

**SUBJECT:** SUBMITTAL OF A HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND NAPC FORUM TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ALASKA DNR PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION OFFICE FOR \$2,800 TO COVER EXPENSES FOR ONE MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO ATTEND THE 2026 NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS FORUM.

**AGENDA OF:** March 17, 2026

**ASSEMBLY ACTION:**

**AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED:** For information only.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	 Recoverable Signature X     A l e x   S t r a w n <hr/> Signed by: Alex
Department Director	 Recoverable Signature X     A l e x   S t r a w n <hr/> Signed by: Alex
Finance Director	 Recoverable Signature X     C h e y e n n e   H e i n d e l <hr/> Signed by: Cheyenne Heindel
Borough Attorney	<div style="text-align: right;">3 / 3 / 2 0 2 6</div> X     N i c h o l a s   S p i r o p o u l o s <hr/> Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos
Borough Manager	<div style="text-align: right;">3 / 4 / 2 0 2 6</div> X     M i c h a e l   B r o w n <hr/> Signed by: Mike Brown
Borough Clerk	 Recoverable Signature X     L o n n i e   M c K e c h n i e <hr/> Signed by: Lonnie McKechnie

**ATTACHMENT (S) :**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Planning & Land Use Department is preparing a grant application for submittal to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources Parks and Outdoor Recreation Office by the deadline of March 20, 2026.

This grant would support professional development and enhance community impact of the MSB Historical Preservation Commission

(HPC) by covering travel and registration expenses for one HPC member to attend the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) Forum in Minneapolis, MN from July 22-26, 2026. The NAPC Forum is the nation's only conference dedicated to local historic preservation boards and commissions, offering five days of educational sessions, mobile workshops, tours, and networking for commissioners, staff, and volunteers from local, state, and national organizations.

Each Certified Local Government in Alaska may apply to send one person to the conference. Eligible expenses include airfare, lodging, per diem, registration fees, and necessary ground transportation. The grant requires a 40% non-federal match, which will be covered by the HPC Commissioner's volunteered time at an hourly rate of \$37.13.

Additional legislation to accept and appropriate the funds will be presented to the Assembly once the grant has been awarded.