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## \$50,000 in grants awarded to preservation projects in Ellicott City

*Grants will help revitalize the historic town after the disastrous 2016 flood*

ELlicOTT CITY, MD – In response to the devastating July 2016 flood to Ellicott City, Preservation Maryland and Historic Ellicott City, Inc. created and funded the *Historic Ellicott City Revitalization Grant Program* to support projects in the community.

Funding for the grant program was provided by Historic Ellicott City, Inc. through fundraising associated with their annual Decorator Show House event, which this year will be held September 24 to October 22 at historic White Hall. Additional funding support came from the generous donors to Preservation Maryland's Ellicott City Flood Recovery Fund.

\$50,000 in grants was awarded to the following projects:

**Recipient:** Patapsco Heritage Greenway

**Amount:** \$10,000

**Type:** Bricks & Mortar

**Project:** Façade Improvement on Tonge Row

**Description:** Funding will support restoration of the front and rear facades of the stone rowhome on Tonge Row which houses the offices and public programs of the Patapsco Heritage Greenway.

**Recipient:** Howard County Historical Society

**Amount:** \$10,000

**Type:** Bricks & Mortar

**Project:** Restoration of the Second Quaker Schoolhouse

**Description:** Funding will support both interior and exterior capital repairs to the building to prepare the structure for its future conversion to an engaging children's museum.

**Recipient:** Ellicott City Historic District Partnership

**Amount:** \$3,500

**Type:** Interpretation & Signage

**Project:** Signage for lower Main Street

**Description:** Funding will support the replacement of the flood level sign near the Patapsco River Bridge and the creation of a plaque above the 10 mile marker under the CSX Bridge.

**Recipient:** Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks

**Amount:** \$6,300

**Type:** Interpretation & Signage

**Project:** Interpretive Exhibit Panels for the B&O Museum, Ellicott City Station

**Description:** Funding will support new interpretive signage and exhibits for the iconic structure.

**Recipient:** Howard County Historic Preservation Commission

**Amount:** \$10,000

**Type:** Education & Public Outreach

**Project:** Printing and distribution of updated historic district design guidelines

**Description:** Funding will support the publication and distribution of updated design guidelines for the Ellicott City historic district. Design guidelines, which help maintain the district's distinctive look and feel, will be widely distributed in an effort to help improve and rebuild the historic district.

**Recipient:** Howard County Tourism Council

**Amount:** \$6,120

**Type:** Bricks & Mortar, Interpretation & Signage

**Project:** Welcome Center Rain Garden

**Description:** After the front lawn of the Howard County Welcome Center was damaged in the flood, there was a reevaluation of the design and composition of the lawn, resulting in the decision to create a rain garden featuring native plants, features designed to slow water flow, and interpretive signage. Funding will support installing this new rain garden and interpretive panels.

**Recipient:** St. Luke's A.M.E. Church

**Amount:** \$3,580

**Type:** Bricks & Mortar

**Project:** Exterior repairs

**Description:** This grant will help fund exterior repairs to the historic St. Luke's A.M.E. Church on Main Street.

For more information, please visit: [presmd.org/ecgrant](http://presmd.org/ecgrant)

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*Preservation Maryland is the state's first and foremost historic preservation non-profit organization founded in 1931 and dedicated to preserving Maryland's historic buildings, neighborhoods, landscapes, and archaeological sites through outreach, funding, and advocacy. More at: [preservationmaryland.org](http://preservationmaryland.org).*

*Historic Ellicott City, Inc. is a non-profit volunteer organization founded in 1974 after the merging of Historic Ellicott Mills and the Ellicott City Bicentennial Association. The mission of the organization is to preserve, educate and restore historic properties, primarily in the Historic District of Ellicott City. More at: [historicec.com](http://historicec.com).*