



Preservation Maryland

Heritage Fund Guidelines and Procedures

The Preservation Maryland Heritage Fund provides direct assistance for the protection of endangered cultural resources and promotes innovative demonstration projects that can be successfully replicated to meet Maryland's historic preservation needs.

The Fund is intended to serve the needs of tangible cultural resources in Maryland that are not likely to be met through existing Preservation Maryland and Maryland Historical Trust programs. Along with historic sites, buildings, districts, and objects, projects benefiting archaeological resources are eligible for funding. Each year one or more special needs will be identified as additional priority funding areas.

Projects eligible for funding:

- Stabilization or acquisition of endangered historic properties
- Feasibility studies, architectural plans, structural assessments and historic structure reports
- Projects benefiting archaeological resources including curatorial services
- "Bricks and mortar" repairs and restoration
- Educational, research, and planning efforts related to resource preservation

Funding Priorities through 2009:

- Organizational development for local preservation organizations – including but not limited to board and volunteer development, establishing strategic planning goals, membership development, marketing plans, fundraising activities and media relations. Collaborative projects are encouraged.
- Legal services engaged to protect endangered historic resources - including structures, sites, archaeological resources, or the creation or strengthening of a local preservation ordinance.

Eligible applicants

Nonprofit organizations and local jurisdictions are eligible to apply.

Funding available for 2009

The maximum grant is \$5,000.

Criteria for grant awards

The following criteria will be used by the Selection Committee to evaluate and select projects for funding, on a competitive basis, that meet the purposes and priorities of the Fund:

1. Relative historical and cultural significance of the resource(s);
2. Urgency of the need for financial assistance;
3. Provision for long-term resource preservation;
4. Administrative capability of the applicant;
5. Extent to which the project stimulates or promotes other preservation activities;
6. Educational value of the project;
7. Demonstrative and innovative value of the project;
8. Extent to which the project leverages other sources of financial assistance;
9. Readiness of the applicant to initiate and complete the project;
10. Conformance of the project with current funding priorities; Extent to which the project contributes to the equitable geographic distribution of Heritage Fund money across the State; and
11. Membership status in the Preservation Maryland Colleagues Program.

Application procedures

Interested parties must contact Preservation Maryland to discuss the proposed project and request an application. Upon receipt of a completed application, staff will conduct a review and determine if any additional information is needed. Applications are reviewed by the Heritage Fund Selection Committee. **Application deadlines for 2009 will be February 1st, June 1st, and October 1st.**

Terms

- Funds will be disbursed on a reimbursable basis.
- When relevant, all work must comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.
- A cash or in-kind match of at least 10% is required.
- Any materials or publicity produced in relation to the project must include the following citation: "Funding for this project was provided in part by Preservation Maryland and the Maryland Historical Trust." Copies of the materials should be submitted to Preservation Maryland.
- Projects must be completed within one year of grant approval.

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