for your continued support is beyond words. We thank you for the opportunity to serve the THPO community and hope the Protecting Native Places Fund will continue to be helpful in the sacred work you do each day. Our goal is to offer this grant annually and to increase the funding for increased benefit for THPOs like you.

The opportunities ahead are many and we look forward to seeing what you do!

# PHOTO RELEASE FORM



I hereby grant permission to National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO) to use the photographs and/or video of me taken on (date: \_\_\_\_\_) at (location: \_\_\_\_\_) in publications, news releases, online, and in other communications related to the mission of NATHPO.

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(Signature of Adult, or Guardian of Children under age 18\*)

Name	
Address	
Phone (day) (evening)	
Email Address (optional)	

\*Photos of children must have explicit permission of a legal guardian.

**Thank you!**