Maryland Historical Trust
Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program

Application Q&A

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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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

Guidelines & Resources

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

Program Basics

- **Fund capital (construction-related) projects for historic properties**

- **$600,000 available each year**

- **Maximum grant amount = $100,000**

- **Easement Requirement**

- **Eligibility requirements**
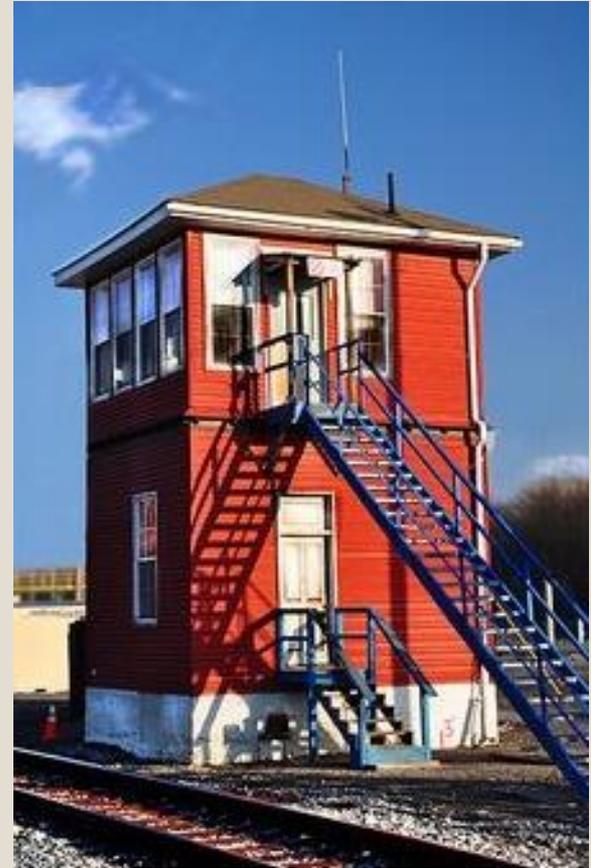
B&O WB Tower, Frederick County

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