



Historic Preservation Commission Newsletter

SHPO News

2010 CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANTS

The 2010 grant round will have up to \$104,000 of grant monies awarded. Interested eligible organizations that have a project they wish to be considered for an award should thoroughly read the guidelines and submit an application to the SHSND before March 12, 2010. The completed application must be accepted (not postmarked) by the SHSND by 5pm on **Friday, March 12, 2010**.

SHSND PROJECT TO DOCUMENT POTENTIALLY HISTORIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND) is spearheading a volunteer-based project to document potentially historic school buildings, including photographing, measuring, and noting architectural features of each structure, as well as its relevant history. Volunteers are needed to help record these important symbols.

Instructions for volunteers interested in helping with the schoolhouse project can be found on the SHSND's website at www.history.nd.gov/hp/recordingbuildings.html. This website, which will be updated periodically, includes a list of schools already documented, an online example, forms, and the architectural manual with specific instructions on how to fill out the site forms needed for the project.

FY11 BUDGET/STATE OF THE UNION and HPF

On Wednesday January 27, 2010 President Obama presented the annual State of the Union address in which he said that he will ask Congress to freeze total discretionary domestic spending for the next three years, beginning with fiscal year 2011. He didn't propose a flat, across-the-board freeze for every domestic discretionary program but left room for increases for some departments and programs. However, those increases would have to be offset by decrease for other departments and programs.

"Starting in 2011, we are prepared to freeze government spending for three years," said President Obama. "Spending related to our national security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security will not be affected. But all other discretionary government programs will." The administration will release its fiscal 2011 budget request Monday (February 1) and that will go a long way toward determining the winners and losers in the upcoming budget wars. The freeze would not affect a \$787 billion economic stimulus law (PL 111-5 of Feb. 17, 2009) or a new stimulus bill that Congress is now developing.

If Congress follows Obama's lead and establishes a flat new budget and flat new spending caps for appropriations bills, it's very possible that HPF programs would receive little or no spending increases in fiscal year 2011. The same freeze would hold true for the next three years of the Obama administration. Congress in fiscal 2010 approved a 16 percent increase in the Interior and related agencies appropriations bill (\$32.24 billion) compared to fiscal 2009 (\$27.58 billion). That's a \$4.66 billion hike – SHPOs received a \$4 million increase.

Preservation Web Links

- **National Park History website.** <http://www.nps.gov/history/history/index.htm>
- **NPS Preservation Briefs –** www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/briefs/presbhom.htm
- **Preservation North Dakota -** www.prairieplaces.org