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National Park Service Awards \$750,000 in Underrepresented Community Grants



The LeDroit Building in Washington, DC. As one of this year's grant recipients, the Washington DC State Historic Preservation Office will create a historic context study of sites in the District of Columbia related to women's history.

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WASHINGTON – The National Park Service today announced it has awarded \$750,000 in Underrepresented Community Grants to support the identification and nomination of sites to the National Register of Historic Places. The Underrepresented Community grant program focuses on documenting the homes, lives, landscapes, and experiences of underrepresented peoples who played a significant role in national history. FY 2019 grants will help fund 18 projects to eight states, six tribes, two local governments, the District of Columbia, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Federal oil and gas revenues from the Outer Continental Shelf provide the lion's share of deposits into the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), which is the source of funding for Underrepresented Community grants.

"These competitive grants will help diversify the nominations submitted to the National Register of

Historic Places," said **National Park Service Deputy Director David Vela, exercising the authority of the Director**. "They will provide assistance to state, tribal, and local governments to identify and preserve sites that will convey a more complete history of our country."

Examples of projects selected for FY 2019 funding include a historic landscape nomination in the first underrepresented community grant awarded to the Federated States of Micronesia; a historic context study of women's history in the District of Columbia; documentation of slavery in Massachusetts; and nominations of significant tribal sites in California and Washington.

Applications for \$750,000 in FY 2020 funding will be available in the fall of 2020. Eligible applicants include state and tribal historic preservation offices and certified local governments.

For more information about the grants and the Underrepresented Community Grant Program, please visit <https://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/community-grants.html>.

Underrepresented Community Awards:

State	Projects	Grantee	Award
California	Graton Rancheria Tolay Lake Nomination	Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria	\$41,500
California	Valley Cemetery Survey and Nomination	San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians	\$47,342
District of Columbia	Historic Context Study of Women's History and Suffrage in DC	District of Columbia Office of Planning	\$50,000
Florida	The Newtown Conservation Historic District	City of Sarasota	\$50,000
Federated States of Micronesia	Mahkontowe: A Micronesian Landscape Nomination	Federated States of Micronesia National Government	\$49,840
Massachusetts	Porter-Phelps-Huntington House and Phelps Farm National Register Update	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$19,050

Maryland	Historic Context Study of Asian American Communities in Maryland	Maryland Department of Planning, Maryland Historical Trust	\$48,500
Michigan	National Register Nominations for the Orsel & Minnie McGhee House and the Sojourner Truth Homes Public Housing Complex	Michigan Strategic Fund	\$30,000
Mississippi	Natchez Outbuilding Multiple Property Submission	Mississippi Department of Archives and History	\$50,000
New York	LGBT Site Nominations Project Phase 4: Nomination of Women's History Sites	New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation	\$25,000
Oklahoma	Survey and Inventory of Sac and Fox Nation sites for National Register Nominations	Sac and Fox Nation	\$49,645
Oregon	Oregon Statewide African American Multiple Property Submission	Oregon Parks and Recreation Department	\$30,000
Utah	Northwestern Shoshone Survey and Inventory Project	The Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation	\$25,529
Virginia	Survey and National Register Nominations for Seatack and L & J Gardens	City of Virginia Beach, Virginia	\$47,187
Washington	Filipino American Statewide Context and Survey	Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation	\$50,000
Washington	Stillaguamish Mount Higgins National Register Nomination	Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington	\$46,978
Wisconsin	Stockbridge Meetinghouse and National Register Update Project	Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Wisconsin	\$39,429

Wyoming	African American Historic Context for Wyoming as a Multiple Property Documentation Form	Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office	\$50,000
Total			\$750,000

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