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Banner Image: The [African American Museum and Library at Oakland \(AAMLO\)](#) is housed in the historic Charles S. Greene building. Partially funded by a gift from Andrew Carnegie, the Beaux-Arts style building served as Oakland's main library from 1902 to 1951. The [building is listed](#) on the National Register of Historic Places, and has served as home to the AAMLO since 2002. (photo courtesy jshiga/Oakland Public Library)

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Preservation Grants Awarded to California

The efforts to preserve and honor California's richly diverse heritage received a boost, recently, with two awards of federal grants.

California received a [National Park Service Underrepresented Communities grant](#) funded through the [Historic Preservation Fund \(HPF\)](#). The \$50,000 grant will be administered by the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) to identify and nominate to the National Register of Historic Places properties associated with Asian American and Pacific Islanders in California. Read the [press release](#) from the Secretary of the Interior.



The City of Riverside had the proud distinction of being the California recipient of a HPF grant through the [National Park Service African American Civil Rights Grant Program](#). Thirty-nine grants were awarded nationwide. The grant awarded to Riverside will aid in the City's development of an African American Civil Rights survey and historic context. [Click here](#) for the

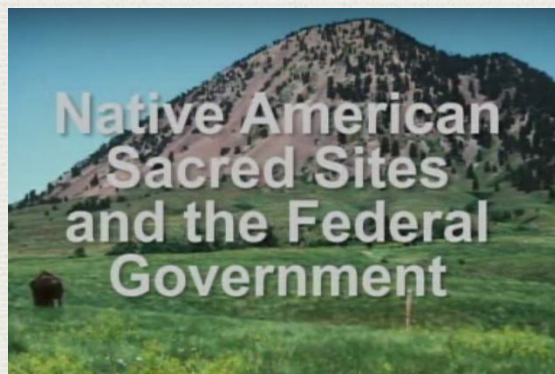
complete list of grant recipients and projects.

(Photos courtesy of California State Parks and Library of Congress)

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Sacred Sites Training Video Now Available

From the [Advisory Council on Historic Preservation \(ACHP\)](#) comes news of the release of a new training video, "[Native American Sacred Sites and the Federal Government](#)." The video arose out of the *Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Interagency Coordination and Collaboration for the Protection of Indian Sacred Sites (MOU)*, of which the ACHP was one of the signatories. As explained by Valerie Hauser, Director of the ACHP's [Office of Native American Affairs](#), "The signatories in coordination with subject matter experts across the federal government, Indian Country, academia, and tribal advocacy groups, developed the training for use by federal, state, and tribal governments, and anyone interested in learning about sacred sites protection." The video is one reflection of the signatories'



commitment "to work together to improve the protection of and tribal access to sacred sites."

(Photo courtesy of Department of Justice, Justice Television Network)

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Earthquake Retrofit Grants Available



The [Earthquake Brace+Bolt Program \(EBB\)](#) provides homeowners up to \$3,000 in grants to strengthen their home's foundation and lessen the potential for earthquake damage. Retrofit grants are awarded through a registration and lottery process. Visit the [EBB website](#) to **register now through February 27, 2017.**

Additional resources regarding disaster preparedness, response, and recovery can be found on the OHP [Disasters and Historic Resources](#) webpage.

(Photo courtesy of Earthquake Brace+Bolt Program)

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News and Updates

OHP Public Listening Sessions - Make Your Voice Heard!

In February and March, our office will hold a series of public listening sessions to gather input for the next Statewide Historic Preservation Plan, which will cover the years 2018 through 2022. State Plans are to be prepared and updated every five years as part of the requirements for receiving federal funding for State historic preservation programs. Just as importantly, the State Plan offers a chance for citizens, local and state governments, and tribal communities to outline and articulate collective goals, challenges, and visions for historic preservation. Listening sessions will be conducted throughout the state. [Click here](#) to learn more about session dates, times, and locations, and about this important initiative. Help shape the future of historic preservation in California!

New Guidance from the NPS

The National Park Service Technical Preservation Services (TPS) recently issued new guidance materials and information related to the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program. New guidance on multiple-

building projects can be found on the TPS [Functionally Related Buildings](#) webpage. Additional new guidance related to the Secretary of the Interior Standards can be accessed on the [Planning Successful Rehabilitation Projects](#) page. Information on the [Preliminary Consultations](#) webpage has also been updated.

February is African American History Month!

Recognized every February, [National African American History Month](#) provides an opportunity to learn about the culture, history, and contributions of America's African American citizens. African American History Month 2017 is the first to be celebrated in the newly opened [National Museum of African American History and Culture](#) in Washington, D.C. For a sampling of African American History Month activities taking place here in California, visit our [Get Involved!](#) page.

Accepting Nominations for the Governor's Historic Preservation Awards

Do you know of a project, organization, agency, or individual whose work exemplifies the best in historic preservation? We encourage you to submit a nomination for the 2017 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards. This state-sponsored award program is an excellent opportunity to give much-deserved recognition to efforts that help preserve California's heritage. Application forms and criteria for the [2017 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards](#) are now available through the OHP website. The **deadline for submissions is May 15, 2017**. Good work is worth celebrating!

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Events and Education

California Preservation Foundation (CPF) Workshops & Webinars

February 8 (workshop): [Creative Solutions for Affordable Placemaking: From the Historical Building Code to Accessible Design](#)

February 9 (workshop): [Wood, Concrete, Plaster, and Stone: A Materials Primer](#)

February 15 (webinar): [A New Attitude on Old Approaches: Examining Facadism](#)

February 22 (webinar): [Beyond the Building: Challenges and Opportunities in Evaluating Recent Past Resources](#)

March 8 (webinar): [Teardowns to Mansionization - Preserving Community Character](#)

Visit the [CPF website](#) for the full calendar of education offerings.

Modernism Week 2017 - Palm Springs, February 19-26

Palm Springs will once again host the annual [Modernism Week](#), February 19-26, 2017. The week offers a variety of sessions, tours, and special events highlighting California's modern heritage and resources.

CAMSA Annual Conference - Monterey, February 22-24

The [California Main Street Association \(CAMSA\)](#) will hold its annual conference in Monterey, on February 22-24, 2017. The conference theme is "When Old Embraces New," with sessions addressing the preservation, revitalization, and future of historic downtowns. Visit the [CAMSA website](#) for conference and registration details.

Internship in Historic Preservation

The non-profit [American Conservation Experience \(ACE\)](#) in partnership with the National Park Service, is offering a Cultural Resource Management internship in Redwood National Park, Orick, California. The selected intern will research the history and culture of Native Americans of the region and their adaptations to past climate and environmental changes. The ten-week internship begins June 5, 2017. Visit the [ACE website](#) for internship and registration details. Early consideration will be given as applications are received, with the position closing at any time.

Register Now for SCA Annual Meeting, March 9-12, 2017

The [Society for California Archaeology \(SCA\)](#) annual meeting will be held March 9-12, 2017, at Tenaya Lodge outside Yosemite National Park. The meeting provides an opportunity to share and learn about the latest research and efforts in the field of archaeology. Conference and registration information is available through the [SCA website](#).

Summer Internships with the ACHP

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is now accepting applications for their [summer internship program](#). Open to undergraduate and graduate students, the internship provides an opportunity for participants to complete projects that contribute to and broaden awareness of the work of the ACHP and its preservation partners. The **deadline for applying is March 15, 2017.**

HPEF Accepting Proposals for Partners in Training Program

The [Historic Preservation Education Foundation \(HPEF\)](#) is accepting proposals for its [Spring 2017 Partners in Training](#) program. Educational institutions and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to submit training proposals that address specialized topics associated with the technical aspects of preservation. The **submission deadline is April 3, 2017.**

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State Historical Resources Commission Meetings for 2017

February 3 - Sacramento

May 10 - Pasadena

July 28 - TBD

October 27 - TBD

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