

# Erskine House

Erskine House in Kodiak, the oldest standing Russian structure in the United States, received from the National Park Service under the Historic Preservation Grants-in-Aid program \$6,665 for the first phase of a \$70,820 project, stated Russell W. Cahill, director of the Alaska Division of Parks and State Historic Preservation Officer.

The Erskine House was erected in 1793 by Alexander Baranov as an office and fur warehouse. Entered in the National Register of Historic Places in 1966, the Erskine House is listed among the nation's leading structures of historic importance.

During the first phase of stabilization, a fire suppression system will be installed. Later phases of the project will upgrade the foundation and structural supports, while repainting and generally renovating the structure.

The Erskine House is only one of many Historic Preservation grant projects administered by the Alaska Division of Parks, Cahill remarked. Those interested in making application to this grant program should inquire at the office of the Alaska Division of Parks, 323 East 4 Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.