

Applicant Information

INTRODUCTION

The Maryland Heritage Areas Program is housed administratively in the Maryland Historical Trust and governed by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) which is an independent unit of government in the Executive Branch of government that operates in the Department of Planning. One of the primary activities of MHAA and the program is to award capital and non-capital project grants that highlight Maryland's diverse heritage, enhance local communities, and promote tourism and economic development within one or more of Maryland's 13 certified heritage areas.

INSTRUCTIONS

- All questions with a red asterisk (*) require answers.
- Please use plain text. Content will not retain formatting such as bold, italics, or bullets.
- You must submit your Intent to Apply form no later than 11:59 pm on Monday, February 2, 2026

Completing an Intent to Apply form does not in any way commit your organization to completing a full application.

Should you decide to proceed with a full application, it will be available to you in the grants portal via the same account you used to submit the Intent to Apply after you submit your ITA and receive a confirmation email notifying you that the form is available. You do not need approval from MHAA program staff or your heritage area to proceed with the full application.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their projects with their local heritage area before proceeding with a full application. Contact information can be found [here](#).

Applicant Information

Organization Name *

Legal Name *

This may be the same as your organization name, but the name provided must match EXACTLY the legal name as registered with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT). You can check your organization's legal name by clicking here: <https://egov.maryland.gov/BusinessExpress/EntitySearch>.

Organization Type *

Select one

- ☐ [8] quasi-governmental entity
- ☐ [1] nonprofit organization
- ☐ [2] local government
- ☐ [3] state government
- ☐ [4] federal government

Federal Tax ID

Also known as the Employer Identification Number or EIN. This is generally a 9-digit number, e.g. 52-1234567

Primary Mailing Address *

Web Address

Annual Operating Budget *

Select one

- ☐ \$0-\$100K
- ☐ \$100K-250K
- ☐ \$250K-500K
- ☐ \$500K-750K
- ☐ \$750K-1M
- ☐ \$1M+

Project Contact

Primary Contact Information

Prefix	First name	Last name	Suffix	Email address	Office telephone	Contact title
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Primary Contact's Role on the Project *

Project Information

Project Information

Project Title *

Heritage Area *

Please indicate the heritage area in which your project will take place. If it will be in more than one heritage area and you are applying for a Multi-Heritage Area Grant, please check all applicable heritage areas. If you are not sure which heritage area your project is in, watch this short video with instructions on how to check: <https://bit.ly/heritageareastatus>

Select multiple

- ☐ Anacostia Trails Heritage Area
- ☐ Baltimore National Heritage Area
- ☐ Beach to Bay Heritage Area
- ☐ Chesapeake Crossroads Heritage Area
- ☐ Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area
- ☐ Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area
- ☐ Lower Susquehanna Heritage Area
- ☐ Montgomery County Heritage Area
- ☐ Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area
- ☐ Passages of the Western Potomac Heritage Area (Canal Place)
- ☐ Patapsco Valley Heritage Area
- ☐ Southern Maryland National Heritage Area
- ☐ Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area

Counties Where the Project Will Take Place *

Select all that apply
Select multiple

- ☐ Allegany
- ☐ Anne Arundel
- ☐ Baltimore City
- ☐ Baltimore County
- ☐ Calvert
- ☐ Caroline
- ☐ Carroll
- ☐ Cecil
- ☐ Charles
- ☐ Dorchester
- ☐ Frederick
- ☐ Garrett
- ☐ Harford
- ☐ Howard
- ☐ Kent
- ☐ Montgomery
- ☐ Prince George's
- ☐ Queen Anne's
- ☐ Somerset
- ☐ St. Mary's
- ☐ Talbot
- ☐ Washington
- ☐ Wicomico
- ☐ Worcester

What type of project are you requesting funding for?

The following activities are eligible for MHAA Funding:

- **Capital** - Acquisition, Development, Rehabilitation, Restoration, Pre-Development (Construction and Pre-Construction), Trails
- **Non-Capital** - Planning, Research, Interpretation, Exhibits, Digital Resources, Signage, Archaeology, Educational Programs, Seminars, Conferences, Performances, Commemorations, Festivals

Project Type: *

Please only select one

- ☐ MHAA / Capital
- ☐ MHAA / Non-Capital

Project Description (250 word limit) *

Briefly describe your project, including what your deliverables and outcomes will be and how it will provide or improve a place-based experience in your heritage area.

What type of asset will be enhanced and/or preserved and made publicly accessible by your project? Check all that apply. *

Select multiple

- ☐ Historic property or collections
- ☐ Cultural activities/traditions or stories including art/festivals/foodways
- ☐ Natural areas (parks/trails/waterways/greenspaces/etc.)
- ☐ Archaeological activities
- ☐ Other

Project Budget

Completing this section does not in any way commit your organization to this amount. You may change your request amount at the time of full application.

When typing in dollar amounts, only enter numbers. Round the amounts to the nearest dollar.

MHAA Grant Funds to be Requested *

The minimum amount you can request is \$5,000. The maximum amount is \$50,000 for non-capital projects and \$100,000 for capital projects.

Required Match Amount *

Your organization must match MHAA funds dollar-for-dollar, with any combination of cash and in-kind contributions. This means that if you receive a \$5,000 grant, your organization must spend an additional \$5,000 on the project using non-state sources of funds. State and non-state employees' time spent on the project is eligible for inclusion in the match. In-kind matching fund may consist of volunteer hours you plan to spend on the project (currently valued at \$35.53 per hour) and the documented value of donated or discounted services and materials. You cannot spend grant or match funds prior to grant award.

Anticipated Other Project Costs

If you plan to spend additional non-state funds, beyond the grant and required dollar-for-dollar match, these are considered Other Project Costs. Leveraging more than the required one-to-one match is not a requirement and will not mean that your project is more likely to be funded.

Estimated Total Project Cost *