



Directory of National Park Service Community Assistance Programs

ON THE COVER

Front Cover photos, top image: Gas Works Park in Seattle, Washington received a \$500,000 grant from the NPS Land and Water Conservation Fund program. This grant supported the transformation of the former Seattle Gas Company gasification plant into a public park, encompassing 19 acres of fields, waterfront, historic industrial infrastructure, and public art (Credit: FlickrCC/sea turtle).

Bottom images, left to right: Paddlers on the Schuylkill River at Boathouse Row in Philadelphia, Schuylkill River National Heritage Area. Lincoln Log activity, Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. Duckwater Annual Festival, Great Basin National Heritage Area. Bicyclists on Highland Bridge in Denver, Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program.

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Introduction

In addition to managing over 400 national park units across the United States and its territories, the National Park Service (NPS) administers numerous national and regional programs that are available to state, local, and tribal governments; nonprofit organizations; businesses; educational institutions; and the general public. This directory specifically identifies 54 NPS programs that provide ongoing opportunities for organizations and the public to engage in the mission of the NPS.

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

The 54 NPS programs in this directory are listed in alphabetical order. Each entry includes the program or service name, description of its purpose, its primary community assistance activities, and weblinks to follow for more information.

Another way to present the NPS community assistance programs is by community interest, specifically the recognition of nationally important places; funding and technical assistance for historic preservation, natural resource conservation, recreation, and education projects; and career development opportunities for youth and professionals. The table below presents programs by the following categories:

- National Designations
- Grant and Financial Assistance
- Project Assistance
- Investment and Property Acquisition Assistance, and
- Internships, Volunteer, and Professional Development Opportunities



Overview of Programs

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NATIONAL DESIGNATIONS

Preserving and conserving nationally important places with community groups

National designations acknowledge the significance of nationally important historic, natural and cultural resources and/or the commitment of partner organizations to steward these nationally important places. Designations occur through an act of Congress, approval by the Secretary of the Interior or the NPS. Many allow specifically identified organizations to receive funding and/or technical assistance from the NPS, such as the National Heritage Areas Program, National Natural Landmarks Program, National Trails System, and National Wild and Scenic Rivers Program.

- National Heritage Areas Program
- National Historic Landmarks Program
- National Natural Landmarks Program
- National Register of Historic Places
- National Trails System
- National Water Trails System
- National Wild and Scenic Rivers Program

2 GRANT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Providing critical grant and project funding to support community projects

Financial assistance opportunities support the work of specific groups in historic preservation, natural resource conservation, recreation, education, and community engagement projects. The financial assistance opportunities identified below are provided through grants and cooperative agreements.

CONSERVATION AND RECREATION ASSISTANCE	Maritime Heritage Program
Challenge Cost Share Program	National Center for Preservation Technology and Training
Chesapeake Gateways and Trails Program	National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Program
Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants	National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom
Shared Beringian Heritage Program	Preserve America Grant Program
Southwest Border Resource Protection Program	Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program
HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND HERITAGE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE	Save America's Treasures Grant Program
African American Civil Rights Grants Program	Shared Beringian Heritage Program
American Battlefield Protection Program	Southwest Border Resource Protection Program
Certified Local Government Program	State Historic Preservation Program
Historically Black Colleges and Universities Grant Program	Tribal Historic Preservation Program
Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program	Underrepresented Community Grants Program



Historical marker in Buffalo, New York, marks a spot along the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

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PROJECT ASSISTANCE

Providing technical assistance to community groups on preservation, conservation, recreation, education, and other community projects

Project assistance includes resource identification and analysis, and conservation and recreation planning. Some assistance is provided for free by NPS staff, such as assistance through the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, and other opportunities are provided fee-for-service.

<p>CONSERVATION, RECREATION, AND HEALTH ASSISTANCE</p>	<p>HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND HERITAGE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE</p>	<p>National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Program</p>
<p>Chesapeake Gateways and Trails Program</p>	<p>American Battlefield Protection Program</p>	<p>National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom</p>
<p>Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units Network</p>	<p>American Indian Liaison Office</p>	<p>Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation</p>
<p>Healthy Parks Healthy People National Program</p>	<p>Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units</p>	<p>Southeast Archeological Center</p>
<p>Hydropower Recreation Assistance Program</p>	<p>Cultural Resources Geographical Information Systems Facility</p>	<p>Submerged Resources Center</p>
<p>Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program</p>	<p>Heritage Documentation Program</p>	<p>Teaching with Historic Places</p>
	<p>Heritage Travel Itineraries</p>	<p>Technical Preservation Services</p>
	<p>Historic Preservation Training Center</p>	<p>Telling All Americans' Stories - Heritage Initiatives and Theme Studies</p>
	<p>Midwest Archeology Center</p>	

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INVESTMENT & PROPERTY ACQUISITION ASSISTANCE

Helping communities invest in historic buildings and federal surplus property to create new assets

Investment and property acquisition assistance includes programs that support community efforts to rehabilitate historic properties and acquire federal land and property.

<p>Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program</p>
<p>Federal Lands to Parks Program</p>
<p>Historic Surplus Property Program</p>
<p>National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Program</p>

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INTERNSHIPS, VOLUNTEER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Engaging young people and the public in preservation, conservation, recreation, and interpretation efforts in and outside park units

These national and regional opportunities are open primarily to youth (ages 15 – 35). Most of these opportunities are offered in collaboration with youth organizations.



Kids in Kayaks program offered in partnership with Baltimore National Heritage Area.

INTERNSHIPS AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT

Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units Network

Heritage Documentation Program

- HABS/HAER/HALS Student Summer Employment
- Sally Kress Tompkins Fellowship in Architectural History
- Sally Kress Tompkins Maritime Documentation Internship

Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program

- Community Assistance Fellowship

Youth Programs Division

- American Sign Language Conservation Crew Program
- Ancestral Lands Conservation Corp
- Centennial Volunteer Ambassador Program
- Cultural Resources Diversity Internships
- Geoscientists-in-the-Parks Internship
- Historically Black Colleges & Universities Internship Program
- Latino Heritage Internship Program

- Mosaics in Science Diversity Internship Programs
- National Council for Preservation Education
- NPS Academy
- National Park Business Plan and Consulting Internships
- Urban Archaeology Corps
- Youth Conservation Corps

VOLUNTEER & ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers-in-Parks Program

International Volunteers-in-Parks Program

Research Learning Centers

- Place-Based Science and Citizen Science Programs

Youth Programs Division

- Girl Scout Ranger
- Scout Ranger Resources Stewardship Program
- Let's Move! Outside (Play, Learn, Serve, Work)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Artist-in-Residence Program

Research Learning Centers

Teacher Ranger Teacher Program



Directory

This directory is not a comprehensive list of every program the NPS administers. Instead, it is a focused list of national and regional programs that interact with community groups in and outside the boundary of park units.

The Directory will be updated periodically to reflect changes in the programs of the NPS. Please send questions and comments to communityassist@nps.gov.

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African American Civil Rights Grants Program

The African American Civil Rights Grants Program supports the documentation, interpretation, and preservation of the sites and stories related to the African American struggle to gain equal rights as citizens in the 20th century

ACTIVITIES

Administers African American Civil Rights Grants to states, tribes, local government, and nonprofits. Grants will fund a broad range of planning, development, and research projects for historic sites including: survey, inventory, documentation, interpretation, education, architectural services, historic structure reports, preservation plans, and bricks and mortar repair. Preference will be given to applications that show community commitment through non-federal match and partnership collaboration.

INFORMATION

State, Tribal, and Local Plans and Grants Division
www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/civil-rights/

American Battlefield Protection Program

The American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) promotes the preservation of significant historic battlefields associated with wars on American soil. The goals of the program are (1) to protect battlefields and sites associated with armed conflicts that influenced the course of our history; (2) to encourage and assist all Americans in planning for the preservation, management, and interpretation of these sites; and (3) to raise awareness of the importance of preserving battlefields and related sites for future generations.

ACTIVITIES

Administers Battlefield Planning Grants and Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants.

Provides technical assistance to individuals, groups, organizations, and governments interested in preserving historic battlefield land and sites associated with battles.

BATTLEFIELD PLANNING GRANTS

Battlefield Planning Grants promote the protection and preservation of battlefield lands on American soil by funding non-acquisition preservation projects such as planning, education, and resource surveys and inventories. Construction

projects are not eligible project activities. Applicants may be nonprofit groups, academic institutions, and local, regional, state, and tribal governments.

BATTLEFIELD LAND ACQUISITION GRANTS

Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants provide matching grants to assist states and local communities in acquiring significant battlefield lands for permanent protection. Grants are available for the fee simple acquisition of land or for acquisition of permanent, protective interests in land (easements) at Civil War Battlefields listed in the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission's 1993 Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields and Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefields listed in the ABPP's 2007 Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States. Eligible applicants are state and local governments. Private nonprofit organizations seeking to acquire battlefield land with assistance from this program must apply in partnership with the state or local government agency that has jurisdiction over the proposed acquisition parcel.

INFORMATION

American Battlefield Protection Program
www.nps.gov/abpp

American Indian Liaison Office

The American Indian Liaison Office (AILO) provides guidance to National Park Service (NPS) field and program managers, and American Indian tribes and Alaska Natives to strengthen government-to-government interactions. The AILO also serves tribal governments and tribal members by providing information and guidance regarding issues related to natural and cultural resources, park policies and procedures, land restoration, and the resolution of longstanding issues with the NPS.

ACTIVITIES

Assists tribes and the NPS with land exchange negotiations and the development of natural and cultural resource management strategies and agreements.

Helps tribes and the NPS with Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act agreements.

Produces Indian law and policy workshops.

INFORMATION

American Indian Liaison Office
<http://www.nps.gov/history/tribes/ailo.htm>

Artists in Residence Program

Artists have created art in national parks since the late 19th century when famed Hudson River School painters captured the majestic views of our nation's western parks. Today, the sights and sounds in national parks continue to inspire artists in many residency programs across the country.

ACTIVITIES

Programs for visual artists, writers, musicians, and others are offered in participating national parks each year. Programs vary, but residencies are typically two to four weeks in length and most include lodging. Artists are invited to participate in park programs by sharing their art with park visitors.

INFORMATION

Artists in Residence Program
www.nps.gov/subjects/arts/air.htm

Certified Local Government Program

The Certified Local Government (CLG) program is a partnership program established by the National Historic Preservation Act that is intended to promote historic preservation at the local government level. To qualify as a CLG, a community must possess certain qualifications and standards to monitor, review, and lead public participation in historic preservation in the community.

ACTIVITIES

Administers, in partnership with State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) throughout the country, the application process for becoming a CLG.

Provides training and technical assistance to SHPOs and CLGs.

Once certified as CLGs, local communities may apply for Historic Preservation Fund grants and receive technical assistance and support through their SHPO.

INFORMATION

Certified Local Government Program
www.nps.gov/clg/



Double Victory performing arts event at Fort Point National Historic Site in San Francisco.

Challenge Cost Share Program

The Challenge Cost Share Program supports local projects that promote conservation and recreation, environmental stewardship, education, and youth engagement in national parks with the support of local project partners.

ACTIVITIES

Provides matching funds for projects that include conservation, recreation, and urban and youth engagement. Eligible applicants include National Parks and NPS administered National Trails and Wild and Scenic Rivers. Applications are submitted by NPS staff in collaboration with partners. Partners may include educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, for-profit entities, and local governments.

INFORMATION

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program
www.nps.gov/ccsp

Chesapeake Gateways and Trails Program

The Chesapeake Gateways and Trails program collaborates with partners to implement Executive Order 13508, specifically Section 203: the Strategy for Protecting and Restoring the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, and to provide better visitor experiences on the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail. Cooperative projects enhance access to the Chesapeake and its rivers, conserve important landscapes and resources, engage youth in meaningful work and place-based education, improve recreational opportunities, and interpret the natural and cultural resources of the Chesapeake region.

ACTIVITIES

Administers the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Grants Financial Assistance Program.

Provides technical assistance to state, community, and non-profit organizations in the Chesapeake Bay watershed on river access, landscape and resource conservation, youth engagement, recreational opportunities, and interpretation.

CHESAPEAKE BAY GATEWAYS GRANTS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program supports development of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail and implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Public Access Plan. Funding priority is given to projects that enhance visitor experience on the Chesapeake NHT and public water access site development. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations and state and local governments. For federal sites, only non-federal partner organizations may apply.

INFORMATION

NPS Chesapeake Bay Office
www.nps.gov/chba/index.htm

Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units Network

The Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESU) Network is a national consortium of federal agencies, tribes, academic institutions, state and local governments, nonprofit conservation organizations, and other partners working together to support informed public trust resource stewardship.

There are 17 CESUs encompassing all 50 states and territories, and each is based at a host university and focused on a particular biogeographic region of the country. CESUs bring together scientists, resource managers, students, and other conservation professionals, drawing upon expertise from across the biological, physical, social, cultural, and engineering disciplines (from Anthropology to Zoology) to conduct collaborative and interdisciplinary applied projects that address natural and cultural resource issues at multiple scales and in an ecosystem context.

ACTIVITIES

Provides technical assistance to federal agencies and their partners and offers faculty, students, and staff from participating academic institutions and other organizations opportunities to work on applied research, technical, and educational projects that address natural and cultural resource issues.

Administers the Cooperative Ecosystem Study Units Network National Office Minority Fellowship. Summer and fall fellowship opportunities are available to graduate students enrolled in academic institutions within the CESU network. Applicants must be a member of a minority group.

INFORMATION

Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units National Network
www.cesu.org

Cultural Resources Geographical Information Systems Facility

The NPS Cultural Resources Geographical Information Systems Facility (CRGIS) is dedicated to developing and fostering the use of geographic information systems (GIS) and global positioning systems (GPS) technologies in documenting, analyzing, and managing cultural resources. CRGIS works with park units and partners including State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, local agencies, preservation organizations, and universities. Assistance is provided fee-for-service.

ACTIVITIES

Surveys buildings, engineering structures, large landscapes, and traditional cultural properties using GPS technologies.

Conducts historical research and assesses site eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, or other laws.

Develops maps and employs various technologies to provide 3D visualization of cultural resources and landscapes.

Creates GIS cultural resource databases for the long term care or management of resources or to assist in decision making processes.

Evaluates resources that may be at risk of flooding, sea level rise, or other environmental impacts related to climate change.

INFORMATION

Cultural Resources Geographical Information Systems Facility
www.nps.gov/crgis/

Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program

The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program encourages private-sector investment in the rehabilitation and re-use of historic buildings. Commonly referred to as the historic tax credit, the program provides a 20-percent federal income tax credit to property owners who undertake a substantial rehabilitation of an historic building in a business or income-producing use, while maintaining the building's historic character. The program also includes a 10-percent credit for non-historic buildings in a non-residential use constructed before 1936, and

tax benefits for donating a conservation easement for historic properties that contribute to the significance of a historic district. The NPS and the Internal Revenue Service administer the program in partnership with the State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs).

ACTIVITIES

In partnership with the SHPOs, promotes the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program.

Assists applicants with the application process, reviews applications, and certifies the historic significance of the property and, specifically for the 20-percent credit, that the rehabilitation preserves the historic character of the property.

INFORMATION

Technical Preservation Services
www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm

Federal Lands to Parks Program

The Federal Lands to Parks Program creates new parks and recreation areas through the transfer of surplus federal lands to state and local governments; ensures public access to those properties in perpetuity; and promotes stewardship of the natural, cultural and recreational resources associated with those properties.

ACTIVITIES

Assists state and local governments in obtaining land from the Federal Government for recreational uses. Assistance includes notifying state and local government agencies about available land, administering the land transfer application and deeding process, providing technical assistance to applicants, and advocating on behalf of interested parties that meet the selection criteria.

Ensures compliance with the terms of the property transfer, specifically so that recreational use and public access continue into the future.

INFORMATION

Federal Lands to Parks Program
www.nps.gov/flp

Healthy Parks Healthy People National Program

The Healthy Parks Healthy People National Program was established to reframe the role of parks and public lands as an emerging, powerful health improvement strategy. With this renewed focus on health, the NPS hopes to bring about lasting change in Americans' lifestyle choices and their relationship with nature and the outdoors. Although Healthy Parks Healthy People is based within the NPS, the program works with national, state, and local parks, as well as business innovators, healthcare leaders, scientists, foundations and advocacy organizations to foster and build-upon the role that parks play in the health of our society.

ACTIVITIES

Provides standards, guidelines, training, and resources about healthy and sustainable foods, recreation, habitat, and people.

Connects people to parks through health promotion programs and events, and national partnerships such as the Park Prescriptions Program.

Develops and maintains the Healthy Parks Index tool with set criteria and standards for "What is a Healthy Park."

INFORMATION

Office of Public Health

Healthy Parks Healthy People National Program

www.nps.gov/public_health/hp/hphp.htm



Learning about ParkRx programming and partnerships in the Bay Area.

Heritage Documentation Program

The Heritage Documentation Programs (HDP) create a permanent documentary record of nationally, regionally, or locally significant historic sites for a public collection at the Library of Congress. HDP administers three programs: the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), and the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS). HABS, HAER, and HALS documentation is available to the public at the Library of Congress or via the Library's website, and is widely used in the preservation, restoration, facility management and interpretation of historic structures and sites.

ACTIVITIES

Documents America's architectural, engineering, and landscape heritage in partnership with federal agencies, state and local governments, and public and private groups. Documentation is archived at the Library of Congress and includes measured drawings, large-format photographs, detailed historical reports, and the latest digital recording technologies (high-definition laser scanning and digital photogrammetry).

Educates the next generation of documentation specialists and preservationists through the following:

Student Summer Employment program provides students currently enrolled at an accredited institution experience documenting historic sites and structures of significance throughout the country.

Sally Kress Tompkins Fellowship program permits graduate students in architectural history or a related field to work on a 12-week HABS history project during the summer.

Sally Kress Tompkins Maritime Documentation Internship permits a student or recent graduate of architecture or history, interested in maritime preservation, to work as a summer intern on a HAER maritime documentation project.

Sponsors four annual competitions for students and professionals in measured drawing and cultural landscape documentation.

Creates and maintains national documentation standards and guidelines, including field testing of new recording methods and technologies, adhering to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Architectural, Engineering and Landscape Documentation.

INFORMATION

Heritage Documentation Programs

www.nps.gov/hdp/

Heritage Travel Itineraries

The Heritage Travel Itineraries highlight thousands of sites, most of which are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Itineraries bring historic sites to the attention of anyone interested in learning more about American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture and encouraging people to visit and enjoy these important and inspiring places. Spotlighting different communities, geographic regions and themes across the country, the travel itineraries expose tourists to a great variety of places.

ACTIVITIES

Publishes online travel guides, resources, maps, and essays that feature private and public historic sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Partners with preservation organizations on the development of specific travel itineraries.

INFORMATION

Cultural Resources Office of Interpretation and Education
www.nps.gov/subjects/heritagetravel

Historic Preservation Training Center

The Historic Preservation Training Center is dedicated to the safe preservation and maintenance of national parks and partner facilities by demonstrating outstanding leadership, delivering quality preservation services, and developing educational courses in historic preservation, risk management, maintenance, planning, design, and construction. All technical preservation assistance and training are provided fee-for-service.

ACTIVITIES

Provides technical preservation assistance, including condition assessments, preservation plans, and project management and construction services, to local and state governments, tribes, nonprofits, and other organizations across the country.

Leads training programs aimed at building the skills of people responsible for the maintenance and preservation of historic properties.

INFORMATION

Historic Preservation Training Center
www.nps.gov/training/hptc/

Historic Surplus Property Program

The Historic Surplus Property Program enables state, county, and local governments to obtain historic buildings once used by the Federal Government at no cost and to adapt them for new uses.

ACTIVITIES

Assists state, county or local governments in obtaining historic properties from the Federal Government for adaptive reuse. NPS staff review applications, assist with the application process, and monitor transferred properties to ensure they are maintained and protected.

INFORMATION

Technical Preservation Services
www.nps.gov/tps/historic-surplus.htm

Hydropower Recreation Assistance Program

The Hydropower Recreation Assistance Program works with parties involved in licensing hydropower facilities regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to ensure that public interests in recreation and conservation are addressed.

ACTIVITIES

Provides technical assistance to stakeholders of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Hydropower Licensing Proceedings. Assistance may relate to recreation and river conservation issues applicable to hydropower projects both within and outside units of the National Park System.

INFORMATION

Hydropower Recreation Assistance Program
<http://www.nps.gov/hydro>

Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program

The Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program advances the preservation and interpretation of confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II.

ACTIVITIES

Administers the Japanese American Confinement Sites grants to identify, research, evaluate, interpret, protect, restore, repair, and acquire historic confinement sites. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and state, local, and tribal governments.

INFORMATION

Intermountain Regional Office
www.nps.gov/jacs/

Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants

STATE AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance Program administers the “state” side of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to help state and local governments meet America’s need for well-planned, high-quality public outdoor recreation resources, protected in perpetuity, which will enhance the quality of life, and the health and vitality of present and future generations.

ACTIVITIES

Administers grants to states and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

Ensures that federal environmental and historic preservation requirements are met and ensures that park and recreation areas funded by LWCF grants remain in public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity or be replaced by new parks.

INFORMATION

Land and Water Conservation Fund Program
www.nps.gov/lwcf

Maritime Heritage Program

The Maritime Heritage Program provides direction, assistance, and matching grants to parks and the maritime community to advance the nation’s understanding and appreciation of its maritime heritage.

ACTIVITIES

Administers the Maritime Heritage Grants program.

Maintains inventories of historic U.S. maritime properties.

Provides preservation assistance through publications and consultation.

MARITIME HERITAGE GRANTS

The Maritime Heritage Grants program provides matching grants for historic preservation or education projects that foster a greater awareness and appreciation of the role of maritime endeavors in America’s history and culture. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and state, tribal, and local governments.

INFORMATION

Maritime Heritage Program
www.nps.gov/maritime

Midwest Archeological Center

The Midwest Archeological Center is dedicated to the study, interpretation, and preservation of archeological resources in the Midwest Region of the NPS.

ACTIVITIES

Provides archeological and collections management assistance to national parks.

Works with preservation partners, including nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and state, local, and tribal governments on archeological and collections management projects of national, state, and local importance.

Offers interpretive programming, directly and through national parks, to schools and community organizations.

INFORMATION

Midwest Archeological Center
www.nps.gov/mwac/index.htm

National Center for Preservation Technology and Training

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training advances the application of science and technology to historic preservation. Working in the fields of archeology, architecture, landscape architecture, and materials conservation, the Center accomplishes its mission through training, education, research, technology transfer, and partnerships.

ACTIVITIES

Administers the Preservation Technology and Training Grants program to promote research and training opportunities in preservation technology, and provides other direct funding opportunities.

Distributes publications, videos, podcasts and other information about preservation science to professional audiences and the public.

PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY AND TRAINING GRANTS

Preservation Technology and Training Grants fund innovative research that develops new technologies or adapts existing technologies to preserve cultural resources. Eligible organizations include: U.S. universities and colleges; U.S. nonprofit organizations; museums, research laboratories, professional societies and similar organizations in the U.S. that are directly associated with educational or research activity; state and local government agencies; and Hawaiian Natives, Native American and Alaska Native tribes, and their Tribal Historic Preservation Offices.

INFORMATION

National Center for Preservation Technology and Training
<http://ncptt.nps.gov>

National Heritage Areas Program

The National Heritage Area program fosters community stewardship of our nation's nationally important heritage. National heritage areas are designated by Congress as places where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape.

ACTIVITIES

Distributes matching funds to national heritage area coordinating entities, which include the nonprofit organizations, universities, state and local governments, and federal commissions, through cooperative agreements.

Provides technical assistance to national heritage area coordinating entities related to community planning, historic preservation, education and interpretation, and organizational development.

National heritage area coordinating entities re-grant funds to organizations working within their boundaries and partner with organizations on heritage projects.

INFORMATION

National Heritage Areas Program Office
www.nps.gov/heritageareas

National Historic Landmarks Program

The National Historic Landmarks (NHL) Program encourages citizens, public agencies, and private organizations to recognize, use, and learn from historic places to enhance livable and viable communities for the future.

ACTIVITIES

Assists in the preparation of new NHL nominations, and provides preservation guidance to property owners of existing NHLs.

INFORMATION

National Historic Landmarks Program
www.nps.gov/nhl

National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Program

The National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Program identifies qualified stewards for the no-cost transfer of historic lighthouses and monitors the ongoing use and preservation of those stations.

ACTIVITIES

In partnership with the General Services Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard, assists eligible federal, state and local governments; nonprofits; educational institutions; and community development organizations in obtaining federally-owned surplus historic light stations at no cost.

INFORMATION

National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Program
www.nps.gov/maritime/nhlpa/program.htm

National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Program

The National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Program supports the repatriation and disposition of Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony.

ACTIVITIES

- Administers Consultation/Documentation Grants and Repatriation Grants.

- Provides technical assistance about NAGPRA compliance through training, written guidance, and investigations.

NAGPRA CONSULTATION/DOCUMENTATION GRANTS

Provides project-based grants to support the efforts of museums, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to consult and document NAGPRA-related human remains and cultural items in non-federal collections. Eligible applicants include museums with possible NAGPRA collections, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

NAGPRA REPATRIATION GRANTS

Provides grant funding to defray costs associated with the packaging, transportation, contamination removal, reburial and/or storage of NAGPRA-related human remains and/or cultural items. Eligible applicants include museums with NAGPRA collections, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

INFORMATION

National NAGPRA Program
www.nps.gov/NAGPRA

National Natural Landmarks Program

The National Natural Landmarks (NNL) Program increases public awareness of the nation's biological and geological features by highlighting designated national natural landmark sites, which represent the rich and diverse tapestry of America's natural heritage. Sites designated as NNLs contain the best remaining examples of specific biological and/or geological features.

ACTIVITIES

- Facilitates the evaluation of significant sites for designation by the Secretary of the Interior as NNLs.

- Provides NNL landowners (individuals; organizations; and local, state and federal agencies) with technical assistance for conservation and interpretation activities.

- Advocates for the conservation of NNLs by encouraging their consideration in land use planning efforts and management decisions.

INFORMATION

National Natural Landmarks Program
www.nature.nps.gov/nnl

National Register of Historic Places

The National Register of Historic Places supports public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological properties.

ACTIVITIES

- Reviews nominations submitted by states, tribes, and federal agencies and lists eligible properties in the National Register.

- Provides guidance on the identification, evaluation and protection of historic and archeological resources.

- Maintains an electronic inventory of National Register listings.

INFORMATION

National Register of Historic Places Program
www.nps.gov/nr

National Trails System

The National Trails System facilitates the establishment and operations of national trails “in order to provide for the ever-increasing outdoor recreation needs of an expanding population and promote the preservation of, public access to, travel within, and enjoyment and appreciation of the open-air, outdoor areas and historic resources of the Nation..” The system encourages and assists volunteer citizen involvement in the planning, development, maintenance, and management, where appropriate, of trails.

There are three types of national trails – scenic, historic, and recreation.

NATIONAL SCENIC TRAILS AND NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAILS

National scenic and historic trails are nationally significant to America in the context of recreation, history, culture, and heritage. These types of trails are established through an act of Congress. In order for a trail to be designated a National Scenic Trail or a National Historic Trail, specific criteria identified in the National Trails System Act must be met.

NATIONAL RECREATION TRAILS

National Recreation Trail (NRT) designation provides national recognition to local and regional trails and trail systems. This type of trail is designated by either the Secretary of Agriculture (for trails on National Forest lands and waters) or the Secretary of the Interior (for all other trails).

ACTIVITIES

Administers funding and technical assistance to congressionally designated national scenic and historic trails that are assigned to the NPS by the authority of the Secretary of the Interior. The NPS also provides inter-agency coordination, partnership training, technical assistance, networking opportunities, and mapping to the trails it administers.

Provides technical assistance to NRT applicants, reviews NRT applications, and prepares NRT applications for review and approval by the Secretary of the Interior.

INFORMATION

National Trails System Program

www.nps.gov/nts

www.americantrails.org/ee/index.php/nationalrecreationtrails

National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom

The National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom promotes programs and partnerships that commemorate the Underground Railroad, preserves sites and other resources associated with the Underground Railroad, and educates the public about the historical significance of the Underground Railroad.

ACTIVITIES

Lists historic sites as members of the Network to Freedom.

Provides grant funds for the preservation and restoration of buildings associated with the Underground Railroad and for interpretation and historic research related to Network to Freedom members.

Provides technical assistance to organizations that are identifying, documenting, preserving and interpreting sites, and approximate travel routes and landscapes related to the Underground Railroad, or that are developing or operating interpretive or educational programs or facilities.

INFORMATION

Network to Freedom Office

www.nps.gov/ugrr

National Water Trails System

The National Water Trails System is a network of waterways for public exploration and enjoyment. They connect people to the outdoors and to conservation efforts along rivers and they support economic development related to tourism and recreation.

ACTIVITIES

Reviews national water trail applications and provides guidance to organizations working on applications for potential designation by the Secretary of the Interior.

Disseminates best practice information to designated water trail management entities and contributes to the water trail community of practice.

Provides resources and technical expertise to promote the development and recognition of these trails with federal, state and local partner organizations.

INFORMATION

National Trails System Program

www.nps.gov/watertrails

National Wild and Scenic Rivers Program

The NPS National Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR) Program helps preserve certain rivers with outstanding natural, cultural and recreational values in a free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM

An entire river system, its tributaries, or a portion of a river may be included in the WSR System by an act of Congress or through a state governor's request to the Secretary of Interior. WSRs are designated as either a wild, scenic, or recreational river based on the level of access and development of the river and shoreline. Four federal agencies are primarily charged with protecting and managing WSRs and our nation's cultural, recreational and natural resources: the NPS, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service. State agencies also administer WSRs.

PARTNERSHIP WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

A subset of WSRs, which are unique to the Department of the Interior and the NPS, are the Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers (PWSR). PWSRs are managed through long-term partnerships between the NPS and local governments, councils, and non-governmental organizations.

ACTIVITIES

Protects the free-flowing condition and other values of designated WSRs/PWSRs and congressionally authorized study rivers by evaluating the potential effects of proposed federally-assisted water resource projects.

Contributes to new river designations by assisting with Congressionally authorized studies and development of management plans, as well as evaluating state governor's river proposals.

Provides technical assistance and consults on specific projects to ensure river values are protected and enhanced.

Administers funding to PWSRs.

INFORMATION

Wild and Scenic Rivers Program
www.nps.gov/wsr

Office of International Affairs

The Office of International Affairs facilitates cooperation between the NPS and park, cultural heritage, and protected area agencies around the globe. Engagement with the international community broadens professional networks and approaches that can assist in the protection of both NPS resources and natural and cultural heritage around the world.

ACTIVITIES

Develops international agreements and facilitates international technical assistance projects around the globe related to all aspects of park and cultural heritage management, including park planning, program evaluation, and interpretation. Assistance is provided to park agencies and nongovernmental organizations outside the U.S.

Coordinates the International Volunteers-in-Parks Program that provides international university students and professionals with training in the fields of environmental science, cultural heritage conservation, park management, and interpretation.

Assists with developing "sister park" relationships between NPS units and sites in other countries.

Monitors and reports on the status of U.S. World Heritage sites and oversees the preparation of nominations for new U.S. World Heritage sites.

Coordinates official international delegation visits to NPS units.

Supports U.S. Department of State bilateral and multilateral conservation initiatives.

INFORMATION

Office of International Affairs
www.nps.gov/oia

Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation

The Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation strengthens the capacity of park and historic site staff to manage cultural landscapes. Working in partnership with national parks, universities, government agencies, and nonprofits, the Olmsted Center provides cultural landscape research and planning, stewardship, and educational assistance. Founded at the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, the Olmsted Center perpetuates the traditions of the Olmsted Offices and Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr.'s lifelong commitment to people, parks, and public spaces.

ACTIVITIES

Provides technical assistance to nonprofit organizations, universities, National Historic Landmark property owners, and state, tribal, and local governments on the protection and preservation of cultural landscapes. Assistance may take the form of advisory consultation, planning services, site visits, and co-sponsored conferences and workshops.

Offers apprenticeship and internship programs that provide participants with opportunities to gain professional experience in cultural landscape preservation. Internships and apprenticeships are typically six month positions offered to students, recent graduates, and professionals in the fields of landscape architecture, horticulture or a related discipline.

INFORMATION

Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation
www.nps.gov/oclp

Research Learning Centers

Research Learning Centers (RLCs) are places where science and education come together to preserve and protect areas of national significance. The value of RLCs is enhanced through their collaboration with hundreds of partners, including universities, K-12 schools, nonprofit organizations, and other community organizations.

There are 18 RLCs across the U.S., each of which serves a park or regional network of parks. Most are physical places with laboratories, work spaces, and housing for researchers and students. Others are virtual and consist of web



Boston Public School students investigating the hayfield ecosystem at Adams National Historical Park with the Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation.

portals with research databases, educational materials, and multimedia presentations on scientific topics.

ACTIVITIES

Helps external researchers conduct research in national park units.

Provides opportunities for educators to bring real-world, place-based science to students in accordance with state education standards.

Coordinates citizen science efforts that provide opportunities for the public to actively participate in scientific data collection.

INFORMATION

Research Learning Centers
www.nps.gov/rlc

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program helps carry out the National Park Service conservation and outdoor recreation mission. The staff provides technical assistance to community-led conservation and outdoor recreation projects, including the conservation and restoration of waterways, preservation of open spaces and parkland, development of trails and greenways, and development of close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities.

ACTIVITIES

A national network of over 85 NPS RTCA conservation and recreation planning professionals provides technical assistance to community groups, nonprofits, tribes, national parks, and state and local governments on conservation and outdoor recreation projects. Applications for technical assistance are accepted annually.

Administers the 11-month Community Assistance Fellowship beginning in January of each year. The fellowship provides graduate and undergraduate students with an opportunity to work with RTCA field staff and partners.

INFORMATION

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program
www.nps.gov/rtca

Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program

The Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program collaborates with private property owners, nonprofit organizations, tribes, and local, state, and federal agencies to identify, prioritize, and address Route 66 preservation needs.

ACTIVITIES

Administers the Route 66 Cost-Share Grant Program.

Maintains the Route 66 Preservation Resource Center, an online library of technical and financial resources for preserving, promoting and interpreting historic sites along Route 66.

ROUTE 66 COST-SHARE GRANT PROGRAM

This program provides cost-share grants for the preservation of the most significant and representative buildings, structures, road segments, and cultural landscapes along the length of the Route 66 corridor, covering Illinois, Missouri,

Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. Cost-share grants are also available for planning, research, and educational initiatives related to the preservation of Route 66. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, businesses, individuals, educational institutions, and local, state and tribal governments.

INFORMATION

Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program
 National Trails Intermountain Region
www.nps.gov/rt66

Shared Beringian Heritage Program

The Shared Beringian Heritage Program recognizes and celebrates the natural resources and cultural heritage shared by Russia and the United States on both sides of the Bering Strait. The program works to improve local, national, and international understanding of these resources and sustain the cultural vitality of Native peoples in the region.

ACTIVITIES

Administers the Shared Beringian Heritage Program grants that support cooperative efforts that link people, organizations, institutions, and local governments across the Bering Strait.

SHARED BERINGIAN HERITAGE PROGRAM FUNDS

These funds support scientific research projects or local, community-based educational, cultural, or conservation projects that fulfill some or all of the goals of the Beringia program. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, tribal governments, and representative indigenous groups from the Bering Strait region.

INFORMATION

Shared Beringian Heritage Program
www.nps.gov/akso/beringia

Southeast Archeological Center

The Southeast Archeological Center facilitates the long-term protection, use, and appreciation of archeological and cultural resources in the southeastern United States. Assistance is provided pro bono, fee-for-service, or shared costs.

ACTIVITIES

Provides archeological and collections management technical assistance to national parks and partner organizations, especially on high profile projects or at locations that are threatened. Eligible organizations include national heritage areas, certified local governments, federally-recognized tribal nations, federal agencies, and other community groups.

INFORMATION

Southeast Archeological Center
www.nps.gov/seac/

Southwest Border Resource Protection Program

The Southwest Border Resource Protection Program (SWBRPP) seeks to improve cultural and natural resource stewardship of protected lands located along the border shared by the United States and Mexico by fostering relationships and collaboration between agencies and organizations and by providing financial and technical assistance to parks and protected lands.

ACTIVITIES

Administers the SWBRPP grants that funds research, preservation, conservation and educational projects that benefit a unit of the National Park System or a national heritage area along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Provides technical assistance to parks and partners along the U.S./Mexican border to mitigate impacts on cultural and natural resources, and to further collaboration between Mexican and American land managers and their partners.

SOUTHWEST BORDER RESOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM GRANTS

This program funds research, preservation, conservation, and educational projects that benefit a unit of the National Park System or a national heritage area along the U.S.-Mexico border. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and state, local, and tribal governments.

INFORMATION

Office of External Relations and Partnerships, Intermountain Region
www.nps.gov/partnerships/SWBRPP_Mission_Guidelines.htm

State Historic Preservation Program

The State Historic Preservation Program assists the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the territories as partners in preservation. Together, the NPS and State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs), work toward preserving the places that give our nation its cultural identity.

ACTIVITIES

Administers annual Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) matching grants to the 50 SHPOs and territories to expand and accelerate their historic preservation activities. This includes a required minimum 10 percent pass-through of HPF grant funds to support local preservation projects and preservation training and guidance carried out by certified local governments.

Monitors mandated National Historic Preservation Act activities.

INFORMATION

State, Tribal, and Local Plans and Grants Division
www.nps.gov/shpo

Submerged Resources Center

The Submerged Resources Center provides direct project support to NPS partners and staff responsible for the stewardship of submerged resources, primarily cultural resources, to enhance and facilitate public appreciation, access, understanding, and preservation of these resources.

ACTIVITIES

Provides technical assistance in the identification of underwater archaeological sites to community groups worldwide. Assistance includes marine remote sensing, archeological surveys and documentation, underwater photography and documentation, education and outreach, and scientific and technical diving for resource management.

INFORMATION

Submerged Resources Center
www.nps.gov/orgs/1635/index.htm



Teacher Ranger Teacher program at Klondike Goldrush National Historical Park works with youth volunteers to build a First Bloom Native Plant garden.
Image credit: Amanda McCutcheon/Flickr

Teacher Ranger Teacher Program

The Teacher Ranger Teacher program is an extended professional development opportunity for educators from K-12 schools with underserved and underrepresented student populations to spend one summer acquiring new skills in a national park.

ACTIVITIES

Offers four to six week career develop opportunities to teachers each summer in national park units. Priority is given to teachers who work at Title I schools.

INFORMATION

NPS Teacher Ranger Teacher Program
<http://teacherrangerteacher.org>

Teaching with Historic Places

Teaching with Historic Places (TwHP) uses properties listed in the NPS's National Register of Historic Places to enliven history, social studies, geography, civics, and other subjects.

ACTIVITIES

Develops and distributes TwHP lesson plans that provide teachers with materials and question sets that encourage analytical thinking.

Provides guidance on methods, such as Youth Summits, for using historic sites as educational learning labs that combine classroom instruction, experiential learning, and civic engagement.

INFORMATION

Cultural Resources Office of Interpretation and Education
www.nps.gov/subjects/teachingwithhistoricplaces/index.htm

Technical Preservation Services

The Technical Preservation Services office establishes preservation standards and guidelines and develops technical guidance and information on the preservation of historic properties. These standards and guidance are widely used by government agencies, local preservation commissions, design and preservation professionals, owners of historic buildings, and the public.

ACTIVITIES

Issues "The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties" and "The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation," widely adopted at the national, state, and local levels. Also issues related guidelines and information for interpreting and applying the Standards.

Issues technical preservation guidance and information on the care and treatment of historic properties.

INFORMATION

Technical Preservation Services
www.nps.gov/tps/index.htm

Telling All Americans' Stories - Heritage Initiatives and Theme Studies

The Telling All Americans' Stories heritage initiatives and thematic studies increase the breadth of our interpretation of American history and experience. The theme studies explore ways to recognize, preserve, and interpret the legacy of underrepresented groups for future generations. Topics studied include American Latino Heritage, Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage, Women's History, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Heritage.

ACTIVITIES

Develops heritage theme studies and resources in coordination with partner organizations that help communities (1) increase the representation of historic places listed in the National Register of Historic Places and designated as National Historic Landmarks and (2) improve and expand interpretation and education about underrepresented communities and individuals.

Curates content related to parks, National Register sites, K-12 Education, and travel around historic themes including arts and culture, politics and government, immigration and immigrant identities, LGBTQ heritage, and science and technology.

INFORMATION

Cultural Resources Office of Interpretation and Education
www.nps.gov/subjects/tellingallamericansstories/index.htm

Tribal Historic Preservation Program

The Tribal Historic Preservation Program assists Indian tribes in preserving their historic properties and cultural traditions through the designation of Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs) and through annual grant funding programs.

ACTIVITIES

Oversees the designation of new THPOs and monitors the requirements and duties accepted by THPOs.

Similar to the State Historic Preservation Program, administers annual Historic Preservation Fund grants to the THPOs. Grant funds assist in expanding and accelerating historic preservation activities and National Historic Preservation Act responsibilities.

Administers the competitive Tribal Heritage Grants to federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaska Native Villages and Corporations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations.

INFORMATION

Tribal Historic Preservation Program
www.nps.gov/thpo/index.html

Underrepresented Community Grants Program

The Underrepresented Community Grants program supports preservation projects that increase the knowledge and number of listings of associated historic resources. Projects include surveys and inventories of historic properties associated with underrepresented communities, as well as the development of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for specific sites.

ACTIVITIES

Administers matching grants to State Historic Preservation Offices, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, federally recognized tribes, Alaska Native Organizations, Native Hawaiian Organizations, and Certified Local Governments.

INFORMATION

State, Tribal, and Local Plans and Grants Division
www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/community-grants.html

Volunteers-In-Parks Program

The National Park Service Volunteers-In-Parks program provides citizens with meaningful and mutually beneficial opportunities to help protect and preserve our nation's natural and cultural treasures.

ACTIVITIES

Volunteer opportunities are available at national park units across the country.

INFORMATION

Volunteers-in-Parks Program
www.nps.gov/getinvolved/volunteer.htm

Youth Programs Division

The Youth Programs Division engages the next generation of park stewards (35 years and younger) in a variety of employment, educational, and volunteer-service opportunities in national parks and NPS programs.

ACTIVITIES

Oversees nationally funded youth internship, employment, and engagement programs that expose people ages 15–35 to diverse NPS experiences.

Coordinates with national youth organizations, such as the Girl Scouts of America, Boy Scouts of America, YMCA, Student Conservation Association, and Youth Conservation Corp.

Develops national guidance on youth employment.

PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY THE DIVISION IN COORDINATION

American Sign Language Conservation Crew Program (ASLP). Young people with hearing impairments work on maintenance projects in national parks in the Pacific West Region. These projects introduce participants to career opportunities with NPS and help Park staff recognize the ability and work ethic of these youth.

www.nwyouthcorps.org/m/staff/ASLInclusionCrewStaff

Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps (ALCC). Native American youth living on tribal lands near NPS sites join a conservation team. Youth create cultural enrichment and community development programs for the community in the areas of traditional farming, hiking and oral histories.

<http://sccorps.org/>

Centennial Volunteer Ambassador Program. The Centennial Volunteer Ambassador is a 52-week internship position designed to support parks around the country in expanding volunteerism, service-learning and community engagement efforts. Ambassadors ages 18-35 support the Volunteers-In-Parks Program.

www.nps.gov/getinvolved/centennial-volunteer-ambassador.htm

Cultural Resources Diversity Internships. This program offers summer internships in the cultural resources field with National Park Service units and administrative offices, other federal agencies, state historic preservation offices, local governments, and non-profit organizations. Intern sponsors provide work experiences that assist interns with building their resumes in this field.

www.crdip.org

Geoscientists-in-the-Parks Internships This program offers 3-month to year-long internships in the geosciences and other natural resource science fields for college students and recent graduates doing research, inventory and monitoring, interpretation and education programs in NPS units to help park staff better understand and manage its natural resources.

www.nature.nps.gov/geology/gip/index.cfm

The Girl Scout Ranger program invites girl scouts to connect with their environment and history, while engaging in fun and meaningful volunteer-service and educational activities that foster resource stewardship and leadership at national parks.

www.nps.gov/subjects/youthprograms/girlscouranger.htm

Historically Black Colleges & Universities Internship (HBCUI) Program. Students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities work in various NPS park units and connect to the natural and cultural resource conservation field.

www.nps.gov/subjects/youthprograms/hbcui.htm

Latino Heritage Internship Program. This program advances employment opportunities in the NPS with a specific emphasis on cultural resource stewardship, interpretation, and community outreach. Interns are placed in parks and programs for 10 weeks in the summer.

www.latinoheritageintern.com

Let's Move! Outside (Play, Learn, Serve, Work). The Department of the Interior in collaboration with the YMCA of the USA and the National League of Cities (NLC) is working together to coordinate efforts to bridge the growing disconnect between young people and the great outdoors by creating meaningful connections to nature through four pillars: play, learn, serve and work. Participating YMCA locations incorporate new skills and engagement activities into their programming.

www.ymca.net/letsmoveoutside

www.letsmove.gov/lets-move-outside

Mosaics in Science Diversity Internship Program (MIS). Diverse college students and recent graduates explore various careers in the STEM fields through science-based internships and career opportunities within the NPS. The internships include 11 weeks working in a park followed by a week-long career workshop in Washington, DC.

www.nps.gov/subjects/youthprograms/mosaics.htm

DIRECTORY OF NATIONAL PARK SERVICE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

National Park Business Plan and Consulting Internships. Graduate students in the MBA, MPA, MPP, environmental and/or public lands management fields participate in a summer program to explore consulting, park management, strategic and operational planning, commercial services, and public-private partnerships in national parks.

www.netimpact.org/programs/national-parks-business-plan-internship

National Council for Preservation Education (NCPE) internship. This internship program offers undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to gain practical experience in cultural resource management programs in the National Park Service headquarters, field offices, parks, and in other federal agencies. Internships are available in the summer and during the school year.

<http://preservenet.cornell.edu/employ/ncpe.php>

NPS Academy. College students from diverse communities across the country are introduced to career opportunities within the NPS. This 10-week internship includes a week-long orientation at either Grand Teton National Park, New York City, or Alaska.

www.thesca.org/npsa

Scout Ranger Resource Stewardship program invites scouts of all ages to participate in educational and/or volunteer service projects at national park sites

to spark awareness of national parks and to provide scouts with the opportunity to learn more about protecting our natural and cultural resources.

www.nps.gov/subjects/youthprograms/scout-ranger.htm

Urban Archeology Corps. This program uses archeology as a vehicle for young people ages 16-25 to learn about urban national parks and surrounding communities. Youth conduct research projects in parks and with NPS programs across the United States.

www.nps.gov/articles/urban-archeology-corps.htm

Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). This program, geared for 15-18 year olds, offers 8-10 week summer conservation internships. Participants work on a variety of projects including exotic plant removal; constructing or repairing boardwalks, bridges, trails, campsites, fences; teaching environmental education programs; and habitat preservation.

www.nps.gov/gettinginvolved/youthprograms/ycc.htm

INFORMATION

Youth Programs Division

www.nps.gov/subjects/youthprograms



Students work with NPS staff and local partners on landscape improvements along the Alhambra Creek Botanical Trail in Martinez, California.

AUTHORIZED PROGRAMS NOT CURRENTLY FUNDED

Historically Black Colleges & Universities Grant Program

The Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) grant program supports the identification, stabilization, preservation, restoration, rehabilitation and protection of historic HBCU campus structures that are considered to be the most historically significant and physically threatened.

ACTIVITIES

Provides matching grant assistance to HBCUs for the documentation, stabilization, preservation, restoration, rehabilitation and protection of historic campus buildings that are listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Funding for this program was last appropriated in 2009.

INFORMATION

Historically Black College and Universities grant program
www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/HBCU/index.html

Preserve America Grant Program

The Preserve America grant program provides matching grants to designated Preserve America Communities and Certified Local Governments to support preservation efforts through heritage tourism, education, and historic preservation planning. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation manages the program and continues to designate Preserve America Communities.

ACTIVITIES

Administers competitive matching funds awarded to Preserve America Communities and Neighborhoods, State Historic Preservation Offices, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, and Certified Local Governments.

Funding was last appropriated in 2010; active grants continued through 2015.

INFORMATION

State, Tribal, and Local Plans and Grants Division
www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/PreserveAmerica/index.html

Save America's Treasures Grant Program

The Federal Save America's Treasures grants program began in 1999 to mark the beginning of the new millennium. The program helps preserve nationally significant historic properties and collections that convey our nation's rich heritage to future generations of Americans. The NPS administers the grants in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTIVITIES

Administers competitive matching grants to federal, state, local, and tribal governments, and nonprofit organizations.

Funding was last appropriated in 2010; active grants continue through 2016.

INFORMATION

State, Tribal, and Local Plans and Grants Division
www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/sat/index.html

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program

The mission of the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program is to provide direct Federal assistance to urban localities for rehabilitation of critically needed recreation facilities.

ACTIVITIES

Provides matching grants and technical assistance to economically distressed urban communities.

Funding was last appropriated in 2002.

INFORMATION

Urban Park and Recreation Recover Program
www.nps.gov/uparr/



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