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To amend title 54, United States Code, to increase amounts deposited in the Historic Preservation Fund, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend title 54, United States Code, to increase amounts deposited in the Historic Preservation Fund, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Historic Preservation
5 Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND**
2 **PROVISIONS.**

3 (a) FUNDING.—Section 303102 of title 54, United
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) by striking “For each” and inserting “(a)

6 IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b),
7 for each”;

8 (2) by striking “of fiscal years 2012 to 2023”
9 and inserting “fiscal year”;

10 (3) by striking “\$150,000,000” and inserting
11 “\$300,000,000”; and

12 (4) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(b) DEPOSITS.—Unless otherwise provided by law,
14 if the revenues described in subsection (a) are not suffi-
15 cient to cover the amount to be deposited into each of the
16 funds such revenues are directed under other Federal
17 laws, the difference between the shortfall in the revenues
18 and the amount to be deposited into the Historic Preserva-
19 tion Fund under subsection (a) shall be deposited from
20 amounts in the general fund of the Treasury.”.

21 (b) USE AND AVAILABILITY.—Section 303103 of title
22 54, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:
23 **“§ 303103. Use and availability**

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Any amounts deposited in the
25 Historic Preservation Fund under section 303102 for fis-
26 cal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter shall be made

1 available for expenditure for fiscal year 2026 and each fis-
2 cal year thereafter, without further appropriation or fiscal
3 year limitation, to carry out this division (including pro-
4 grams made available from the Historic Preservation
5 Fund).

6 “(b) ALLOCATION AUTHORITY.—

7 “(1) MINIMUM ALLOCATION FOR STATE AND
8 TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICES.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
10 other provision of law and subject to subpara-
11 graph (B), of the amounts made available from
12 the Fund for each fiscal year under subsection
13 (a)—

14 “(i) not less than 40 percent shall be
15 allocated to State Historic Preservation
16 Offices; and

17 “(ii) not less than 20 percent shall be
18 allocated to Tribal Historic Preservation
19 Offices.

20 “(B) ADJUSTMENT.—The annual alloca-
21 tion to Tribal Historic Preservation Offices
22 under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be increased
23 as necessary to reflect any annual increase in
24 the number of Tribal Historic Preservation Of-
25 fices.

1 “(2) SUBMISSION OF COST ESTIMATES.—The
2 President shall submit to Congress proposed alloca-
3 tions to State Historic Preservation Offices (ex-
4 pressed as the total amount proposed to be allocated
5 to all such Offices), Tribal Historic Preservation Of-
6 fices (expressed as the total amount proposed to be
7 allocated to all such Offices), grant programs de-
8 scribed in the item relating to the Historic Preserva-
9 tion Fund in title I of division G of the Consolidated
10 Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117–328),
11 and any other relevant programs (as determined by
12 the President or a designee of the President), of the
13 full amount made available under subsection (a)—

14 “(A) for fiscal year 2026, not later than
15 90 days after the date of the enactment of the
16 Historic Preservation Enhancement Act; and

17 “(B) for each fiscal year thereafter, as
18 part of the annual budget submission of the
19 President.

20 “(3) ALTERNATE ALLOCATION.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Appropriations Acts
22 may provide for alternate allocation of amounts
23 made available under subsection (a), including
24 allocations by program.

25 “(B) ALLOCATION BY PRESIDENT.—

1 “(i) NO ALTERNATE ALLOCATIONS.—

2 If Congress has not enacted legislation es-
3 tablishing alternate allocations by the date
4 on which the Act making full-year appro-
5 priations for the Department of the Inte-
6 rior, Environment, and Related Agencies
7 for the applicable fiscal year is enacted
8 into law, amounts made available under
9 subsection (a) shall be allocated by the
10 President.

11 “(ii) INSUFFICIENT ALTERNATE AL-
12 LOCATION.—If Congress enacts legislation
13 establishing alternate allocations for
14 amounts made available under subsection
15 (a) that are less than the full amount ap-
16 propriated under such subsection, the dif-
17 ference between the amount appropriated
18 and the alternate allocation shall be allo-
19 cated by the President.

20 “(4) CONTINUING RESOLUTION.—If the De-
21 partment of the Interior or the National Park Serv-
22 ice is operating under a continuing resolution during
23 any period in a fiscal year, the President may dis-
24 tribute funds made available under subsection (a) to
25 State Historic Preservation Offices and Tribal His-

1 toric Preservation Offices during such period at the
 2 rate of operations provided for such Offices under
 3 such subsection during the immediately preceding
 4 fiscal year.

5 “(5) ANNUAL REPORT.—The President shall
 6 submit to Congress an annual report that describes
 7 the final allocation, by program, of amounts made
 8 available under subsection (a).”.

9 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION**
 10 **FUND PROGRAMS.**

11 Subject to the availability of appropriations, amounts
 12 are authorized to be made available from the Historic
 13 Preservation Fund to the following programs:

14 (1) African American Civil Rights Movement
 15 Initiative & Grants.

16 (2) History of Equal Rights Grants (formerly
 17 known as “Civil Rights Grants for All Americans”).

18 (3) Survey Grants for Underrepresented Com-
 19 munities.

20 (4) Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants.

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