

Welcome!

African American Heritage Preservation Program

Q&A Session



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Program Basics

- Grants fund construction-related projects
- Properties contributing to Maryland's African American history and culture
- Maximum grant = \$250,000
- \$5,000,000 available this year
- Deadline of July 1, 2026, at 11:59 pm



John Howard House, Brookeville



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Helpful Links

- [FY27 AAHPP General Overview Webinar on MHT's YouTube Channel](#)
- [FY27 AAHPP General Overview Webinar Slides](#)
- [2026 ASALH Theme: A Century of Black History Commemorations](#)
- [AAHPP Program Website](#)



Barksdale Store, Jessup



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How to Apply for a Grant

African American Heritage Preservation Program Grants

Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program

Applications now open for FY27 grant round!

- Applicants should review grant guidelines, watch a general overview webinar, and contact program staff with questions.
- Start a new application as an [individual](#) or an [organization](#). Please note, clicking these links will start a new application each time. For help creating a new account, visit the [How to Apply for a Grant](#) page.



Application Approach

- **Focus on the most heavily weighted sections of the application.**
- **Refer to the Project Selection Criteria (Exhibit 7) within the Grant Guidelines when developing responses.**
- **Make the application easy for reviewers.**



Robert W. Johnson Center, Hagerstown

Pro Tip: Do not resubmit the exact same application you used in previous rounds!



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Important Sections

- **Project Description**
- **Significance and Urgency**
- **Public Benefit, Impact & Local Commitment**



Blandair Slave Quarters, Columbia



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Project Description

- **How will your project be completed?**
Be specific.
- **Help the reviewer visualize the project.**
- **Only list construction-related tasks.**
- **Base your scope and budget on estimates.**
- **Focus on the most critical issues.**



Orchard Street Church, Baltimore

Pro Tip: Don't forget to include pre-development costs like building conditions assessments, architectural drawings, and ground-penetrating radar.



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Significance

- **Discuss your site and its connection to African American History and Culture in Maryland**
- **Why is your site unique or important?**
- **Has the significance of your site changed over time?**
- **Why is your site important today?**



Brewer Hill Cemetery, Annapolis

Pro tip: Include information and photos of events or displays that show how your site shares its story and serves the community.



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Urgency

- **Clearly explain the critical issues and their impacts.**
- **Why does your project need AAHPP funding this round?**
- **Is the project ready to move forward if funding is awarded?**

Pro tip: If your requesting funds for new construction, make the case as to how the new building will meet an urgent community need.



Bryans Chapel, Grasonville



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Public Benefit

- **Highlight existing programming.**
- **Focus on groups that are not directly associated with your site.**
- **Make the case for access and engagement.**
- **Discuss partnerships.**
- **Provide an educational component.**



Pommonkey School, Bryans Road

Pro tip: Include a letter of support from a partner or group that utilizes your site.



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Documentation

- **Photographs**
- **Budget Spreadsheet**
- **Organizational Documents**
- **Letters**



Point of Rocks Colored Cemetery, Point of Rocks



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Photographs

- **Provide clear photos.**
- **Include photos that show the overall context of the site.**
- **Clearly illustrate the location of the critical issue.**
- **Avoid unnecessary photos.**
- **At least 10 photos.**

Pro-Tip: Provide clear and descriptive captions!



Mt. Nebo AME, Upper Marlboro



*Mt. Pleasant Acres Farm,
Preston*



Budget

- Break down work to be funded
- Base on estimates
- Account for price increases
- No overlap of State funds
- Green total should match request in application!
- No non-capital requests

The Old Museum					
AAHPP Grant Application					
Item #	Work Item (Description)	AAHPP Grant Funds Requested	Other State Funds (please specify source)	Other Project Funds (non-state only)	Total Project Funds
1	Window Repairs	\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00
2	Door Repairs	\$20,000.00			\$20,000.00
3	Foundation Repairs	\$45,000.00			\$45,000.00
4	ADA Ramp	\$50,000.00			\$50,000.00
5	Architectural Services, including ramp design, project management, and design of new addition	\$30,000.00			\$30,000.00
6	Site Work for new addition	\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00
7	Construction of New Addition		\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00
8					
9					
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11					
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14					
15					
TOTALS		\$180,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$430,000.00

This is your total FY27 AAHPP request!



Organizational Documents and Letters

- IRS Determination Letter
- By Laws AND Articles of Incorporation
- SDAT showing owner of the property
- Certificate of Good Standing
- Property Owner Consent Letter
- Letters of Support

View Property Data Summary | Search Results for ALL EIGHT COUNTIES

Parcel ID	Parcel Name	Parcel Address	Parcel Status	Parcel Type	Parcel Area	Parcel Value	Parcel Tax
01-00000000000000000000	01-00000000000000000000	01-00000000000000000000	01-00000000000000000000	01-00000000000000000000	01-00000000000000000000	01-00000000000000000000	01-00000000000000000000

BYLAWS
OF
[NEWSPAPER CORPORATION NAME]

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

The principal office of the corporation in the State of [state] in which you filed or will file your Articles of Incorporation or Certificate of Incorporation shall be located at [address of principal office]. The corporation may have such other office(s), either within or without that state, as the board of directors may designate or as the business of the corporation may require from time to time.

The registered office of the corporation to be maintained in the organizing state may be, but need not be, identical to the principal office in the organizing state, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the board of directors.

ARTICLE II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. General Powers. The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its board of directors. Its functions shall include, although not be limited to, a working board for organization, structure, planning, policy, finances, fundraising, program planning, and public education, consistent with the purposes of the corporation.

Section 2. Number, Term, and Qualifications. The number of directors of the corporation shall be not less than three and not more than five. All directors must be natural persons. The directors will be elected for a term of one year.

Section 3. Election of Directors. The board of directors shall be self-perpetuating. The first board of directors shall consist of those persons set forth in the corporation's articles of incorporation, or, if not set forth in the articles of incorporation, appointed by the corporation's incorporator. Thereafter, the directors shall be elected by the board of directors by a majority vote of the directors then in office.

Section 4. Regular Meeting. The annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held on the first [] of the month of [] in each year, beginning with the year [] at the hour of []. The board of directors may provide for the holding of additional regular

Pro-Tip: Make sure all letters are signed by the right person!



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Project Management

- **Organizational Capacity**
- **Resumes of Critical Team Members**
- **Experience with Grants and Project Management**
- **Professional Input from Consultants and Partners**

Pro-Tip: Attach project-related documents from professionals to your application.



Yellow Hearse House, Chestertown



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Questions?



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