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2019 Annual Report

on the

Financial Assistance Programs of the Division of Historical & Cultural Programs

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Department of Planning

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Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program

Historic Preservation Grant Program

Historic Preservation Loan Fund

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Introduction

The Maryland Department of Planning (Planning) and Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) are pleased to submit the FY19 Annual Report on the Financial Assistance Programs of the Division of Historical and Cultural Programs, including the Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program, Historic Preservation Grant Program, and Capital Loan Program (Historic Preservation Loan Program). Managed by MHT, these programs promote the preservation and interpretation of historic resources and cultural traditions throughout the state, in support of the MHT’s mission to “assist the people of Maryland in understanding their historical and cultural heritage.”

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

Maryland is home to more than 300 museums and heritage sites, which are open to the public. 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. Before Oct. 1, 1996, this program was funded by an annual appropriation through the General Fund. Since October 1996, the program was funded through the MHT Historic Preservation and Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Grant Fund, which is a combination of general and GO bond funds. In FY19, the program did not receive general or capital fund appropriations.

Historic Preservation Grant Program (State Finance and Procurement Article §5A-328(l))

The Historic Preservation Grant Program is a state-appropriated source of funding to assist and encourage efforts to study, acquire, and preserve historic properties. The program provides grants for many types of preservation activities and is administered as two grant programs for different audiences: the Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program, which received an FY19 appropriation of \$600,000; and Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grant Program, which received \$300,000.

Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program

MHT's Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program promotes the acquisition, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic properties. Nonprofit organizations, government entities, business organizations, and individuals may apply for funds to rehabilitate, restore, or acquire historic buildings. Nonprofit organizations and government entities are also eligible to apply for predevelopment costs that will lead to a construction project. To be eligible, properties must be listed in or eligible for the Maryland Register of Historic Properties, either individually or as contributing structures within a district. A preservation easement is required for all assisted properties.

FY19 Grant Cycle

Applications, instructions, and program guidelines for FY19 funding were made available in November 2018. A series of five grant workshops were held throughout the state in November and December 2018:

- Nov. 20, 2018 – Chestertown City Hall, Kent County
- Nov. 28, 2018 – Wicomico County Public Library, Salisbury
- Nov. 30, 2018 – Frederick County Public Library, Urbana
- Dec. 7, 2018 – Garrett College, McHenry, Garrett County
- Dec. 12, 2018 – 100 Community Place, Crownsville, Anne Arundel County

Intent to apply forms were due Feb. 15, 2019, and full applications were due March 22, 2019. Forty-six eligible, complete applications were received, requesting \$3.239 million in grant funds. Upon the MHT Board of Trustee's recommendation, the Secretary of Planning approved funding for 10 projects in six counties and Baltimore City.

FY19 Grant Awards

Westminster Cemetery - Gates and Wall

509 W. Fayette Street, Baltimore City

Sponsor: Westminster Preservation Trust

Grant: \$100,000 (Grantee's Contribution: \$10,285)

The Westminster Cemetery is an important cultural landscape that illustrates changing burial customs and attitudes toward death, as well as the personal toll of infant and childhood mortality, since its founding in the late 18th century. It is also the burial place of several notable people, including Edgar Allan Poe. The grant will help restore the c. 1815 cemetery wall and entryway, which features a Greek Revival gate and neo-Egyptian sandstone posts.

United States Coast Guard Cutter Taney - Pit Log Room and Forepeak Tank

701 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore City

Sponsor: Historic Ships in Baltimore, Inc.

Grant: \$29,000 (Grantee's Contribution: \$150,000)

Commissioned in 1936, United States Coast Guard Cutter Taney had more than 50 years in active service. It is the only U.S. fighting ship afloat that fought during the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. It is currently used as a memorial and museum ship. The Taney is currently scheduled for dry docking in the fall of 2019, and grant funds will be used to make repairs to corroded areas of rooms that flank the ship's hull.

Iron Hill Cut Jasper Quarry Archaeological Preserve

Muddy Lane, Elkton, Cecil County

Sponsor: Archaeological Conservancy

Grant: \$50,000 (Grantee's Contribution: \$10,000)

Likely the only remaining Native American quarry of its type in Maryland, the National Register-listed Iron Hill Cut Jasper Quarry provided prized jasper used in flint knapping. The archeological site was part of a larger parcel slated for residential development, but remains undisturbed, offering significant research potential. Grant funds will assist in the acquisition of the site for conservation.

Aberdeen Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Station

404 W. Bel Air Avenue, Aberdeen, Harford County

Sponsor: Aberdeen Room Archives and Museum, Inc.

Grant: \$100,000 (Grantee's Contribution: \$31,000)

The Aberdeen B&O Train Station was constructed in 1885 according to a standard design created by Frank H. Furness, and is the last of this design still standing. The canning industry depended on the station for shipping products to Baltimore and nationwide. The grant will fund permanent stabilization of the building and roof replacement.

Evergreen House Museum

15603 Trimble Road NW, Mount Savage, Allegany County

Sponsor: Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation, Inc.

Grant: \$100,000 (Grantee Contribution: \$13,935)

One of 14 historic buildings on a 167-acre parcel, the Evergreen House Museum consists of an original c. 1780 stone cellar, a two-story Federal-style addition from the 1820s, and a late 19th century building with Victorian embellishments, including an unusual roof with crow's-foot stamped metal shingles, which replaced the original log structure. The roof has reached the end of its useful life, and grant funds will assist in replacing it with matching metal shingles.

Hays House

324 Kenmore Avenue, Bel Air, Harford County

Sponsor: The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc.

Grant: \$15,000

Constructed c. 1788, the Hays House has remained largely unaltered since the time of its original owner Thomas A. Hays, the cartographer of the earliest known map of Bel Air. As the town's oldest private residence, Hays House now serves as the headquarters of the Historical Society of Harford County and as a living history museum. The grant will fund the repair of the property's unique hand-riven wood siding.

Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church and Parish House

20 West Montgomery Street, Baltimore City

Sponsor: Ebenezer Kingdom Builders Inc.

Grant: \$100,000

Built in 1865 for a congregation organized in 1836, Ebenezer A.M.E. Church in Federal Hill is thought to be the oldest standing church in Baltimore that was erected by African Americans and continuously occupied by the descendants of the same congregation. Grant funds will help replace the slate roof, which has reached the end of its useful life.

Beatty-Cramer House

9101 Liberty Road, Walkersville, Frederick County

Sponsor: Frederick County Landmarks Foundation, Inc

Grant: \$16,000 (Grantee's Contribution: \$5,000)

In the 1860s, property owners joined an existing 18th-century saltbox-style structure to a new east wing, creating the Beatty-Cramer House. This unique building features exposed and decorated interior timber framing and showcases H-bent construction, a method characteristic of New York's Hudson Valley. The grant will fund exterior work to prevent water intrusion, including repairs to exterior walls and the roofs of the porches.

Chesapeake Lodge No. 147

3 West Main Street, Crisfield, Somerset County

Sponsor: Lost Towns Project, Inc.

Grant: \$30,000

Constructed in 1926, the neoclassical Chesapeake Masonic Lodge No. 147 features a commanding temple front portico. The lodge is associated with Crisfield’s heyday as one of Maryland’s largest sea-food producing centers and important maritime commercial port. Grant funding will help repair and prevent water damage to the building.

Fairgrounds Entrance Building & Keeper’s Residence

400/424 North Mulberry Street, Hagerstown, Washington County

Sponsor: City of Hagerstown

Grant: \$60,000 (Grantee’s Contribution: \$60,000)

The Fairgrounds Entrance Building, constructed c. 1913, and the Keeper’s Residence, constructed sometime between 1891-1907, historically functioned as the major gateway to the Hagerstown Fair, which grew from a small-scale, rural venture, to a nationally known exhibition and entertainment attraction. The entrance building may be the last of its kind in Maryland. The grant will fund repairs to the roof, windows and structure.

FY20 Grant Cycle

Applications, instructions, and program guidelines for FY20 funding will be made available in November 2019. Grant workshops will be held throughout the state in November and December 2019, and applications will be due in March 2020.

FY18 Grant Project Highlight

Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse, Chesapeake Bay, Anne Arundel County

Sponsor: United States Lighthouse Society, Incorporated

Built in 1875, this National Historic Landmark is a 1 ½ story hexagonal frame lighthouse supported by nine steel frame screw piles. It is the only intact cottage-style lighthouse in its original location still used as a navigation aid today. Procurement for this grant project is complete, and the grantees have hired a highly specialized marine structures contracting firm to repair and replace steel structural elements that have been corroded by contact with the saltwater.

Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grant Program

MHT's Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grant Program supports a wide variety of research, survey, planning, and educational activities involving architectural, archeological, or cultural resources. Eligible activities may include preservation plans, historic and cultural resource surveys, educational outreach programs and National Register nominations. Nonprofit organizations (including state agencies) and local jurisdictions are eligible to apply.

FY19 Grant Cycle

Applications, instructions, and program guidelines for FY19 funding were made available in May 2018. Two grant workshops were held in Crownsville - one on June 14 and the other on June 27, 2018.

Intent to apply forms were due July 12, 2018, and full applications were due October 1, 2018. Twenty-one complete grant applications were received by the deadline, totaling \$836,604.80 in funding requests. Applications included two statewide projects, three regional projects, 16 counties and Baltimore City. Upon the MHT Board of Trustee's recommendation, the Secretary of Planning approved funding for ten projects, representing one statewide and two regional efforts, five counties, and Baltimore City.

FY19 Grant Awards

Park Heights Historic District, Baltimore City

Sponsor: Park Heights Renaissance, Inc.

Grant: \$20,000

Funds will help prepare a National Register nomination for Park Heights Historic District in Baltimore, which represents a characteristic "streetcar suburb" developed between 1888 and 1945. Listing in the National Register will contribute to ongoing revitalization efforts.

Documenting Racially Restrictive Covenants in Hyattsville, Prince George's County

Sponsor: Hyattsville Community Development Corporation

Grant: \$21,000

Funding will support title searches to identify properties with racially restrictive deed covenants in the City of Hyattsville. The project will result in a report that incorporates additional historical context and analysis, as well as a publicly accessible interactive mapping database.

Maryland State Parks Historic Properties Survey

Sponsor: Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Grant: \$50,000

Funding will support a survey of four Maryland state parks spanning six counties (Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Cecil, Frederick, Howard, and Washington counties). Work includes the preparation of Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and Determination of Eligibility forms, plus additional historic context related to park development in the New Deal era.

Historic Sites Survey in Somerset and Dorchester Counties

Sponsor: Somerset County Historical Trust, Inc.

Grant: \$45,000

Funds will complete a historic sites survey in Somerset and Dorchester counties, documenting a variety of properties related to village and city landscapes, as well as rural agrarian farmsteads. Many of the target properties are threatened by demolition by neglect, absentee landowners, coastal erosion, and/or the effects of sea-level rise.

LGBTQ History in Maryland

Sponsor: Preservation Maryland

Grant: \$55,000

Grant funds will help develop a statewide historic context for Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer (LGBTQ) history and create a digital map and accompanying database of related sites. Public outreach meetings, tours of sites, and lectures will highlight the research efforts.

Researching the Jug Bay Complex, Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties

Sponsor: Lost Towns Project

Grant: \$43,000

The Lost Towns Project will collaborate with M-NCPPC and Washington College to survey and evaluate the prehistoric archeological resources within the Jug Bay Complex in both Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties. The aim of the survey is to obtain baseline data that can be used to support a National Register nomination for the Jug Bay Complex in future years.

Historic Sotterley Archeological Survey, St. Mary's County

Sponsor: Historic Sotterley

Grant: \$30,000

Funding will support an archeological survey on the Historic Sotterley property, a National Historic Landmark, to assess, expand, and update its inventory of archeological resources. Historic Sotterley has acquired more property since the last archeological survey, with 52 acres undocumented.

2019 Tyler Bastian Field Session in Maryland Archeology, Prince George's County

Sponsor: Archeological Society of Maryland

Grant: \$15,000

Grant funding supported the 2019 Tyler Bastian Field Session in Maryland Archeology, held at the Billingsley site near Upper Marlboro. MHT staff identified Billingsley as an area of interest while carrying out survey work on state-owned lands using MHT's remote sensing equipment. The 2019 field session focused on testing the results of the remote sensing surveys to examine and assess a potential Native American occupation at the site.

Coastal Shoreline Archeological Survey, Dorchester County

Sponsor: Chesapeake Bay Watershed Archaeological Research Foundation

Grant: \$15,000

Funds will support a coastal shoreline archeological survey within the Fishing Bay watershed and Nanticoke River mouth in southern Dorchester County. Survey was carried out along 86 linear miles of coastline to update existing site records and record newly discovered cultural resources.

Archeological Survey and Interpretation at John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, Talbot County

Sponsor: John Wesley Preservation Society

Grant: \$6,000

Funds will support a ground-penetrating radar survey for planning purposes prior to construction at the John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church. In addition, the grant funded the development and installation of interpretive signage, as well as the development of a virtual tour and oral history website about the history of the church.

FY20 Grant Cycle

Intent to Apply forms for Historic Preservation Non-Capital grants were due on July 12, 2019. The deadline for completed applications was September 3, 2019. Grant awards were announced in fall 2019.

Grant Project Highlight

FY18 Documenting Domestic Service Buildings in Southern Maryland, Regional project (St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert, and Prince George's Counties)

Sponsor: St. Mary's College of Maryland

Well-known architectural historian William Graham is currently completing documentation of approximately 12 domestic service outbuildings in Southern Maryland. These buildings were typically the work spaces of individuals omitted from earlier histories: enslaved people, servants, women, and children. The buildings are often threatened by neglect, lack of routine maintenance, and a lack of understanding of their significance. Among the buildings included in the study are the smokehouse and dairy at Compton Bassett in Prince George's County. Of the dairy, Graham notes: "*Rarely do domestic outbuildings survive that were constructed in the eighteenth century. The dairy at Compton Bassett is a particularly fine example. It is extremely large for its function and was built of brick, which is an unusually fine choice for service structures.*" The project includes photography, measured drawings, and a narrative essay for each building.

Historic Preservation Loan Fund

State Finance and Procurement Article §5A-327(m) provides for the Historic Preservation Loan Fund, which offers low-interest loans to non-profit organizations, business and government entities, and individuals. Borrowers may use loan funds to refinance, acquire, or rehabilitate a property that is listed on or eligible for listing on the Maryland Register of Historic Places. MHT can also expend up to 50 percent of available funds to rehabilitate historic property owned by MHT. Both repayments of existing loans and appropriations from the Maryland General Assembly replenish the loan fund for future projects.

Activity in FY19

In FY19, loan funds were used for a direct expenditure to rehabilitate the Gardener's Cottage at MHT's Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum. The Pattersons built the cottage in 1934 to house dogs, chickens, and pheasants. Later, they renovated and added on to it to convert it into a residence for the gardener. The FY19 expenditure is the second and final phase of rehabilitation of the house, which is being converted into two apartments that will be leased to Morgan State University for their on-site internship program.

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