STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICES

FY 2018 REQUEST:

- $55 million for State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs) for heritage preservation and protection programs that create jobs, generate economic development, and spur community revitalization.
- Includes $5 million for competitive grants to find and document America’s historic resources and $50 million to SHPOs.
- Current funding level is $46.925 million.

SHPOs, established in 1966 by the National Historic Preservation Act, administer federal programs at the state and local levels and also administer their own state historic preservation programs. These programs help communities identify, evaluate, preserve, and revitalize their historic, archeological, and cultural resources. This in turn encourages heritage tourism and economic development at the state and local level.

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 FY15, the Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program, administered primarily by SHPOs, leveraged $4.47 billion in private investment and created 85,058 jobs.
- Working under 30 day deadlines, last year SHPOs reviewed and commented on nearly 110,500 federal undertakings.
- Through the work of SHPOs and the National Park Service, last year 999 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 1,972 Certified Local Governments (CLG’s). Ten percent of SHPO HPF funding is passed through to CLGs.
- In 2015, SHPOs and consultants have surveyed approximately 15.4 million acres for cultural resources.
- Nearly half of the nation’s historic resource records are solely available in paper/map formats.
- Over 70% of States have more than 10,000 resources in need of re-survey with the numbers growing exponentially each year.
- 95% of States report that lack of digital records hampers their ability to efficiently conduct project reviews.

Grants to States Adjusted for Inflation (FY 1969 $)