

Maryland Historical Trust Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program



Application Q&A



Application Timeline



Online application open!

You must submit your online
application by:

**11:59 pm on
Monday, March 18, 2024**

Program Page and Application Link

<https://mht.maryland.gov/Pages/funding/grants-capital.aspx>

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Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program

The Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program promotes the acquisition, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic properties in Maryland. Eligible properties are limited to those which are listed in or determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, either individually or as a contributing structure within a district. The program typically receives an annual appropriation of \$600,000 for grants per year. Applications for the Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program are typically available in February and due in mid-March, with decisions made by July every year.

Eligible Applicants

The Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program provides grants of up to \$100,000 to nonprofits, local governments, businesses, and individuals for eligible projects. All applicants except for nonprofit organizations are required to provide a dollar-for-dollar match.

State and federal government entities are eligible to apply as nonprofits; however, projects involving state and federally owned properties cannot comply with the requirement to convey a preservation easement to MHT and therefore are not expected to rank highly enough for funding.

Eligible Projects

Applicants may apply for the following types of capital projects:

- Acquisition
- Rehabilitation or restoration
- Predevelopment costs such as studies, surveys, plans and specifications, and architectural, engineering, or other special services directly related to pre-construction work for a capital project (predevelopment costs are only eligible costs for nonprofit organizations and local government applicants)

Work, or a discrete phase of work, that is already underway or completed is not eligible for grant funding. A complete list of eligible and ineligible costs is available in the [grant guidelines](#).

Eligible Properties

All capital projects must benefit a property that is eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Special qualifying criteria are outlined below.

- Structures used for **religious purposes** are generally eligible for assistance for exterior work only and are



Sotterley Plantation gatehouse project. Photo provided by Nancy Easterling.

FY24 Grant Round Now Open

The FY 2024 Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program round is open! Applications are due by **11:59 pm on March 18, 2024**. The grant program guidelines and application materials can be found on the [Guidelines and Resources page](#).

» [APPLY HERE](#)

Register Now for the Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program Webinars & In-Person Workshops

» [REGISTER FOR A WEBINAR OR WORKSHOP](#)

February 7, 2024
Q&A Session (Virtual), 10am-12pm

February 28, 2024
Q&A Session (Virtual), 1pm-3pm

Registration forms close at noon the day before each event

Guidelines & Resources

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Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program, Guidelines and Resources

For Current Grantees

- [Grants Manual](#)
- [Project Completion Report Template with Instructions](#)

For Grant Applicants

- [Grant Guidelines](#)
- [Sample Grant Application](#)
- [Sample Budget](#)
- [Property Owner Consent Letter Template](#)
- [Application "Quick Start" Guide](#)
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Webinar Recordings

- [YouTube Playlist](#)

Webinar Slides

- [General Overview](#)
- [Application Workshop](#)
- [Preservation Easements Q&A](#)
- [Religious Sites Q&A](#)
- [Match Requirements Q&A](#)

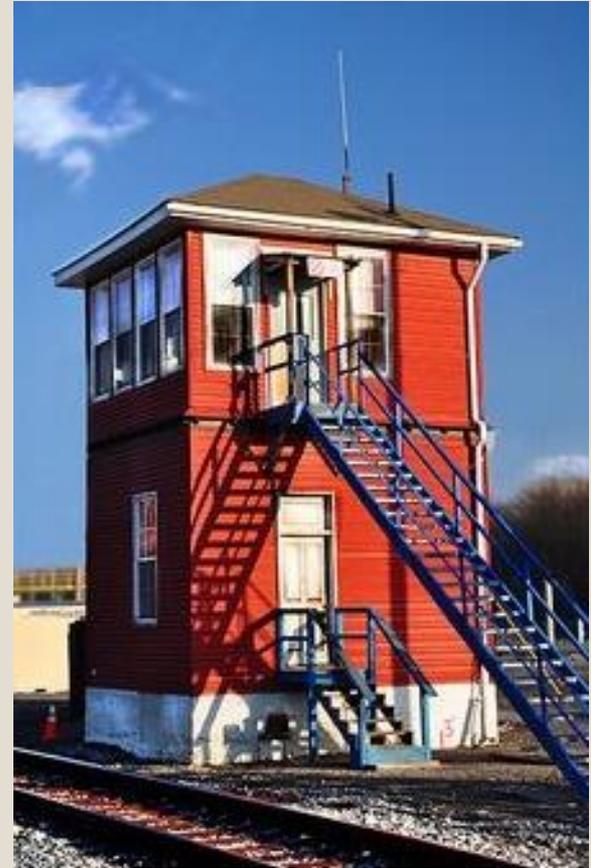
Past Awardees

- [FY22 Awardees](#)
- [FY20 Awardees](#)

Program Basics



- **Fund capital (construction-related) projects for historic properties**
- **\$600,000 available each year**
- **Maximum grant amount = \$100,000**
- **Easement Requirement**
- **Eligibility requirements**



B&O WB Tower, Frederick County

Eligible Properties



*Eligible or listed in the
National Register of Historic Places*



Christ Rock Church, Dorchester County

Eligible Applicants



- Non-profit organizations (match not required)
- Local governments
- Business Entities
- Private Individuals
- State and Federal agencies (apply as nonprofits)

*No restrictions on past applicants and past or current awardees
reapplying every year*

Eligible Activities



- Acquisition
- Restoration or Rehabilitation
- Pre-development (non-profit and local govt. applicants only)



*Iron Hill Cut Jasper Quarry
Archaeological Preserve, Cecil County*

Competitiveness



All applications meet the basic eligibility requirements of the program, but what sets your application apart from all the others?

Most heavily weighted sections: Public Benefit, Significance, Project Description (level of preservation and urgency)

Grant Selection Criteria*



- **Significance**
 - Historical and Community Significance
- **Project Description**
 - Level of Preservation
 - Urgency
 - Scope
 - Budget
 - Financial Capability
 - Schedule
- **Project Management**
 - Administrative Capability
 - Professional Capability
- **Public Benefit, Impact, & Local Commitment**
 - Public Benefit
 - Impact
 - Model
 - Access/ADA Accessibility
 - Education and Interpretation
 - Local Commitment
 - Leverage
- **Additional Criterion:**
 - Geographic Distribution

**See the Grant Guidelines for more information on these criteria.*

Grant Selection Process



After you submit your application...

- 1. MHT staff will confirm eligibility**
- 2. Grant committee will rank applications**
- 3. MHT Board of Trustees submits award recommendations to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Planning**
- 4. The Secretary makes final award approval**
- 5. Award notifications are sent! (anticipated in June)**

Where to begin?



- **Check with MHT staff to confirm project and property eligibility**
- **Identify application items that may take a while...**
 - Letter of property owner consent
 - Letters of Support
 - Budget, collecting estimates
- **Create a schedule for yourself**
- **Check on local & state regulations**

Contact Information and Program Website



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Visit our website:

<https://mht.maryland.gov/Pages/funding/grants-capital.aspx>