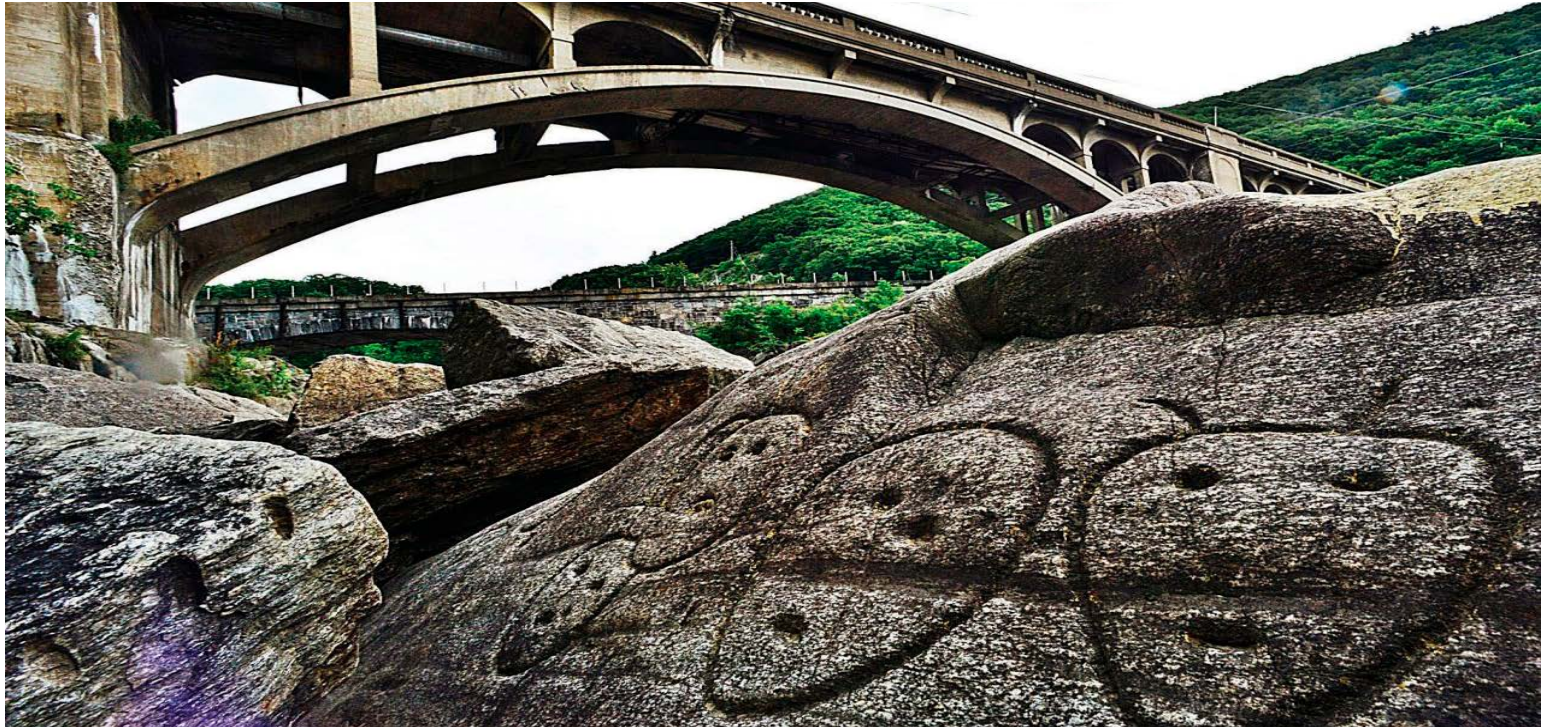




# Underrepresented Communities Grant Program (URC)



Kchi Põntegok: Revisiting the Historic Landscape of the Bellows Falls Petroglyphs in Bellow Falls, Vermont  
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## Who May Apply

- State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs)
- Federally-recognized Tribes, Alaska Native Villages/Corporations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations, as defined by 54 USC 300309, 54 USC 300313 and 54 USC 300314
- Certified Local Governments (CLGs) (list provided at [go.nps.gov/clg](http://go.nps.gov/clg))
- Nonprofit organizations

## What Is Funded

- Grant projects support the survey, inventory, and designation of historic properties that are associated with communities currently underrepresented in the National Register of Historic Places and among National Historic Landmarks.
- Projects must result in the submission of a new nomination to the National Register of Historic Places or National Historic Landmark Program, or an amendment to an existing National Register or National Historic Landmark nomination, to include underrepresented communities.

## What Is Not Funded

- Construction of new buildings
- Acquisition of collections or historic sites
- Conservation of collections, except as part of gathering oral history documentation
- Long-term maintenance or work outside the grant period
- Reconstructing historic properties (recreating all or a significant portion that no longer exists)
- Moving or work on moved historic properties that are no longer eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places
- Cash reserves, endowments, revolving funds, or fund-raising costs
- Work performed prior to announcement of award
- Lobbying or advocacy activities
- Costs for work already completed or funded through other federal programs
- Costs to manage the grant may not exceed 25% of the total budget per statute
- Miscellaneous costs, contingencies, reserves, and overhead
- Nominations of sites not previously determined eligible by the SHPO or that may have owner objection to listing
- Sites or collections owned or leased by the NPS, or in which the NPS holds a property interest

## Grant Amounts

The minimum grant request is \$15,000 federal share. The maximum grant request is \$75,000 federal share. Please note that the selection panel may, at its discretion, award less than the minimum grant request. Matching funds are not required, but may be considered as part of the evaluation process.

## Selection Process

NPS personnel and qualified Federal employees will review all complete proposals using the criteria outlined below. Reviewers' evaluations are based solely on the material provided in the application. Additional materials not specifically required by the application, and materials sent separately from the application, will not be considered. A summary of the review panel comments may be provided to the applicant if requested after the grant process is complete. All funded grantees will undergo a risk assessment as part of the award process.

## Evaluation and Selection Criteria

Project descriptions must address, and applications will be rated on, each of the criteria listed below. NPS will evaluate and consider only complete applications that separately address each of the criteria. You are required to provide a detailed narrative of these elements using the project description and budget justification worksheets. These items along with other required application documents are only available through Grants.gov.

- 1. Significance:** Describe the underrepresented community and the historic resources affected by this project, and why they are historically significant. Describe why the community and the historic resources are underrepresented in your jurisdiction. Identify if the historic resources are listed in the National Register of Historic Places and/or designated at the State, Tribal, or local level; and, if not currently listed, why they should be. Applicants must include concurrence of eligibility from the State or Tribal Historic Preservation Office (SHPO/THPO), such as a determination of eligibility from the SHPO/THPO or a completed survey that was reviewed by the SHPO/THPO.
- 2. Planning:** Describe how the project advances the goals of a local, state, and/or tribal preservation plans or comparable planning documents for your jurisdiction. Describe how the results of this project will be incorporated into current and future planning efforts. Describe how this project will bring recognition and consideration to the underrepresented community's historic resources.
- 3. Feasibility:** Describe the timeline as provided in the Timeline section of the Project Description Worksheet, keeping in mind that award announcements are not expected until approximately 6 months following the application due date and the timeline should be realistic. Demonstrate that the costs identified in the Budget Justification Worksheet are necessary, reasonable, and allowable. Demonstrate how the project will be accomplished within the given time frame (2-3 years) and with the given resources, while meeting all federal requirements and guidelines. Briefly describe what type of professional expertise will be involved in managing and completing the project and their qualifications. Note that prior involvement with consultants may exclude them from working on the project (2 CFR 200.320).
- 4. Sustainability:** Describe the impacts of the project after completion including long lasting effects. Describe the public-private partnerships and community engagement involved in the project and how these partnerships will sustain and continue to support the resource(s) after the grant project is complete.

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## Process and Deadlines

Applications are anticipated to open in spring of 2024 and are due in summer of 2024. Congress has appropriated \$1.25 million for this program in fiscal year 2024. All applications must be made through Grants.gov. No paper applications will be accepted. Registration in Grants.gov, SAM.gov, and other federal systems can take up to four weeks, so please start early. Extensions will not be granted due to incomplete registrations in these systems. To be notified when the grant opportunity opens, please visit Grants.gov and subscribe to a saved search for CFDA number 15.966. You can create a saved search on Grants.gov under the "Connect" menu "Manage Subscriptions."

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## Additional Information

Visit [go.nps.gov/urc](https://www.nps.gov/urc) for more information about this grant program.

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