

FY21 Annual Report to the Governor and General Assembly
on the
Financial Assistance Programs of the Division of Historical & Cultural Programs
Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Department of Planning

Includes required annual reports for the Historic Preservation Grant Program, Museum Assistance Program, and Historic Preservation Loan Fund (MSAR# 2882, 2885 and 11226)

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Introduction

The Maryland Department of Planning (Planning) and Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) are pleased to submit the FY21 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 public museums and heritage sites. To encourage continued 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 October 1996, this program was funded by an annual appropriation through the General Fund. Since October 1996, the program has been funded through the MHT Historic Preservation and Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Grant Fund, which is a combination of general and general obligation (GO) bond funds.

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

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 FY21 appropriation of \$600,000; and the Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grant Program, which received \$300,000 via the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Fund.

Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program

The Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program promotes the acquisition, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic properties in Maryland. 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 pre-development 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.

FY21 Grant Cycle

Application materials, including instructions and program guidelines for FY21 funding were made available in November 2020. A series of six grant workshops were held virtually via the WebEx platform:

- Nov. 6, 2020 - General Overview Webinar
- Nov. 13, 2020 - Application Workshop Webinar
- Nov. 16, 2020 - Easements Q&A Webinar
- Nov. 19, 2020 - Religious Sites Webinar
- January 19, 2021 - General Overview Webinar
- January 27, 2021 - Match Requirements Webinar

Applications were due March 22, 2021. Of the 33 applications requesting approximately \$2.8 million, six projects were approved for funding by the MHT Board and the Secretary of Planning, and announced in June.

FY21 Grant Awards

Whitehall, 1915 Whitehall Road, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County

Sponsor: Brandywine Foundation, Inc.

Grant: \$100,000

Built for colonial Governor Horatio Sharpe and later owned by the Ridout Family, Whitehall is an outstanding example of a five-part Georgian country house, a high-style building type mostly found in the Tidewater region of Maryland and Virginia. Constructed in 1764-1765 and enlarged in 1769, Whitehall features interior woodwork attributed to British-born architect William Buckland and plasterwork by noted 18th century plasterer John Rawlings. The grant project will address urgent areas of deterioration at the roof, gutters, and downspouts.

F.W. Fraley General Merchandise Store, 12623 Catocin Furnace Road, Thurmont, Frederick County

Sponsor: Catocin Furnace Historical Society, Inc.

Grant: \$100,000

The F. W. Fraley General Merchandise Store originally operated as the Catocin Iron Company Store from the early 19th century until 1903. F. W. Fraley, Sr. was a clerk in the company store; a few years after the furnace shut down in 1903, he moved the structure to the middle of the village, and subsequently enlarged it with a new front addition. The store continued to operate as a general merchandise store until 1974. The grant project will assist in completing a full exterior rehabilitation of the building.

Jerusalem Mansion, 2807 Jerusalem Road, Kingsville, Harford County

Sponsor: Friends of Jerusalem Mill, Inc.

Grant: \$100,000

Jerusalem Mansion was built in stages beginning in the mid-1700s and later enlarged by the Lee family, founders of Jerusalem Mill Village, now one of the oldest, most complete, and least altered mill villages in Maryland. From 1954 through 2018, the mansion was occupied by the Pullen family, including Dr. Phyllis Pullen, one of the last country doctors and one of the first female doctors in the area. Dr. Pullen's medical office in the mansion is still intact. The grant project will assist in repairing thirty-eight deteriorated wood windows on the main part of the mansion.

Asbury United Methodist Church (formerly Easton Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church), 18 S. Higgins Street, Easton, Talbot County

Sponsor: Historic Easton, Inc.

Grant: \$100,000

Asbury U.M. Church is the oldest African American church structure in Easton and the second oldest African American church structure in Talbot County. Dedicated by Frederick Douglass in 1878, Asbury served as a temporary high school for Black students in the 1930s, and is now a community center for a historically African American enclave known as the Hill. The grant project includes structural stabilization and repairs to the base of the leaning bell tower and steeple.

Roland Park Water Tower, 4210 Roland Avenue, Baltimore City

Sponsor: The Roland Park Community Foundation, Inc.

Grant: \$100,000

Constructed in 1905 during the City Beautiful Movement, the Roland Park Water Tower served as a potable water supply station for surrounding communities until it was taken out of service in the 1930s. The octagonal masonry Italianate structure was designed by the water company's architect, William Fizione, and its construction is attributed to John Stack and Sons; a builder responsible for constructing many of Baltimore City's Victorian buildings. The grant project will assist with the interior and exterior rehabilitation of the tower, a neighborhood landmark.

Whitehaven United Methodist Church, 2712 Church Street, Whitehaven, Wicomico County

Sponsor: Whitehaven Heritage Association, Inc.

Grant: \$100,000

Constructed in 1892, the vernacular Whitehaven United Methodist Church is most significant for its interior woodwork, which is unique among the churches of Wicomico County. The interior heart pine paneling, in a herringbone pattern, was constructed by an anonymous craftsman, whose facility with wood suggests familiarity with boat building techniques. While no longer used for services by a congregation, it retains an influence on the traditions of the Lower Eastern Shore communities. The grant project includes rehabilitation of the roof, steeple, siding, porch, foundation, and interior.

FY22 Grant Cycle

Applications, instructions, and program guidelines for FY22 funding were made available in December 2021. Grant workshops will be held virtually in December 2021, and January and February 2022. Applications will be due March 2022.

Grant Project Highlights

WPG/WAGC/WHEC-37 (formerly known as USCGC Taney) – Pit Log Room and Forepeak Tank, Baltimore City

Sponsor: Historic Ships in Baltimore, Inc.

Commissioned in 1936, this National Historic Landmark had a 50-year plus active career with the U.S. Coast Guard and remains the only United States fighting ship still afloat which saw action during the attack on Pearl Harbor. The ship is currently used as a memorial and museum. This grant project, completed during the pandemic, included the prepping and painting of the Forepeak Tank and Pit Log Room, spaces integral to the ship's hull at or below the waterline. Both interior spaces were prepped with power tools, using needle guns and wire brushes to remove all rust and scale, and power washed with fresh water. The painters then added two coats of epoxy, making sure not to disrupt or cover up any historic signage. This preservation treatment will ensure that these spaces of the ship do not deteriorate.

Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse, Anne Arundel County

Sponsor: United States Lighthouse Society, Inc.

Constructed in 1875, the Thomas Point Shoals Light Station is a hexagonal frame lighthouse located in the Chesapeake Bay near Highland Beach south of Annapolis. It stands one and a half stories high, supported by nine steel frame screw piles. Designated a National Historic Landmark, the light station is the only intact cottage-style lighthouse in its original location still used as an aid to navigation. The FY18 grant funds helped replace corroded metal elements installed by the U.S. Coast Guard in 1991 that had reached the end of their life. The project replaced a total of 11 steel I-beams and 20 tie rods that formed the understructure of the lighthouse with new structural members, coated with modern corrosion-resistant systems.

Evergreen House Museum, Allegany County

Sponsor: Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation, Inc.

Built on the site of a late 18th century log structure, the Evergreen House Museum consists of an 1820s two-story Federal-style house with a late 19th century Victorian addition partially constructed over the original ca. 1780 stone cellar. The house featured an unusual roof from the 1880s with crow's-foot stamped metal shingles that had met the end of its life. Completed during the pandemic, this FY19 grant project replaced the roof in-kind, using matching replacement metal shingles, and replaced the porch roof in-kind, with a hand-crimped standing seam metal roof.

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.

FY21 Grant Cycle

Applications, instructions, and program guidelines for FY21 funding were made available in May 2020. Due to restrictions on large gatherings because of the global coronavirus pandemic and closure of state office buildings, a workshop recording was released via the MHT YouTube Channel on June 1, 2020, and promoted via Facebook and the MHT Webpage. Intent to apply forms were due July 17, 2020, and full applications were due August 28, 2020. In FY21, MHT received 37 applications for archaeological and architectural non-capital projects totaling over \$1.5 million in requests. Upon the recommendation of the MHT Board of Trustees, the Secretary of Planning approved funding for eight projects throughout the state.

FY21 Grant Awards

Documenting Early Women Architects Maryland, Statewide

Sponsor: Baltimore Architecture Foundation, Inc.

Grant: \$40,000

Baltimore Architecture Foundation, Inc., will research and document properties designed by the state's first licensed female architects in Maryland. Funds will be used to hire a consultant to develop a National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form focused on women practicing architecture in Maryland from 1920 to 1970.

Recovering Identity: Northern Frederick County Cultural Resource Survey, Frederick County

Sponsor: Catoclin Furnace Historical Society, Inc.

Grant: \$50,000

The African American Resources Cultural Heritage Society, the Frederick County Division of Planning and Permitting, and the Catoclin Furnace Historical Society, Inc. will combine efforts to complete a comprehensive historic context statement and a survey of northern Frederick County, with an emphasis on previously undocumented African American resources. The project will prepare new or updated architectural survey forms for a sampling of building types, focusing on vernacular structures, for inclusion in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP).

Maryland Slave Dwelling Survey, Statewide

Sponsor: Texas A&M University

Grant: \$36,000

The Maryland Slave Dwelling Survey, led by Texas A&M University, proposes to investigate, document, and digitally visualize a statewide cross-section of buildings associated with enslaved African Americans. These resources are at risk from myriad forces including development, environmental change, and neglect. The project will produce investigative reports, digital photographs, measured drawings, and 3D digital models for a pilot dataset that can grow to include more sites across the state.

Documenting Maryland's Education History: A Context Study of School Architecture, Statewide

Sponsor: Preservation Maryland

Grant: \$46,000

For this project, Preservation Maryland will hire a consultant to prepare a historic context report on Maryland school construction from early education efforts to the 1970s. The goal is to identify trends and patterns in school architecture, identify major styles and architectural features, and develop a framework for evaluating architectural and historical significance.

Asian American Historical and Cultural Context of Montgomery County, Montgomery County

Sponsor: Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) - Montgomery County Historic Preservation

Grant: \$24,000

M-NCPPC-Montgomery County Historic Preservation will hire a consultant to conduct a historical and cultural resource survey associated with Asian American history, covering the period from the founding of Montgomery County in 1776 to the present, with a principal focus on the late 19th to early 21st centuries when the Asian American community grew in Montgomery County. The project will produce a series of oral histories and a research report identifying trends and themes related to Asian American history for future property designations.

Geophysical Survey of the Mill Field Surrounds, St. Mary's City, St. Mary's County

Sponsor: Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC)

Grant: \$18,000

In 2018, with funding from the Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grant Program, HSMC undertook a geophysical survey, which identified the remains of an early 17th century site. HSMC will feature the excavation and interpretation of this site prominently in its master planning efforts, currently underway. To inform the effort, HSMC will utilize this grant to carry out a rapid, high-resolution, ground-penetrating radar survey on the full 12 acres surrounding and encompassing the resource.

Investigating Jesuit Plantation Landscapes in Maryland: Archaeological and Geophysical Survey, Cecil and St. Mary's Counties

Sponsor: Catholic University of America

Grant: \$64,000

This project, launched by the Catholic University of America (CUA), examines the archaeological evidence of built landscapes on former Jesuit plantations on the Eastern Shore and in southern Maryland.

Archaeological investigations on these properties have identified few concrete architectural features such as slave quarters, tenant dwellings, or outbuildings. A combination of geophysical survey, surface survey, shovel testing, and test unit excavation is being used to examine the interrelationship between free and enslaved landscapes, resulting in a detailed summary report and new MIHP data. Though the project is still ongoing, research has already identified the apparent remains of a 17th century church, 17th century cellars, and other cultural features. CUA will collaborate with landowners and stakeholders to develop public educational materials to interpret these findings.

U-1105 Historical and Archaeological Survey, Submerged in Maryland state waters off Piney Point
Sponsor: The Battle of the Atlantic Research and Expedition Group, Inc.
Grant: \$22,000

The Battle of the Atlantic Research and Expedition Group will conduct archival research and documentation using direct measurements and imagery that will produce a report, update records, and disseminate results to the public. U-1105 is a German U-boat equipped with a snorkel that extended its submerged operation, an advanced hydrophone array to detect vessels, an anechoic coating to evade opponents, and an advanced communication system. It is believed to be the only German submarine equipped with this suite of innovations to conduct an operational patrol during World War II. U-1105 marks a significant milestone in the evolution from submersible to true submarine capable of indefinite submerged operation, and it demonstrates the changing tactics of undersea warfare between World War II and the Cold War.

FY22 Grant Cycle

Intent to Apply forms for Historic Preservation Non-Capital grants were due on June 22, 2021. The deadline for completed applications was July 30, 2021. Grant awards will be announced in fall 2021.

Grant Project Highlights

FY19 Maryland LGBTQ History, Research, and Documentation: Phase I

Sponsor: Preservation Maryland

The completion of Maryland's LGBTQ Historic Context Study, the second statewide context on this topic in the U.S., was partially funded through the Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grant Program. Dr. Susan Ferentinos, a leading expert on the subject, prepared this comprehensive context, along with contributions from Preservation Maryland's Waxter Intern, Benjamin Egerman. This study, which included an extensive list of properties related to LGBTQ history and a crowdsourced map of sites, led to the preparation of three nominations to the National Register of Historic Places and two Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties forms for LGBTQ sites under the Certified Local Government program. Through various initiatives and grants, MHT continues to document sites related to underrepresented communities, striving to tell a more complete history of the people of Maryland.

FY20 Enhancing the Ogle Archaeological Collection from Central and Southern Maryland

Sponsor: Anne Arundel County

With support from the Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grant Program, Anne Arundel County archaeologists with the Office of Planning and Zoning Cultural Resources Section completed a years-long project to enhance stewardship of the Robert Ogle collection, which consists of 160,000 artifacts from 154 separate archaeological sites in central and southern Maryland. Products included a technical report, new and updated MIHP-archaeology forms, nine in-person and 11 virtual workshops, and the preparation of the Ogle collection artifacts to state curation standards.

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% 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 of the Loan Program in FY21

Capital loan funds (\$300,000) will assist with the rehabilitation of the King's Reach House at MHT's Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum (JPPM). The historic King's Reach property was built in 1910, and included 200 acres of land, the main house, and a garage. Jefferson Patterson, a career diplomat and son of the co-founder of National Cash Register, purchased the property in 1942, and incorporated it into Point Farm, his country residence. The King's Reach house and garage were subsequently updated by architect Gertrude Sawyer as part of the overall design of Point Farm. At a time when very few women practiced in the field, Sawyer received a Master of Architecture from the Cambridge School of Architecture and Landscape Design for Women, affiliated with Harvard University, which did not allow women to matriculate. Sawyer worked in Washington, D.C. for Horace Peaslee, an architect of embassies and government buildings and designer of landscapes including Meridian Hill Park and Montrose Park in Washington. The Pattersons used the house to lodge guests and staff and eventually as a rental property. When Patterson's widow, Mary Marvin Breckinridge Patterson, donated Point Farm to the State of Maryland, she included King's Reach. The entire 560-acre park is listed on the National Register as the Patterson Archeological District (CT-755), which encompasses a representative sample of human activities dating from 9,000 years ago to the present.

Previously used by JPPM as a rental residence, the King's Reach house and grounds will be rehabilitated as a wedding venue, which will generate increased revenue for JPPM operations and activities. The site, picturesquely located next to the water on a relatively secluded end of a small peninsula, features a newly planted garden along the shoreline, a beautiful tree-lined walkway, and a low brick-walled garden area.