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.**