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## **PRESERVATION MARYLAND AWARDS 26 HERITAGE FUND GRANTS**

Baltimore, MD – Preservation Maryland is pleased to announce it has awarded grants totaling more than \$70,000 to 26 non-profit organizations and local jurisdictions. Six grants were made to projects on the Eastern Shore and six to those in Baltimore City. The remaining fourteen were made elsewhere in the state. (Please see attached list for details and contact information.) The Heritage Fund supports preservation projects and organizations through grants that are awarded for a variety of purposes -- from emergency repairs to case studies -- and range from \$500 to \$5,000.

The 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. Along with historic sites, buildings, districts, and objects, projects benefiting archaeological resources are eligible for funding. This initiative is jointly sponsored by Preservation Maryland and the Maryland Historical Trust.

In 1996, the two organizations established the grant program to assist local governments and preservation organizations with projects that would not typically be funded by either group's existing programs. The grants have often been used as matching funds and seed money to initiate or support projects in their infancy or preliminary stages. Projects supported by the fund include bricks and mortar preservation and restoration, heritage tourism, organizational development, and educational, research and planning efforts related to resource preservation.

Preservation Maryland is the state's oldest historic preservation organization. Founded in 1931 as the Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities, Preservation Maryland is dedicated to preserving Maryland's historic buildings, neighborhoods, landscapes and archaeological sites through outreach, funding, and advocacy. A recipient of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's prestigious Trustees Award for Organizational Excellence, Preservation Maryland has also received certification in the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations Standards for Excellence program.

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NOTE: See the attached list for details of the grants awarded. For further information about the Heritage Fund grant program, please visit [www.PreservationMaryland.org](http://www.PreservationMaryland.org) or contact Marilyn Benaderet, Preservation Services Director, Preservation Maryland at 410-685-2886 x. 303 or [mbenaderet@preservationmaryland.org](mailto:mbenaderet@preservationmaryland.org). For information about the projects and activities funded, please contact the grant recipients directly.

**Preservation Maryland/Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Heritage Fund Awards - FY2009**

**African American Heritage Preservation Group, Prince George's County**

**Contact: June White Dillard, 301-883-4941**

**Grant Award: \$2,000**

The African American Heritage Preservation Group (AAHPG) was awarded funds to assist with the cost of hiring a summer intern through the National Park Service's Cultural Resources Diversity Internship Program. The intern performed tasks necessary to establish organizational structure for this newly formed non-profit organization.

**American Legion Post 67, Worcester County**

**Contact: Richard Derr, 410-623-3553**

**Grant Award: \$ 3,000**

The American Legion Post 67 was awarded a grant to assist with the cost of brick restoration to the Snow Hill American Legion Hall. Built in 1894-95, the building is included in the Snow Hill Historic District and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It currently serves as a meeting space for Worcester Post No. 67.

**Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation, Inc.**

**Contact: C. Jane Cox, 410-222-7440**

**Grant Award: \$ 3,000**

The Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation, Inc. was awarded a grant to assist with the cost of assessment and curation of the Bob Ogle Native American Artifact Collection, consisting of over 200 boxes. Ogle's artifacts were collected for nearly 50 years and are accompanied by extensive documentation.

**Arabber Preservation Society, Baltimore City**

**Contact: Dan Van Allen, 410-385-1277**

**Grant Award: \$2,500**

The Arabber Preservation Society was awarded a grant to assist with the cost of repairs to the roof of the Carlton Street Stable building. The Carlton Street Stable is the oldest continuously operating livery (horse cart) stable in the United States.

**Associated Black Charities, Baltimore City**

**Contact: Willie Ragsdale, 410-962-8367**

**Grant Award: \$ 4,000**

Associated Black Charities was awarded a grant toward the cost of a symposium highlighting the African American experience on historic Pennsylvania Avenue. The conference will feature sessions emphasizing the professional and business, as well as the entertainment history, of this core of African American life in segregated Baltimore.

**Baltimore Museum of Industry**

**Contact: Roland Woodward, 410-727-4808**

**Grant Award: \$ 5,000**

The Baltimore Museum of Industry was awarded a grant to assist with the preservation of an 1871 James Bates Hoisting Machine to be used in an upcoming exhibit. The elevator design was patented by Bates and widely used in 19<sup>th</sup> century urban industrial warehouses.

**Charles County Department of Planning**

**Contact: Cathy Hardy, 301-645-0627**

**Grant Award: \$2,500**

The Charles County Government, Department of Planning was awarded a grant for a Phase I Cultural Resource Study of Benedict. Benedict is best known as a land invasion site for the British during the War of 1812.

**Chesapeake Bay Field Lab, Inc., St. Mary's County**

**Contact: Viki Volt, 301-994-2245**

**Grant Award: \$ 2,500**

The Chesapeake Bay Field Lab, Inc., in Piney Point was awarded a grant to assist with the cost of restoration of the push boat for the skipjack *Dee of St. Mary's*. A push boat (or yawl) is the propulsion for a skipjack, one of the last working fleet under sail in the United States and Maryland's official state boat.

**Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Harford County**

**Contact: Cynthia Beane, 410-939-4078**

**Grant Award: \$2,500**

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy in Havre de Grace was awarded a grant for restoration and repair of the skipjack *Martha Lewis*. The *Martha Lewis* is used as a floating museum and classroom to educate the public about the historical, cultural and environmental aspects of the Chesapeake Bay and oyster dredging.

**Chester River Hospital Center Auxiliary, Kent County**

**Contact: Doris Winter, 410-778-3300**

**Grant Award: \$2,500**

The Chester River Hospital Center Auxiliary, Inc., in Chestertown was awarded a grant to support roof repairs to the CRHC Auxiliary building. The structure, erected in 1801, is the original Methodist Meeting House in Chestertown.

**Christ United Methodist Church, Baltimore City**

**Contact: Rev. Dr. LaRessa Smith-Horn, 410-732-5600**

**Grant Award: \$1,500**

The Christ United Methodist Church was awarded a grant to remove asbestos floor tiles in the dining room. The church's congregation began in 1812, and the building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Dorchester County Historical Society, Inc.**

**Contact: Ann W. Phillips, 410-228-7953**

**Grant Award: \$ 2,000**

The Dorchester County Historical Society, Inc., (DCHS) was awarded a grant to assist with the cost of window repair and installation at the Meredith House. Built circa 1760, the residence is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and serves as the headquarters of DCHS.

**Double Mills, Inc., Wicomico County**

**Contact: Leland Smith, 443-235-1207**

**Grant Award: \$3,500**

Double Mills, Inc., in Mardela Springs was awarded a grant to support the mill restoration project. Double Mills is the last surviving turbine-driven, water-powered grist mill on Maryland's lower Eastern Shore and was named one of Maryland's Most Endangered Sites in 2008. Heritage Funds will be used toward the cost of installation of a new foundation.

**Elkridge Assembly Rooms, Inc., Howard County**

**Contact: Susan Buswell, 410-796-3132**

**Grant Award: \$2,500**

Elkridge Assembly Rooms, Inc., was awarded a grant for the restoration and repair of exterior doors, windows and security shutters on the Elkridge Assembly Rooms building. Located in the Lawyer's Hill Historic District, Elkridge, the structure was built for social gatherings and has served as a community center since its construction in 1870.

**Fire Museum of Maryland, Baltimore County**

**Contact: Steven Heaver, 410-321-7500**

**Grant Award: \$2,500**

The Fire Museum of Maryland in Lutherville was awarded a grant to assist with the cost of the 1871 cast iron fire house restoration and installation inside the museum. It is believed the structure is Baltimore City's only remaining cast iron fire house.

**First Agape AME Zion Church, Montgomery County**

**Contact: Rev. Edgar S. Bankhead Sr., 301-767-9727**

**Grant Award: \$2,500**

The First Agape AME Zion Church in Bethesda was awarded a grant to assist with the cost of a restoration plan for the fire-damaged building. The church is among a very few of Montgomery County's extant African American churches still serving its original purpose.

**Friends of Jerusalem Mill, Inc., Baltimore County**

**Contact: Glenn Porter, 410-877-3560**

**Grant Award: \$2,000**

The Friends of Jerusalem Mill, Inc., in Kingsville was awarded a grant to assist with the cost of performing a structural assessment report and developing plans to retain as much of the barn's original structural integrity as possible, while making the space functional for contemporary use.

**Friends of Tolson's Chapel, Washington County**

**Contact: Edith B. Wallace, 301-739-2070**

**Grant Award: \$ 4,000**

The Friends of Tolson's Chapel was awarded a grant in support of the ongoing interior and exterior restoration of Tolson's Chapel. The church was built in 1866 as a place of worship for African Americans in the town of Sharpsburg.

**Galesville Heritage Society, Anne Arundel County**

**Contact: Dorothy Whitman, 410-867-9499**

**Grant Award: \$2,500**

The Galesville Heritage Society, Inc., was awarded a grant to assist with the cost of installation of a new climate control system in the Galesville Heritage Museum. Galesville is the site of the first General Meeting of Friends in Maryland (1672) and the museum's collection includes the original documents for the Galesville Quaker Burying Grounds.

**Grace AME Church Community Development Corporation, Baltimore County**

**Contact: Louis S. Diggs, 410-356-5259**

**Grant Award: \$ 4,000**

The Grace AME Church Community Development Corporation was awarded a grant to assist with the costs of restoration to the exterior of 79 Winters Lane. The property is a contributing structure to the Winters Lane Historic District and will be used as the community Archives.

**Historic Long Island Farm, Inc., Baltimore County**

**Contact: James E. Kelly, 410-825-1522**

**Grant Award: \$ 2,100**

Historic Long Island Farm, Inc., was awarded a grant to support the costs of their ongoing archives processing. Long Island has long been home to the Ristiau/Jenifer family who played an important role in Maryland politics. The archives contain hundreds of documents, some from the 1700s that are in need of organization and/or conservation.

**Historical Society of Harford County, Inc.**

**Contact: Maryanna Skowronski, 410-838-7691**

**Grant Award: \$ 2,100**

The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc., was awarded a grant to assist with the cost of cupola restoration of the Town of Bel Air's former post office building. Built in 1936, the structure serves as the headquarters for the Historical Society of Harford County, Inc., and is a designated local landmark.

**Odd Fellows Lodge, Montgomery County**

**Contact: Dr. Winston Anderson, 301-509-1474**

**Grant Award: \$2,000**

The Odd Fellows Lodge in Sandy Spring was awarded a grant to assist with their preservation project. During segregation, the Odd Fellows organization served as a health and life insurance agency for African Americans in Sandy Spring. The lodge building provided a place for worship, education and social activities.

**Rural Life Museum, Talbot County**

**Contact: Charles B. Adams, 410-476-3339**

**Grant Award: \$2,500**

The Rural Life Museum in Trappe was awarded a grant to support restoration of the Carriage House building to be used as additional museum exhibit space. The museum is dedicated to the collection and preservation of items of historical significance to the community of Trappe.

**Town of East New Market, Dorchester County**

**Contact: Caroline S. Cline, 410-943-3126**

**Grant Award: \$2,000**

The Town of East New Market was awarded a grant to assist with the completion of a study to develop strategies to attract Heritage Tourism to the town. East New Market is one of the oldest municipalities in Dorchester County; the town was incorporated in 1832 and contains a concentration of structures dating from the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

**The Woman's Industrial Exchange, Baltimore City**

**Contact: Mary McDonough, 410-685-4388**

**Grant Award: \$2,000**

The Woman's Industrial Exchange was awarded a grant to support the window restoration project. Windows would be replaced in the c. 1815 building where the exchange has resided since the Victorian era.