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December 20, 2016

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. President of the Senate State House, H-107 Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1991

The Honorable Michael Busch Speaker of the House of Delegates State House, H-101 Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1991

Re: Required Annual Report

Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

The Maryland Department of Planning is pleased to transmit the 2016 Annual Report on the Financial Assistance Programs of the Division of Historical and Cultural Programs. This document includes required annual reports for the Maryland Historical Trust Grant Program, the Maryland Historical Trust Museum Assistance Program, and the Maryland Historical Trust Loan Program.

This report is submitted in accordance with the requirements of State Finance & Procurement Article §5A-327(m), HB 1562/Chapter 440, Section 2, 2005 (MSAR #2882); State Finance & Procurement Article §5A-328(l), HB 1562/Chapter 440, 2005 (MSAR #2900), and State Finance & Procurement Article §5A-353(c), HB 1562/Chapter 440, Section 2, 2005 (MSAR #2885).

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Hughes

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Director

Cc: Sarah Albert, Department of Legislative Services (5 copies)

### Report to the Governor and the General Assembly

## 2016 Annual Report

# Financial Assistance Programs of the Division of Historical and Cultural Programs Maryland Historical Trust

## **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

Submitted in accordance with the requirements of State Finance and Procurement Article §§ 5A-327(m), 5A-328(l), and 5A-353(c)

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#### I. Introduction

The Maryland Department of Planning (Planning) is pleased to transmit the 2016 Annual Report on the Financial Assistance Programs of the Division of Historical and Cultural Programs, including the Maryland Historical Trust Grant Program (Historical Trust Program), the Maryland Historical Trust Museum Assistance Program and the Maryland Historical Trust Loan Program (Historic Preservation 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.

#### II. Historic Preservation Grant Program (State Finance and Procurement Article §5A-328(1))

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 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 (i.e. architectural and archeological research, survey and documentation, public education, and planning projects). In FY 2016, both Capital and Non-Capital Historic Preservation Grant Programs received a \$0 appropriation.

#### III. Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program (State Finance and Procurement Article §5A-353(c))

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 2016, the Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program received a \$0 appropriation.

#### IV. Historic Preservation Loan Program (State Finance and Procurement Article §5A-327(m))

The Historic Preservation Loan Program 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. The Program is funded through the MHT Loan Fund. 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 2016 a loan commitment was extended to Margaret and Christopher DeArcangelis for refinancing of their residence, the Gutman House at 1803 Eutaw Place, Baltimore City. This impressive bay-front brownstone rowhouse is one of many rowhouses on Eutaw Place in Bolton Hill and Madison Park that are associated with Baltimore's predominantly Jewish department store owners. Immediately next-door at 1801 Eutaw Place was the mansion built for Albert Hutzler, one of the owners of Hutzler Brothers Department Store. 1803 Eutaw Place was built in the 1890s and was home to Bertha Gutman, widow of Baltimore department store owner Joel Gutman, from 1898 until her death in 1912. Joel Gutman was born in Germany in 1829 and came to the US in 1849. In 1852, he opened Joel Gutman & Co., a small dry goods store near Lexington Market; the store expanded into a newly built 30-department emporium in 1886, predating Hutzler's by two years. Joel Gutman died in 1892, and management of the store passed to his wife Bertha; upon her death in 1912, the business passed to the couple's five daughters. One daughter, Carrie Gutman, married Abram Moses, a violin professor at the Peabody Conservatory and violinist with the Baltimore Symphony, and the couple lived in the house until her death in the early 1950s. During their time in the house, the Moseses hosted many events for the Conservatory and its alumni. Joel Gutman & Co. closed in 1929 due to competition and the onset of the Great Depression. Many of the opulent houses on Eutaw Place were subdivided into apartments in later years. While the house was previously subdivided, it retains most of its interior integrity, including elaborate mantels, stained glass windows, parquet floors, and original bathrooms, making it a very special survivor. The borrowers are expending their own funds toward the rehabilitation of the Gutman House, including the reconstruction of missing rear porches, with rehabilitation tax credit-eligible rehabilitation work currently in

progress. MHT requires the conveyance of a preservation easement on the property upon loan closing and disbursement of funds, which is expected to happen late in 2016 or early in 2017.

MHT staff continues to work with other potential loan applicants and provide technical assistance to potential and ongoing loan projects.