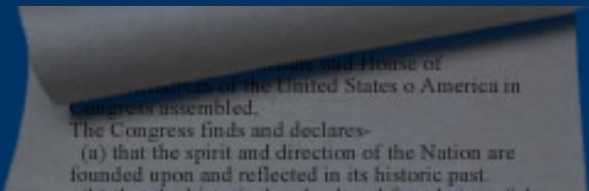


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SHPOs MAINTAIN CURRENT FUNDING IN THE FY11 BUDGET

On Monday President Obama released his FY11 proposed budget. In a year when virtually every program was considered for the chopping block, the President proposed to maintain SHPO and THPO funding at \$46.5 million and \$8 million, respectively. However, not all historic preservation programs fared as well. The President proposed eliminating the Save Americas Treasures (SAT) and Preserve America grant programs and cut National Heritage Area funding in half to around \$9 million.

According to the White House, SAT program benefits are unclear, given the lack of "rigorous performance metrics and evaluation efforts" and even more disturbing is another White House publication that states "eliminating SAT and PA will allow the NPS to "focus resources on managing parks and other activities that most closely align with its core mission. The SAT and PA programs have not demonstrated how they contribute to nationwide historic preservation goals."

The chart below depicts the amounts President Obama proposed for FY10, the final FY10 appropriations, and what the President is proposing for FY11.

	FY10 Proposed Budget	FY10 Final Appropriations	FY11 Proposed Budget
HPF Total	\$77.675	\$79.5	\$54.5
SHPOs	\$46.5	\$46.5	\$46.5
THPOs	\$8.0	\$8.0	\$8.0
SAT	\$20.0	\$25.0	\$0
PA	\$3.175	\$3.175	\$0
Survey/ Inventory	\$0	\$0	\$0

(numbers are in millions)

Next Steps

During the next several weeks Congress will review the budget and hold numerous hearings with Agency officials. Most likely, Secretary Salazar and Director Jarvis will testify before the House and Senate Interior appropriations subcommittees and Natural Resource committees. The national preservation partners will be actively working with Congress to restore the grant programs and maintain or possibly increase S/THPO funding. Appropriations will be a major focus of Advocacy Day. Additionally, national preservation partners met this week with the new NPS acting associate director of cultural resources and expressed concerns about the budget and specifically, the reasons given for the proposed program cuts. While the President's FY11 budget is done and now left up to Congress, we are hopeful that these meetings and information sharing will help make a positive difference in next year's FY12 budget.



OBAMA BUDGET REQUESTS \$116 MILLION INCREASE FOR TRADITIONAL LWCF AND FREEZES MANY OTHERS

As part of its Treasured Landscapes initiative, the Obama administration asked for a substantial increase in FY11 funding for the HPF's sister fund, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF.) All told the administration recommended \$619 million for the program, although not all the money would go to the traditional state and federal sides of LWCF.

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According to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, at the Interior Department ceremony on the FY11 budget he announced, "We must fully fund this great legacy (LWCF,) President Obama's budget includes \$619 million for LWCF. This is a 27 percent increase over 2010. And the 2010 budget was a 38 percent increase over 2009. We are well on our way to achieving a fundamental goal for this department. We hope to reach – and will reach – the \$900 million dollar mark by 2014." The LWCF is currently authorized by Congress at \$900 million per year. The program is financed by a fund that receives revenues from offshore oil and gas royalties, the same as the HPF.

Most other park and recreation programs fared much worse. The budget proposes federal land management agencies eat \$108.7 million in fixed costs, effectively coming out of the Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management. The budget proposes a \$35 million increase for Park Service operations, from \$2.262 billion in fiscal 2010 to \$2.297 billion in fiscal 2011. But once those additional fixed costs and inflation are figured in, individual parks may actually face decreases.

Recreation and Preservation programs in the Park Service faced major reductions. The budget would cut \$17.4 million from the program, reducing it to \$51 million from \$68.4 million. Most of the cuts would come from heritage area grants (an \$8.8 million reduction) and statutory earmarks (a \$5.9 million reduction.)

Below is a recap of the Obama administration's fiscal 2011 request:

(from Federal Parks and Recreation February 3rd bulletin)

- STATE LWCF: an increase of \$10 million, or \$50 million compared to a fiscal 2010 appropriation of \$40 million;
- STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS: no change, or \$90 million compared to a fiscal 2010 appropriation of \$90 million;
- FEDERAL LWCF: an increase of \$106 million, or \$384.1 million compared to a fiscal 2010 appropriation of \$277.9 million;
- URBAN PARKS AND RECREATION RECOVERY: no money, the same as fiscal 2010;
- FOREST LEGACY: an increase of \$23.7 million, or \$100.1 million compared to a fiscal 2010 appropriation of \$76.5 million;

- HISTORIC PRESERVATION STATE GRANTS: no change, or \$46.5 million compared to a fiscal 2010 appropriation of \$46.5 million; and
- SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES: a decrease of \$25 million to nothing, from a fiscal 2010 appropriation of \$25 million.
- NPS OPERATIONS: an increase of \$35.3 million, or \$2.297 billion compared to a fiscal 2010 appropriation of \$2.262 billion;
- NPS CONSTRUCTION: a decrease of \$44.6 million, or \$195.2 million compared to a fiscal 2010 appropriation of \$239.8 million;
- NPS RECREATION AND PRESERVATION: a decrease of \$17.4 million, or \$51 million compared to a fiscal 2010 appropriation of \$68.4 million;
- PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE: a decrease of \$5 million from \$10 million in fiscal 2010 to \$5 million;
- FOREST SERVICE RECREATION: Unclear but the overarching National Forest System appropriation would increase modestly by \$34.4 million, from \$1.551 billion in fiscal 2010 to \$1.586 billion;
- FOREST SERVICE TRAILS: Unclear but a capital maintenance and trails line item would plummet by \$117.7 million, from \$556.1 million in fiscal 2010 to \$438.4 million;
- BLM RECREATION MANAGEMENT: essentially the same, or \$68.1 million compared to a fiscal 2010 appropriation of \$68.4 million; and
- FWS REFUGE MANAGEMENT: a decrease of \$3 million, or \$500 million compared to a fiscal 2010 appropriation of \$503 million.



NCSHPO ANNUAL MEETING/ADVOCACY DAY REGISTRATION

DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 27th

Registration for National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week is still open. This will include registration for the NCSHPO Annual Meeting and Advocacy Day, Preservation Action Lobby Day, as well as the National Historic Tax Credit Conference, all of which will be running concurrently at the beautiful, historic Mayflower Hotel in downtown Washington, D.C. We especially encourage you to stay for the National Historic Tax Credit Conference, which is a unique opportunity to learn the latest on the Rehab Tax Credits and meet practitioners and industry professionals.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



March 2-5, 2010 – NCSHPO annual meeting and Advocacy Day, Washington D.C.

July 28-30, 2010 – NCSHPO Summer Board Meeting, Grand Rapids, MI