Our Request

$20 million to carry out the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act. This would provide the nearly 200 federally recognized Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) an average of $100,000 to run their programs, which create jobs, generate economic development, and spur community revitalization.

What are Tribal Historic Preservation Officers?

THPOs are designated by federally recognized tribal governments that have an agreement with the Department of the Interior to assume the role of the State Historic Preservation Officer on Tribal lands. Tribal historic preservation plans are grounded in self-determination, traditional knowledge and cultural values, and may involve projects to improve Indian schools, roads, health clinics and housing.

What do THPOs do?

- Work with law enforcement to apprehend and prosecute looters of Indian remains and sacred objects;
- First responders when a sacred site is threatened or Native ancestors are disturbed by development;
- Create their tribe’s oral history programs and operate tribal museums and cultural centers;
- Provide assistance and funding for historic preservation projects and activities;
- Locate, survey, record and maintain inventories of tribal historic resources;
- Review federal projects for their impact on tribal historic resources;
- Nominate properties to the National Register of Historic Places; and
- Lead revitalization of cultural traditions and native languages.

What is at stake?

As the number of Indian tribes with THPO programs increases, the amount of HPF funding appropriated and apportioned to THPOs must keep pace: in 1996, 12 tribes received an average of $80,000; in 2018, 179 tribes received an average of $64,000. Reconnecting Native peoples to their cultural heritage has the power to help heal deep generational wounds. To continue historic preservation in Indian country, it is essential that THPO programs receive increased funding to meet the increasing need.
Tribal Historic Preservation Officers by State

**ALABAMA**
- Poarch Band of Creek Indians

**ALASKA**
- Organized Village of Kake

**ARIZONA**
- Colorado River Indian Tribes
- Gila River Indian Community
- Hualapai Tribe
- The Navajo Nation
- San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Tohono Nation
- White Mountain Apache Tribe

**CALIFORNIA**
- Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria
- Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley
- Bishop Paiute Tribe
- Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe of Indians
- Bridgeport Indian Colony
- Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians
- Cahuilla Band of Indians
- Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria
- Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians
- Elem Indian Colony
- Elk Valley Rancheria
- Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians
- Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria
- Fort Independence Paiute Indians
- Hoopa Valley Tribe
- Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
- Karuk Tribe
- Mechoopda Band of Chico
- Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California
- Morongo Band of Mission Indians
- Pala Band of Mission Indians
- Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians
- Piyayene Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians
- Pinoleville Pomo Nation
- Pit River Tribe
- Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians
- Round Valley Indian Tribes
- San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians
- Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California
- Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
- Soboba Band of Luiseno Mission Indians
- Stewarts Point Rancheria Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Susanville Indian Rancheria
- Timbisha Shoshone Tribe
- Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation
- Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
- United Auburn Indian Community
- Wilton Rancheria
- Wyot Tribe
- Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation

**COLORADO**
- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

**CONNECTICUT**
- Mashantucket (Western) Pequot Tribal Nation
- Mohogan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut

**FLORIDA**
- Seminole Tribe of Florida

**IDAHO**
- Coeur d’Alene Tribe
- Nez Perce Tribe

**KANSAS**
- Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska

**LOUISIANA**
- Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
- Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
- Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
- Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana

**MAINE**
- Aroostook Band of Micmacs
- Passamaquoddy Tribe
- Penobscot Nation

**MASSACHUSETTS**
- Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head-Aquinnah

**MICHIGAN**
- Bay Mills Indian Community
- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
- Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
- Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
- Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi
- Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

**MINNESOTA**
- Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians
- Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
- Lower Sioux Indian Community
- Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
- Prairie Island Indian Community of Minnesota
- Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians
- Upper Sioux Community
- White Earth Nation of Minnesota Chippewa

**MONTANA**
- The Blackfeet Nation
- Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy’s Reservation
- Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
- The Crow Tribe of Indians
- Fort Belknap Indian Community
- Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes
- Northern Cheyenne Tribe

**NEBRASKA**
- Omaha Tribe of Nebraska
- Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
- Santee Sioux Nation
- Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

**NEVADA**
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

**NEW MEXICO**
- Jicarilla Apache Nation
- Mescalero Apache Tribe
- The Navajo Nation
- Pueblo of Acoma
- The Pueblo of Isleta
- Pueblo of Jemez
- Pueblo of Laguna
- Pueblo of Pojoaque
- Pueblo of San Felipe
- Pueblo of San Ildefonso
- Pueblo of Santa Ana
- Pueblo of Santa Clara
- Pueblo of Tesuque
- Pueblo of Zia
- Zuni Pueblo

**NEW YORK**
- The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Seneca Nation of Indians

**NORTH CAROLINA**
- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

**NORTH DAKOTA**
- Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation
- Spirit Lake Tribe of Fort Totten
- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
- Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

**OKLAHOMA**
- Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
- Caddo Nation
- Cherokee Nation
- Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes
- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Comanche Nation
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
- Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
- Muscogee Creek Nation
- Osage Nation
- Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma
- Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma
- Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
- Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- Quapaw Tribe, Oklahoma (O-Gah-Pah)
- Seneca Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma
- Thlopthlocco Tribal Town
- Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
- Wyandotte Nation

**OREGON**
- Burns Paiute
- Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians
- The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon
- Coquille Indian Tribe
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

**RHODE ISLAND**
- Narragansett Indian Tribe

**SOUTH CAROLINA**
- Catawba Indian Nation

**SOUTH DAKOTA**
- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
- Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
- Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
- Oglala Sioux Tribe
- Rosebud Sioux Tribe of Indians
- Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate
- Yankton Sioux Tribe

**UTAH**
- The Navajo Nation

**VIRGINIA**
- Pamunkey Indian Tribe

**WASHINGTON**
- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
- Lummi Nation
- Makah Tribe
- Nooksack Indian Tribe
- Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe
- Samish Indian Nation
- Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe
- Skokomish Indian Tribe
- Spokane Tribe of Indians
- Squaxin Island Tribe
- Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
- Suquamish Tribe
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

**WISCONSIN**
- Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa
- Forest County Potawatomi Community
- The Ho-Chunk Nation
- Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
- Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
- Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
- Oneida Nation of Wisconsin
- Red Cliff Band, Lake Superior Chippewa
- Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians

**WYOMING**
- Arapaho Tribe
- Cheyenne Tribe
- Crow Tribe
- Northern Arapaho Tribe