

# PROTECTING THE HISTORY & TELLING THE STORY OF MARYLAND'S UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES

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## Enhancing & Preserving Our Rich History for Generations to Come *The Maryland Historical Trust's Non-Capital Grant Program*

### Why Is This Program Necessary?

Maryland has a rich and diverse history that needs to be preserved for future generations.

- Researching Maryland's Untold Histories: This program provides essential grant funding for researching and interpreting the history of Maryland's underrepresented communities. Recent grants have funded research into African-American, Women's Suffrage, LGBTQ communities, and regions impacted by climate change and sea-level rise.
- Survey and Research Are the Building Blocks of Preservation: These grants support documenting Maryland's unique and varied history which is the first step towards long-term preservation, revitalization and reinvestment.
- A Demonstrated Need for Funding: In 2018, the Maryland Historic Trust received more than \$836,000 in Non-Capital grant requests, with only \$300,000 in grant funds to be dispersed.
- FY20 Budget Eliminates Funding: Despite the overwhelming need – the proposed FY20 budget zeroes out this program entirely.

### What Does This Program Do?

The grants, which were previously appropriated through a small diversion of Program Open Space funding, support and encourage research, survey, planning, and educational activities involving architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources.

- The goal of the program is to identify, document, and preserve buildings, communities, and sites of historical and cultural importance to Maryland
- Previous projects funded by the program include: documenting Maryland's Women's Suffrage history, documenting sites in Dorchester and Somerset counties that are threatened by sea-level rise, and developing an historic context for LGBTQ history in Maryland and creating a digital map and accompanying database of related sites.

### What Will This Program Cost?

The Fiscal Year 2020 Budget currently has \$0 of funding for the Non-Capital Grant program. **We are requesting that \$300,000 be restored to the program, level funding to FY19.**



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