



Advocacy Alert!

Your Voice is Urgently Needed to Save the Non-Capital Grant Program

The [Senate Public Safety, Transportation & Environment Subcommittee](#) has recommended eliminating funding for the [Non-Capital Grant Fund](#) administered by the Maryland Historical Trust. The amount in Governor O'Malley's budget is \$227,999.

The Non-Capital Historic Preservation Grant Program **is the only significant source of funding for historic resource identification, evaluation, and documentation projects in Maryland.** As a result, those projects that underpin local preservation and revitalization efforts are not likely to be initiated without these funds.

The [House Transportation & the Environment Subcommittee](#) will meet on **Wednesday, March 24** to craft their recommendations. It is critical that the [Subcommittee](#) hears from you **before** that meeting so they understand how important the Non-Capital Grant Program is to protecting Maryland's historic sites.

Take Action!

If your representative is a member of these important subcommittees, please contact them to encourage their support the Governor's budget for the Non-Capital Grant Program. Otherwise, please contact the committee chairs.

- **House Appropriations Committee:** [House Transportation & the Environment Subcommittee](#)
[Tawanna P. Gaines](#), Chair (410) 841-3058, (301) 858-3058
[Murray D. Levy](#), Vice-Chair (410) 841-3325, (301) 858-3325
- **Senate Budget and Taxation Committee:** [Senate Public Safety, Transportation & Environment Subcommittee](#)
[James E. DeGrange, Sr.](#), Chair (410) 841-3593, (301) 858-3593
[Verna L. Jones](#), Vice-Chair (410) 841-3612, (301) 858-3612

When contacting your representatives, please remember that the Non-Capital Grant Funds:

- support historic resource survey, documentation, and evaluation activities that serve as the foundation for the protection and development of historic resources

- are vitally important to local and statewide comprehensive planning and community revitalization efforts
- ensure that developers and project planners can more easily comply with federal, state and local laws, leading to more streamlined project review and avoidance of costly delays.

If possible, site examples of museums, historic sites and tax-credit projects in your community which have benefited from these programs.

Your input critically needed to preserve funding for this important program. Thank you for your support!

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