

**Maryland Historical Trust Non-Capital Historic Preservation Grant Program**  
**FY2007 Operating Budget appropriation request: \$458,000**

- **Non Capital Grant funded historic resource survey, documentation, and evaluation activities serve as the foundation for the protection and development of local historic resources.** Data gleaned from these activities is used to inform and guide local revitalization efforts and support the Maryland's Rehabilitation Tax Credit and Heritage Areas Programs, both of which are economic development tools supporting Governor Ehrlich's "Commerce" pillar.
- **Data obtained under Non-Capital Historic Preservation Grants is vitally important to local and statewide planning efforts.** Information regarding identified historic sites is incorporated into a statewide GIS system which is available to planners. By having data upfront, 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.
- **The Non Capital Grant Program provides local governments and non-profit organizations with the resources necessary to develop and operate successful historic preservation programs at the local level.** Fifteen counties and the City of Baltimore have active local historic preservation programs that were developed with the assistance of Non-Capital grants. Additional counties are working with the Trust to create new programs, although many of these efforts have been stymied due to the significant decrease in available grant funds over the past few years.
- **The types of customers served and products created by the Non Capital Grant Program is broader than any of the Trust's other grant programs,** including: local governments, local and statewide historic preservation and archeology organizations, colleges and universities, museums, civic organizations, and more. The types of products generated by the program include:
  - comprehensive standing structure
  - surveys,
  - individual building investigations,
  - National Register nominations,
  - terrestrial archaeological surveys,
  - underwater archaeological surveys,
  - oral histories
  - documentation of living traditions,
  - design guidelines and
  - local planning documents,
  - training and educational products,
  - conferences,
  - publication of books,
  - brochures,
- **Reductions to the program have stretched thin the program's effectiveness and caused important, worthwhile, qualified applications to receive reduced funding or no project funding.** In addition, reduced appropriations have frustrated potential applicants, reducing the number of applications and causing worthwhile projects to remain undone.
- **Funding for the Non-Capital Historic Preservation Grant Program has dropped by 92% since FY2002.** This significant reduction has had a chilling effect on the Trust's capacity to assist communities in their local historic preservation efforts and in its ability to fulfill its own mission of identifying, documenting, and evaluating Maryland's historic, archeological and cultural resources.
- **The Non Capital Grant Fund leverages significant private and local funds that assist in carrying out historic preservation activities statewide.** In FY06, for example, matching funds represented 66% of the total project cost. That is, for every state dollar invested in the program, \$1.93 was leveraged in matching funds. Since 1999, the program has provided \$4,822,000 for projects throughout Maryland. This money has leveraged \$6,018,000 in matching funds.
- **There are no alternative funding sources that duplicate that role that Non Capital grants play in Maryland.** This program is unique as 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 DHCP assistance.