Welcome to the MHT Virtual Roadshow: An Overview of MHT & MHAA Grant Programs
Agenda for Today’s Roadshow

- Introductions
- Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) Grants (Capital and Non-Capital)
- Historic Preservation Capital Grants
- Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grants
- African American Heritage Preservation Program (AAHPP) Grants
- Certified Local Government Grants
- Wrap Up: Due Dates Overview, Accessing Application Forms, and Q & A Session
MHAA Capital & Non-Capital Grants

Image of Rodger’s Tavern courtesy of the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway
What are Heritage Areas?

Heritage Areas support the **economic well-being** of Maryland’s **communities** by preserving and celebrating the State’s **history, cultural traditions and natural resources** through **partnerships** that promote, support and create **place-based experiences** for visitors and residents alike.

- Locally designated, certified by State
- Commitment to economic development through heritage-related tourism
Who is eligible for MHAA Grants?

- Projects located within heritage area boundaries
- Applicants must be:
  - Non-profits
  - Local jurisdictions
  - State agencies
  - Federal agencies

Photo (via drone) by Elevated Element and courtesy of Baltimore Museum of Industry.
MHAA Non-Capital Grants

- **Activities funded:**
  design, interpretation, events, exhibits, brochures, technology, websites and mobile apps, archeology, other research, pedestrian signage, planning for non-capital projects

- **Accepts requests of**
  $5,000 to $50,000

*Image courtesy of Talbot County Government.*
MHAA Capital Grants

- **Activities funded:** property acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, pre-development (planning for capital projects), trails

- All projects receive easement & compliance review

- Some projects require the applicant to convey an easement to MHT

- Does NOT have to be a “historic” property

- **Accepts requests of $5,000 to $100,000**

*Image courtesy of Friends of the Greenbelt Museum.*
Grant Requirements & Timeline Info

- Both Capital and Non-Capital require a 1:1 match of cash and/or in-kind contributions

- Webinars and Virtual Office Hours for applicants will be held in January 2021

- Must submit an Intent to Apply by January 29, 2021

- Final deadlines for the full applications are set by local heritage areas, but are typically in March or April

- Multi-Heritage Area Projects’ full applications are due February 26, 2021

Image courtesy of Friends Patpasco Valley State Park
General Guidelines & Application Tips

- Coordinate with your local heritage area director
- Emphasize a heritage tourism product
- Discuss your project’s impact on your local community and the visitor experience
- Think about untold or underrepresented regional history and culture

- Project costs we cannot fund:
  - Staff time
  - Marketing
  - General operations

Image courtesy of the Annapolis Maritime Museum
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General Information and Learn About Local Heritage Areas:
mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas.shtml
Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program

Program Basics

• Fund capital (construction-related) projects for historic properties
• $600,000 available each year
• Maximum grant amount = $100,000
• Application due mid-March

Calvin B. Taylor House, Worcester County
Property Eligibility

- Listed on/eligible for National Register
- Must convey a preservation easement to MHT
- Religious sites and cemeteries have special requirements
Applicant Eligibility

- Non-profit organizations*
- Local governments
- Business Entities
- Private Individuals

* No match required for non-profit organizations!

Union Mills Homestead, Shriver Grist Mill Flume, Carroll County
Project Eligibility

- Acquisition
- Restoration/Rehabilitation
- Pre-development (non-profit and local government applicants only)
The acquisition of the property should directly contribute to its preservation.

Iron Hill Cut Jasper Quarry Archaeological Preserve, Cecil County

B&O WB Tower, Frederick County
Rehabilitation/Restoration

Construction should emphasize protection of the resource and/or repair of important original features.

Hays House, Harford County

Christ Rock Church, Dorchester County

Hammond-Harwood House, Anne Arundel County
Pre-development

- Local governments and non-profits only
- Assessments and design necessary for construction:
  - Architectural plans
  - Structural assessment
  - Archaeology required for a permit
- Example ineligible projects:
  - Feasibility studies
  - Master plans
  - Research
Selection Criteria*

- **Significance**
  - Historical Significance
  - Importance to local community

- **Project Design**
  - Scope
  - Budget
  - Schedule
  - Urgency

- **Public Benefit**
  - Public benefit
  - Educational value
  - Accessibility to public
  - Local support

*See the Grant Guidelines on our website for a complete list of criteria.*
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https://mht.maryland.gov/grants_capital.shtml
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
NON-CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM

GRANTS WORKSHOP

Maryland Historical Trust
Introduction to the Program

- Designed for research, survey, planning, and educational activities involving architectural, archaeological, or cultural resources in Maryland.

- The available FY 2021 funding totals $300,000 and has been distributed to MHT from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund. Maximum request is $75,000.
Who can Apply?

- Non-profit organizations, including State agencies
- Local jurisdictions
- Non-profit organizations must be registered with SDAT and in good standing.
- Non-profit applicants must have a letter from the IRS documenting non-profit status by the time of grant award.
Do we have to match the grant?

- *Local governments* must match the grant 1:1 (dollar-for-dollar) in cash and/or in-kind services.

- No match is *required* for non-profit organizations; however, providing some match will make the application more competitive.
What types of activities can be funded?

- Architectural & Archaeological Survey Work
- National Register nominations
- Historic Structures Reports
- Thematic research that supports the development of historic contexts
- Preservation Plans
- Education & Outreach activities

Excavation of the Late Woodland Winslow Village
Courtesy of Bill Davis, National Park Service
What types of projects cannot be funded?

- Projects that involve “capital” expenditures.
- Development of exhibits from existing museum collections.
- Projects that seek to conserve or catalog historic archival collections (i.e. not artifacts).
- Publications of previously completed manuscripts.
- Projects that are already underway or completed prior to execution of the grant agreement.
Program Requirements

• Architectural and archaeological research, survey and documentation projects must be consistent with MHT Standards & Guidelines.

• Personnel performing architectural and archaeological work must meet the minimum requirements of the Secretary of the Interior’s Professional Qualifications Standards under 36 CFR 61.
Program Requirements

• For archaeological investigations that result in recovery of artifacts, the application must state where and how the artifacts will be conserved and stored.

• Please consider curation with the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory (MAC Lab) in St. Leonard, MD

http://jefpat.maryland.gov
• For projects involving only one resource, that resource must be listed on the National Register or determined eligible by MHT Director.

• For projects with GIS or spatial data development, the grantee must provide copies of all databases, image files, and GIS files.

• There is no easement requirement.
FY 2021 Funding Priorities: Research & Survey Projects

- Broad-based, comprehensive, and systematic archaeological or architectural surveys to identify and document previously unknown, little-studied, or threatened resources.

- Projects designed to assess, document, or address the impacts of natural disasters and ongoing natural processes on cultural resources.

- Projects that undertake detailed, in-depth study of a specific topic, time period, property type, or theme.
Documenting Maryland’s Women’s Suffrage History

Project work included educational outreach activities related to the women’s suffrage movement in Maryland. The work built upon a historic context that a graduate intern completed for MHT, as well as an ongoing Underrepresented Community Grant for site specific documentation.
Documenting Domestic Service Buildings in Southern Maryland

Project work included survey and documentation of early domestic outbuildings in southern Maryland with high-resolution digital photography and measured drawings.
Project included a geophysical survey to locate the 1634 palisaded fort erected by the first European settlers of St. Mary's City. Geophysical prospection was conducted at the Mill Field and 5-acre city-center sites: strong candidates for the location of the fort.
Project includes a non-invasive archaeological survey of Rodgers Tavern in the town of Perryville.
Project work includes the completion of a historic sites survey of threatened sites in Somerset and Dorchester counties and completion of Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) forms for identified sites.
The following dates are approximate:

- **May & June 2021**: Announcement of funds and workshops
- **July 2021**: Intent to Apply deadline (online)
- **August 2021**: Completed Application deadline (online)
- **November 2021**: Grant awards announced.
- **December 2021 – early Spring 2022**: Grant Agreements mailed by MHT and signed.

Generally, project must be completed two years after executed grant agreement is received (roughly May 2024).
Available Handouts

All documents are available on the MHT website at: https://mht.maryland.gov/grants_noncap.shtml

- Non-Capital Grants Guidelines & Manual (*new*)
- Online Quick Start Guide
- Sample Intent to Apply Form
- Sample Application

*Note: Your Intent to Apply & Application MUST be submitted online.*
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“encourage the identification and preservation of buildings, sites, and communities of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in Maryland”

Stanley Institute and Christ Rock Church, Dorchester County
AAHPP: Program Snapshot

- Program = $1 million per year
- Maximum grant = $100,000
- Applications due July 1

Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center, Queen Anne’s County
AAHPP: Eligible Applicants

• Non-profits*
• Local governments
• Businesses
• Individuals

* No match required for non-profits!

Fruitland Community Center, Wicomico County
AAHPP: Eligible Projects

• Acquisition
• Rehabilitation
• New Construction
• Pre-development

Magothy Elementary School, Anne Arundel County
(courtesy: Michael Dowling)
AAHPP: Sample Projects

McComas Institute, Harford County

Mutual Memorial Cemetery, Montgomery County

Jane Gates Heritage House, Allegany County

Liberty Grace Church, Baltimore City

Robert W. Johnson Community Center, Washington County

Mt. Gilboa AME Church, Baltimore County
AAHPP: Tips – Project Description

• Are expenses eligible?
• Describe construction tasks
• Include photos

Emmanuel Episcopal Church & Tunnels, Allegany County
**AAHPP: Tips – Site Significance**

- Site history
- Importance to community
- Tell your story!

Charles H. Chipman Cultural Center, Wicomico County
How does your site increase public knowledge of Maryland’s African American history and culture?
Contact the Commission about:
- Project purpose
- Program funding priorities
- Historical narrative

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Contact MHT about:
- Eligibility
- Technical preservation or construction issues
- Application system

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https://mht.maryland.gov/grants_africanamerican.shtml
Certified Local Government Program

MHT is the State Historic Preservation Office

- National Historic Preservation Act
- Federal funding
- Federal programs include:
  - Project Review and Compliance (Section 106)
  - National Register of Historic Places
  - Certified Local Government Program
Certified Local Government Program

- Federal-State-Local partnership
- Provides grants and resources to communities that have made a special commitment to preservation
- 22 counties and municipalities certified
Certified Local Government Program

Requirements

• Adhere to program standards
• Annual training
• Annual reports
• Four-year evaluation

Benefits

• Education/training opportunities
• Funding!
Certified Local Government Program

Certified Local Government Grants

- Educational Grants (non-competitive)
  - In partnership with the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions

- Project Grants (competitive, about $80,000 per year)
  - Non-capital grants: planning, education, research and survey, etc.
  - $25,000 maximum
  - Match encouraged but not required
  - Rounds in February

Learn more at [https://mht.maryland.gov/grants_clg.shtml](https://mht.maryland.gov/grants_clg.shtml) or contact Nell Ziehl at nell.ziehl@maryland.gov
Wrap Up:
Due Dates Overview, Accessing Application Forms and Q & A Session
Overview of Due Dates

- Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) Grants (Capital and Non-Capital)
  - “Intent to Apply” forms are due Jan 29, 2021
  - Full applications are due according to local heritage area deadlines in February, March, and April of 2021

- Certified Local Government Grants
  - Full applications are typically due in February

- Historic Preservation Capital Grants
  - Full applications due March 22, 2021

- African American Heritage Preservation Program (AAHPP) Grants
  - Full applications are typically due in July

- Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grants
  - “Intent to Apply” forms are typically due in July
  - Full applications are typically due in August

Maryland
Department of Planning
Maryland Historical Trust
Accessing Applications

- Mht.Maryland.gov
Accessing Applications

• On the “Funding” page, you’ll see a button for “Grants”
Accessing Applications

- On the “Grants” page, you’ll see a list of “Open Funding Opportunities”

Open Funding Opportunities

For more information on MHT funding opportunities that are not currently accepting applications, please click on the button at the bottom of the page for the appropriate program. There may be multiple grant opportunities available at the same time - please make sure you are applying to the correct program.

FY 2021 Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grant Program

The FY 2021 Non-Capital Grant round is now open! Intent to Apply forms are due by 11:59 pm on July 17, 2020. The deadline for completed applications is 11:59 pm on August 28, 2020. Both items must be submitted through our online grant application portal.

To begin a new Intent to Apply for Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grants, click here.

For the Grants Manual and a Quick Start Guide, which includes instructions for the online grant application, please visit the Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grant Program page.

FY 2021 African American Heritage Preservation Program Grants

Applications are now being accepted for capital (construction-related) projects related to African American History and Culture. Please visit the African American Heritage Preservation Program Grants webpage for more information and to begin the application process.
Accessing Applications

• To access an application you already started, use the My Grant Account Button
Accessing Applications

- When you log in using the same email you used to set up your account, you’ll be able to see applications you’ve started under “in-progress” applications.

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Click on the application name to continue working on the application form.
Accessing Applications

- You may need to change the show menu to view your “in-progress” applications.
Question and Answer Session
Q: What makes your grant program different from the others discussed today?
Q: Are organizations eligible to apply to multiple grant programs for the same project?
Q: What specific advice do you have for applicants planning to apply for the Historic Preservation Capital and MHAA Grant programs simultaneously?

These programs are open around the same time and have some overlap in eligible project types.
Questions from the livestreams
Other questions? Please contact us!
https://mht.maryland.gov/grants.shtml

Scroll down on the main “Grants” page and click on the program you’re interested in for more information and contact details.