



STILLAGUAMISH TRIBE OF INDIANS

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

On July 11, 2020, the National Park Service announced that 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."

The Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians is honored to receive a \$46,978 award for the following project:

Stillaguamish Mount Higgins National Register Nomination

The major goals of this project are to:

- Survey, inventory, and document a traditional cultural landscape, known as *sx̣'ədəlwaʔs* - Mt. Higgins, that serves as one of the most unique and culturally significant places in the Stillaguamish ancestral landscape.
- Prepare a National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Nomination Form documenting the multiple layers of ongoing historical, cultural, and geographical significance of the *sx̣'ədəlwaʔs* - Mt. Higgins TCL to and for the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians.
- If determined eligible for listing as part of the evaluation and nomination form preparation process, consult with and secure from the Washington State Department of Historic Preservation (DAHP) concurrence on NRHP eligibility prior to its formal submittal to the National Register.

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

This Underrepresented Community Grant Program project is funded by the Historic Preservation Fund and administered by the National Park Service, Department of Interior.