

# Japanese American Confinement Sites Consortium

**Support the Preservation of Japanese American History for Future Generations!**

## **Background**

In 2006, the Japanese American Confinement Sites (JACS) Program was established for the preservation and interpretation of U.S. confinement sites where Japanese Americans were incarcerated during World War II. This original legislation was introduced by Representative Doris Matsui, and then Representatives Bill Thomas and Mike Honda.

Since the first year of funded projects in Fiscal Year 2009, 268 projects have been funded in 24 states and the District of Columbia with 36 million dollars. Funding has ranged from as little as \$5,000 to over \$800 thousand for a single project. The program was originally funded with 38 million dollars, so the original funding will be **exhausted in Fiscal Year 2022**.

## **Japanese American Confinement Education Act - S988**

Sponsored by Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI) the Japanese American Confinement Education (JACE) Act extends the JACS Program with another \$32 million dollars in funding authorization. With typical appropriations of \$3 million per year, this would fund the program for an additional eleven years. The House companion bill H.R. 1931 passed unanimously in the House on March 15, 2022.

In addition to extending and strengthening the JACS Program, the JACE Act would establish a new educational program modeled after the recently passed Holocaust Education Act. An additional \$10 million over five years would be used by Japanese American organizations to ensure that present and future generations of Americans will learn from the experience of Japanese American confinement, and our country's subsequent commitment to equal justice under law. Funding will be used for research and education relating to Japanese American incarceration, and the creation and disbursement of educational materials to promote a national understanding of how and why Japanese Americans were incarcerated during WWII.

## **For more information**

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**The Japanese American Confinement Education Act will ensure the legacy of the Japanese American experience of incarceration during World War II remains a part of the conscience of our country for the next generation.**