



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2024 PROTECTING NATIVE PLACES FUND!

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At our annual conference in August, we were proud not only to announce our new partnership with TVA to grow the PNPF, but also to feature several of our grant recipients, who told attendees about the work they were able to accomplish with their grants. During the month of October, we will share several of those stories on NATHPO's Facebook page. We hope to add yours to that list!

Here's what you need to know:

The Details

- **Amount:** \$135,000 will be awarded as \$5,000 grants (27 grants available).
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- **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 with 'Membership Question' in the subject line.
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NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING COMMENT DEADLINES

Comment DUE TODAY, October 9, 2024: ACHP Proposed Program Comment on Accessible, Climate-Resilient, Connected Communities. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is developing a Program Comment on Accessible, Climate-Resilient, Connected Communities that aims to provide federal agencies with an alternate way to comply with their responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Comments are due TODAY October 9, 2024, and NATHPO will be submitting comment, a draft copy of which is attached and will be posted on [our website](#) when it's finalized and submitted. You can find information about the proposed program comment and how to submit your own comment [HERE](#).

- [10-09-24 NATHPO Comment letter](#) regarding the ACHP Proposed Program Comment on Accessible, Climate-Resilient, Connected Communities.

Comment Due October 18, 2024: Program Comment on Stewardship and Management of National Park Service Mission 66-Era Facilities (1945-1972). The National Park Service (NPS) is requesting the subject Program Comment to facilitate continued use and preservation of Mission 66-era historic properties by providing parks with an optional tool that will reduce or eliminate external reviews for certain straightforward Mission 66-era focused undertakings. It will also allow superintendents to consider Mission 66-era facilities as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places when they reference the Mission 66-era Multiple Property Determination Form, thereby addressing NPS' identification backlog. Comments are due October 18, 2024, and NATHPO will be submitting comment, a copy of which will be posted on [our website](#) when it's finalized. You can find more information [HERE](#).

NATHPO regularly submits comment letters to federal agencies advocating on behalf of Tribal communities and their THPOs. You can find several of our most recent letters [HERE](#), and if you know of an upcoming deadline and want NATHPO to consider submitting comment, please contact Melissa Madrigal at melissa@nathpo.org.

PLEASE WELCOME NATHPO'S NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Last week, NATHPO's Board of Directors met and selected the following members to serve as officers.

Chair: Lakota Hobia, THPO for the for the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians

Vice Chair: Shasta Gaughen, Environmental Director and THPO for the Pala Band of Mission Indians

Secretary/Treasurer: Billie Burtrum, THPO for the Quapaw Nation

We also hope you'll join us in expressing our deepest gratitude to our departing officers – Jon Eagle, Sr., former THPO for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and former Vice chair, and Jill Wagner, THPO for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and our former Secretary/Treasurer – as well as a special thanks to Shasta Gaughen for agreeing to continue serving as our Vice Chair after serving two outstanding terms as Chair.

You can learn more about NATHPO's Board and staff [HERE](#).

ATTENTION THPOs! UPCOMING WEBINARS

Starting later this month, NATHPO will be offering monthly webinars to THPOs about topics important to them. The first two have been scheduled, and you can find information about each of them linked below and on NATHPO's Calendar of Events (where we provide

information on all kinds of events important to THPOs, Tribes, and the broader Indigenous preservation community).

October 22, 2022, 2:00 - 3:30 PM (CDT): [THPO Medicine Circle: THPOs supporting THPOs through hard times, heavy topics, and strain](#)

November 19, 2022, 3:00 - 4:30 PM (CDT): [THPO Forum: Policy & Practice](#)

We hope you'll join us for these and future THPO webinars!

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SHARE YOUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY EVENTS!

Monday is Indigenous People's Day, and we know there will be several events throughout Indian Country marking the occasion. NATHPO is always proud to promote the work our THPOs are doing, and if you have events you would like to promote in advance or have photos you would like to share afterward, please send them to Media@NATHPO.org.

*NOTE: Please **also** send us information about events you're putting on or work you're doing every other time of the year!*

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