

# Weatherization Operations Manual

## Section 4. Historic Preservation

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**Grantees may reformat the appearance of forms provided by AHFC.**

## Historic Preservation

Per the Office of History and Archaeology, State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation:

“Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires review of any project funded, licensed, permitted, or assisted by the federal government for impact on significant historic properties. The agencies must allow the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, a federal agency, to comment on a project. The Alaska Historic Preservation Act contains a provision similar to Section 106 which mandates that any project with state involvement be reviewed in a similar manner.”<sup>1</sup>

Due to the increased state and federal funding available to the Weatherization program, the Alaska **State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)** has experienced an unprecedented number of review requests. AHFC, DOE, and SHPO have executed a programmatic agreement, which defines Weatherization Assistance Program undertakings that are exempt from Section 106 Review. DOE Subgrantees shall comply with the programmatic agreement executed in December 2010 for homes that receive DOE funds.

Similarly, an agreement between AHFC and SHPO, which pertains to State Weatherization funds, has been executed. All Grantees shall comply with the memorandum of understanding between AHFC and SHPO for homes that receive State funds.

### SHPO Compliance

The Grantee shall complete the SHPO Compliance Checklist provided in this Section for each dwelling unit. This form is required in the project file.

### SHPO Section 106 Review

Additionally, when proposed Weatherization activities necessitate a review by SHPO, the Grantee must submit the following to SHPO:

1. **Request for SHPO Section 106 Review** [SHPO’s form]. The current version of this form is provided in this Section. It also may be completed online and printed through a link at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/checklist.htm>.
2. Grantee’s **Request for SHPO Section 106 Review**. This is a one-page cover that accompanies SHPO’s request form.

<sup>1</sup> <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/shpo/sec106.htm>, Last updated on Wednesday, 09-Jul-2008 11:06:55 AKDT. Accessed 12-Jan-2011.

3. **Supporting Documentation.** The longitude and latitude of the property, a location map, photos, and any additional narrative as necessary.
4. **Additional Information Requested by SHPO.** On a case-by-case basis, SHPO may require further detail to make its determination.

Submissions to SHPO may be sent via fax or email. Grantees may choose to also mail hard copies. It is highly recommended that hard copies be sent Certified Mail with Return Receipt requested to document the date of the submission. If SHPO does not comment within 30 days, the work may proceed without a response from SHPO.

Grantees are encouraged to work with SHPO to determine the type of information that will be required for dwelling units in their service area(s).