

**Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Policy for the Award of
Capital Grants to Projects Located Outside of a Target Investment Zone, or
After the Expiration of the 10-Year Period Following the First Award of a
Capital Grant Within a Target Investment Zone**

Acquisition and development grants (capital grants) may be awarded for a project located outside of a Target Investment Zone (TIZ) but within a Certified Heritage Area, or after the expiration of the 10 years following the first award of a capital grant within a TIZ, if the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) determines that the project is essential to the success of the management plan approved for the Certified Heritage Area.

MHAA may consider a capital project to be essential to the success of a Certified Heritage Area management plan if:

1. The project is an activity which is:
 - a. Identified as a priority activity in the management plan approved for the Certified Heritage Area, and
 - b. Consistent with the goals, objectives, strategies, standards, and actions outlined in the approved Certified Heritage Area management plan; or

2. The project will have an exceptionally significant heritage tourism development impact within the Certified Heritage Area and either meets standards outlined in the management plan or, if no standards are outlined in the management plan, meets standards developed by the heritage area management entity and approved by the MHAA, for:
 - a. Proposed compatible heritage tourism-related uses (for example, entertainment, interpretation, lodging, retail, museum, or visitor services);
 - b. Physical improvements (e.g., exterior building designs, or interpretive devices); and
 - c. Minimum economic benefits, activities or sales resulting from tourism, or similar results.