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Report to the Governor and the General Assembly

2015 Annual Report

Financial Assistance Programs of the Division of Historical and Cultural Programs Maryland Department of Planning

Includes required annual reports for

*Maryland Historical Trust Grant Program
Maryland Historical Trust Museum Assistance Program
Maryland Historical Trust Loan Program*

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I. Introduction

The Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) is pleased to transmit the 2015 Annual Report on the Financial Assistance Programs of the Division of Historical and Cultural Programs, including the Maryland Historical Trust Grant Program, the Maryland Historical Trust Museum Assistance Program and the Maryland Historical Trust Loan Program. Managed within MDP's Division of Historical and Cultural Programs (DHCP), these programs promote the preservation and interpretation of historic resources and cultural traditions throughout the State. This report is submitted in accordance with the requirements of State Finance Article §5A-327(m), State Finance Article §5A-328(l), and State Finance Article §5A-353(c).

II. Historic Preservation Grant Program

The Historic Preservation Grant Program is a state-appropriated source of funding to assist capital and non-capital heritage preservation-related projects. Every year a grant round is held for at least ninety days to allow sufficient time for the submission of applications. The grant fund's primary purpose is to provide financial assistance to local jurisdictions and non-profit organizations for capital (i.e., bricks and mortar projects) and non-capital activities (e.g. architectural and archeological research, survey and documentation, public education, and planning projects). In FY 2015, both Capital and Non-Capital Historic Preservation grant programs received a \$0 appropriation.

III. Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program

Maryland is home to more than 200 private nonprofit and local jurisdiction historical and cultural museums. In an effort to encourage continued important contributions to education, research, conservation, and heritage tourism, the Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program provides technical assistance, services, and financial aid in the form of grants. Prior to October 1, 1996, this program was funded by an annual appropriation through the General Fund. Since October 1, 1996, the program was funded through the Maryland Historical Trust Grant Fund, which is a combination of General and GO bond funds. In FY 2015, the Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program received a \$0 appropriation.

IV. Historic Preservation Revolving Loan Fund

The Historic Preservation Revolving Loan Fund offers low-interest loans to nonprofit organizations, local jurisdictions, businesses and individuals to acquire, rehabilitate, or restore historic structures listed or eligible for listing in the Maryland Register of Historic Properties. Loans are made available on a first-come, first-served basis and carry a maximum repayment term of 20 years. The loan fund is replenished by repayments and by appropriations from the Maryland General Assembly.

In 2015 a direct expenditure from the MHT loan program was approved to support the rehabilitation of the Gardener's Cottage at Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum. Built in 1934 to house dogs, chickens, and pheasants, the structure was substantially altered in 1951-52 when it was converted into a residence; it is a contributing structure within the historic district. Given the prominent location of this building along one of the paths visitors will use to approach the renovated Patterson House, and the immediate need for stabilization of the exterior envelope and abatement of hazardous materials, the Gardener's Cottage was deemed to be in urgent need of intervention. The loan funds are being used for stabilization, exterior rehabilitation, weatherization, and abatement. MHT staff continue to work with other potential loan applicants and provide technical assistance to potential and ongoing loan projects.