

Oldest Bldg.

Russell W. Cahill, state historic preservation officer, and director of the Alaska Division of Parks, announced that his office had completed arrangements for the Holy Ascension Orthodox Church on the island of Unalaska in the Aleutians to receive \$3,700 in matching funds under the National Historic Preservation Act.

The funds will be used to refurbish the exterior of the church, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1970.

Rebuilt in 1894 around a smaller church constructed in 1808, the church has served the community of Unalaska continuously for 167 years and protects many rare icons and other religious articles.

When discussing the grant, Cahill noted that it was one of several projects made possible by state and federal partnerships in historic preservation.

Basic eligibility for these grants, which are given for acquisition, statilization or restoration, is created when properties are listed in the National Register of Historic Places — the nation's catalogue of culturally significant sites and buildings.

Applications for grants for acquisition or development may be submitted to Cahill's offices at 323 East 4th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99501.