

Call for Grant Reviewers: Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program

The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) is pleased to announce the reinstatement of the Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program (MAP) and invites individuals with relevant expertise to serve as grant reviewers for this important initiative.

MAP supports the operational needs of Maryland's history museums and cultural organizations, helping them steward and interpret our shared heritage. As a grant reviewer, you will play a vital role in ensuring thoughtful, fair, and informed funding decisions that strengthen Maryland's museum community.

We are seeking reviewers who currently work with an organization or institution that meets the applicant eligibility criteria, which include:

- nonprofit organizations that are in good standing, qualified to do business in Maryland, and have operated as a nonprofit for at least three years; and
- museums that are operated by a local government and have been in existence for at least three years.

Potential reviewers should have three or more years of experience in one of the following areas:

- Museum operations or administration
- Collections care and conservation
- Public history or cultural programming

Museums operated in whole or in part by the federal government as well as state museums are not eligible to apply for this program, so their staff cannot be appointed at the agency level as reviewers. However, if you represent one of these institutions and are interested in serving as a reviewer, please submit an application and MHT will keep your information on file for ex officio appointment consideration.

Reviewers will provide feedback on the grant application and selection process, evaluate applications remotely, and participate in a virtual review panel later this year. Reviewers appointed by the Secretary of Planning will serve staggered terms of one, two, and three years, assessed in consultation with the selected reviewers. Participation on the review panel will not limit your organization's ability to apply for funding.

If you are interested in volunteering to support Maryland's museums through this exciting opportunity, please fill out the application at bit.ly/4kGKN46 by **July 10, 2025**. If you have any questions, please email Brenna Spray at brenna.spray@maryland.gov.