

Support the Maryland Historical Trust's Museum Assistance Program

From 2005 to 2011, the Museum Assistance Program has funded over 200 projects, totaling just over \$5 million.

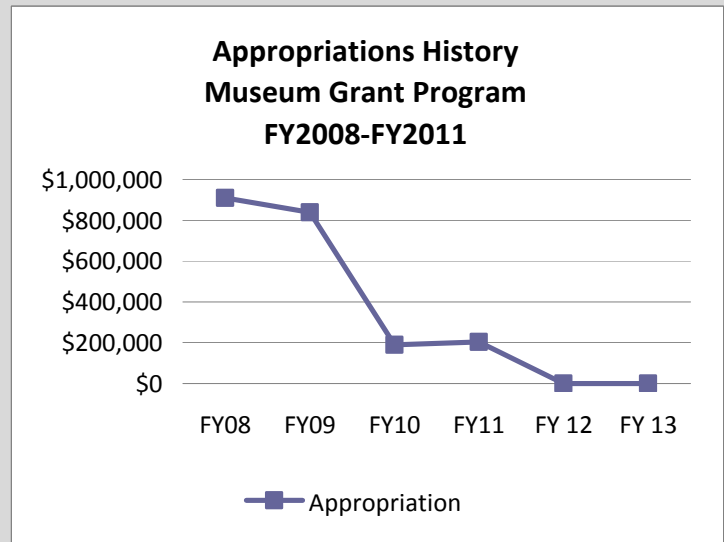
Maryland's historical and cultural museums provide citizens and visitors the opportunity to enjoy rich cultural experiences in communities all across the State. Varying in size from the Shady Side Rural Heritage Society in Anne Arundel County to the Baltimore Museum of Industry in the heart of Baltimore, their collections range from prehistoric materials excavated from the Calvert cliffs to 19th century photographs at the Howard County Historical Society. Grant recipients play central roles in the vitality of Maryland's towns and cities. Museum programs for school children and community events connect contemporary populations with history and heritage.

The State does not support any one history museum, but distributes its resources throughout the counties and municipalities. Funds repair damaged objects, provide storage containers for items from dinosaur bones to wedding dresses, and ensure that Maryland's museums are welcoming venues for visitors.

Examples of recent projects include:

- Caring for the B & O Railroad Museum's nationally significant collections;
- Upgrading and replacing exhibition cases for the Talbot County Historical Society and installing exhibit lighting for the Laurel Historical Society;
- Incorporating 18th century consumerism into the Accokeek Foundation storyline for events, school programs, and public interpretation; and,
- Since 2004, subsidizing development of Strategic Plans for 25 museums, large and small.

RESTORE FUNDING FOR HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL MUSEUMS



Museum Assistance grants are the only State funding available to historical and cultural museums to support core museum functions, including important infrastructure projects.

Museum Assistance Grant Program Demand v. Governor's Proposed Budget

FY 2012 Appropriation:	\$0
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FY 2013 Appropriation:	\$0
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Created by the General Assembly in 1991, the Museum Assistance Program has supported non-State, public museum activities across Maryland including:

- Research and care of irreplaceable museums objects;
- Exhibition planning, design, and construction;
- Design and implementation of educational programs; and,
- Training to increase professionalism and excellence in museum practice