



**Final FY2018 Budget Includes Funding Increase for THPOs/Tribes in HPF
(for Oct. 1, 2017, through Sept. 30, 2018)**

Good news! The Fiscal Year 2018 omnibus spending bill was signed into law last week and it increased funding levels in the **Historic Preservation Fund**, which supports Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) and other preservation initiatives.

Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) total:

FY18: \$96.91 million

FY17: \$80.91 million

THPO/Tribal line item of the HPF:

FY18: \$11.485 million

FY17: \$10.485 million

Increases in HPF for these line items:

- + \$1 million for SHPOs to \$48.925 million
- + \$8 million for Save Americas Treasures to \$13 million
- + \$1 million for Hist. Black Colleges/Universities to \$5 million

Level funding in HPF for these line items:

- Civil Rights grants (\$13 million)
- Underrepresented grants (\$500,000)

New line item -- \$5 million -- in competitive grants to "revitalize historic properties of national, State, and local significance. Grants shall be made available to States, local governments, Tribes, or community non-profit organizations for making sub-grants to eligible projects."

Make sure to thank your legislators for supporting the increased funding that will have a positive impact on your Tribe/program.

NATHPO has the final FY2018 dollar amounts in updated charts in two places on our website:

[Click here to go to NATHPO's advocacy page](#)

[Click here to go to THPO Funding History page](#)

**Ongoing Effort to Increase THPO/Tribal Funding in FY2019 HPF
(October 1, 2018 through Sept. 30, 2019)**

FY2019 budget deliberations are still ongoing and NATHPO is advocating for \$13.5 million in the Tribal line item of the HPF

[Click here for the one-page summary of the \\$13.5 million request for Tribes in FY19](#)

This chart will be updated at a later time with the final FY18 numbers.

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies (includes the HPF and NAGPRA grants) will hold their American Indian/Alaska Native public witness hearing on May 9-10, 2018, in Washington, DC.

Deadline to submit a request to testify is April 6, 2018.

[Click here for link to instructions on how to request to testify.](#)

Important: Even if your tribe or Indian organization is not selected to testify, you/Tribe can still submit written testimony for the record by May 18. It is important to include the \$13.5 million request for THPOs/Tribes in the HPF, whether in-person witness or written testimony.

Other FY18 Budget News for Federal Programs that Support Tribes

- \$240 million for the Institute for Museum and Library Services (+ \$9 million over FY17)
 - \$152.8 million for the National Endowment for the Arts (+ \$3 million over FY17)
 - \$152.8 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities (+ \$3 million over FY17)
 - NAGPRA grants in the National Park Service? We have been unable to determine the level of funding for NAGPRA grants at this time. Will send out information when available.
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