

FY22 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 the 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 FY22 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. 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. In FY22, 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 FY22 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

MHT's 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 receive funds, properties must be listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, either individually or as contributing structures within a district. A preservation easement is required for all assisted properties.

FY22 Grant Cycle

Application materials, including instructions and program guidelines for FY22 funding were made available in December 2021. A series of four grant workshops were held virtually via the GoogleMeets platform:

- December 9, 2021 – General Overview Webinar
- January 7, 2021 – General Overview Webinar
- January 19, 2022 – Q&A Session
- February 15, 2022 – Q&A Session

Applications were due March 25, 2022. Of the 41 applications requesting approximately \$3.2 million, seven projects were approved for funding by the MHT Board and the Secretary of Planning, and announced in June.

FY22 Grant Awards

US Coast Guard Cutter WHEC-37 (X-Taney), Pier 5, Baltimore City

Sponsor: Historic Ships in Baltimore, Inc.

Grant: \$85,000

Located at the Inner Harbor in downtown Baltimore City and commissioned in 1936, this National Historic Landmark had a 50-year plus active career with the US 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. Capital grant funds will help apply a protective coating on the ship's white superstructure above the main deck, which will provide long-term protection from the salt air and weather and greatly enhance the ship's outward appearance for the visiting public.

Charles H. Chipman Cultural Center, 325 Broad St, Salisbury, Wicomico County

Sponsor: The Chipman Foundation, Inc.

Grant: \$100,000

The Charles H. Chipman Center is the oldest African American congregation and a site of many firsts: the first site for African Americans to hold religious services in the region during and after slavery, the first school for children of freed slaves in the region, and the first Delmarva Peninsula high school for African American students after the Civil War. The original church dates to 1838 but has been enlarged and evolved stylistically to what exists today. The building currently serves as a cultural center and small museum focusing on African American heritage on Delmarva. The wood shingle roof of the building has reached the end of its useful life, so the capital grant funds will help replace the roof in-kind.

Buckingham House and Industrial School Complex/Bank Barn, 3035 Buckeystown Pike, Adamstown, Frederick County

Sponsor: Claggett Center

Grant: \$100,000

Established in 1898 to provide housing and education for boys in poverty, the Buckingham Industrial School for Boys includes a 6,300 square foot, hemlock-framed Pennsylvania Bank Barn. The barn represents a type of large agricultural outbuilding found throughout central and northern Maryland and still retains its original pine siding, wood roof, and interiors. These barns were generally built into the side of a small hill and have a ramp that provides access to a second floor. Capital grant funds will help restore the barn's doors and stone cheek walls and reconstruct the roof vents to match the original design. The barn will be used as a meeting space and for youth summer camp programming.

Stone House – at Elk Landing, 590 Landing Ln, Elkton, Cecil County

Sponsor: The Historic Elk Landing Foundation, Inc.

Grant: \$61,000

The Stone House at Elk Landing, built in 1782-83, is significant for its architecture and association with early Scandinavian and Finnish settlements in Maryland. Its simple fieldstone construction, original center hall plan, and symmetrical massing are characteristic of late-18th-century vernacular dwellings in northeastern Maryland. The house includes a rare exterior-corner fireplace that is vented at the eaves. The other fireplace in the house was more common in Maryland, a type that sits back-to-back at interior corners and shares a common chimney stack that exits at the roof ridge. The Historic Elk Landing Foundation currently operates the house for historical interpretation and fundraising activities, although these activities are limited due to its current condition. Capital grant funds will help restore the stone fireplaces and will support exterior masonry work.

Parren J. Mitchell House and Cultural Center, 828 North Carrollton Ave, Baltimore City

Sponsor: Upton Planning Committee, Inc.

Grant: \$100,000

This property is best known as the long-time home of Parren J. Mitchell, a renowned professor, scholar, and Maryland's first African American U.S. Congressman, serving from 1971 to 1987. A World War II veteran and Purple Heart recipient, Mitchell also helped found the Congressional Black Caucus. In 1950, he won a landmark legal case against the segregated University of Maryland that allowed admission for all races into their graduate school. He became the first African American to graduate with a master's degree from the university, and his case is considered instrumental in the desegregation of higher education in Maryland. Capital grant funds will help the Upton Planning Committee complete an overall interior and exterior rehabilitation of the house, which will serve as a community and resource center.

Easton Armory, 40 S. Harrison St, Easton, Talbot County

Sponsor: Waterfowl Festival, Inc.

Grant: \$90,000

The imposing Easton Armory, also known as the Waterfowl Building, reflects the period when armories were built to resemble fortresses. Built in 1927, the building served as an armory and social space for the Easton community until it was acquired by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in 1976. Since 1997, the building has primarily served as administrative headquarters for Waterfowl Festival, Inc., providing space for staff, volunteers, storage, and events. Capital grant funds will help complete the rehabilitation of several original metal windows.

Hays House, 324 Kenmore Ave, Bel Air, Harford County

Sponsor: The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc.

Grant: \$50,000

Constructed around 1788, the Hays House was originally owned by Thomas A. Hays, the cartographer of the earliest known map of the town. It is the oldest private residence in Bel Air, distinguished by its gambrel roof – the only one in town. While there have been few alterations to the exterior over time, in 1960 preservation advocates moved it one block from its original site to save it from demolition. Hays House now serves as a house museum and the headquarters of the Historical Society of Harford County. The capital grant project will assist in restoring the north wall, which is severely deteriorated due to prolonged moisture issues.

FY23 Grant Cycle

Applications, instructions, and program guidelines for FY23 funding were made available in December 2022. Grant workshops were held virtually and in person in December 2022, and will continue in January and February 2022. Applications are due in March 2023.

Grant Project Highlights

Shriver Grist Mill Flume at Union Mills Homestead (Carroll County)

Sponsor: The Union Mills Homestead Foundation, Inc.

The Shriver Grist Mill in the Union Mills Homestead Historic District was built in 1792 along Big Pipe Creek outside of Westminster, an area once distinguished by a bustling commercial and transportation corridor that ran from Baltimore to Pittsburgh, PA. The mill building, built for \$420 (about \$9,400 today), features Flemish bond bricks that were made on site. The mill and its machinery have a patented design—the third ever issued by the United States—engineered by Oliver Evans in 1790. It remained active until 1942 when the machinery was sold for scrap metal to support the war effort during World War II. The Shriver Grist Mill received capital grant funding to restore the mill flume, headgate bridge, and related gates. Today, the public can visit the site and, on some occasions, observe the functioning mill.

Baltimore and Ohio West Bound Tower (Frederick County)

Sponsor: City of Brunswick

Constructed c.1910, the B&O WB Tower is the westbound railroad control tower for the Brunswick stop. This vernacular structure was a typical building type for the B&O Railroad at that time, but it serves as an important tangible and visual link to Brunswick's strong historical association with the railroad. This capital grant funded project saved the tower from demolition by moving it 200 feet north to another CSX Railroad parcel without jeopardizing its integrity or rendering the building ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places. To prepare the structure for moving, it was jacked onto I-beams placed underneath the floor joists, and then onto Buckingham-power dollies, which were controlled by remote control. To move the tower across the tracks, a stone ramp base was built on both sides of the track, while steel plates and cribbing were placed on the tracks. Then the tower was lowered into place on the new concrete foundation, similar to its historic foundation. CSX donated the building to the City of Brunswick, which plans to rehabilitate the tower and use it to interpret railroad history.

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, archaeological, 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.

FY22 Grant Cycle

Applications, instructions, and program guidelines for FY22 funding were made available in May 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a workshop recording was released via MHT's YouTube channel on May 18, 2021, and promoted via Facebook and MHT's webpage. A recorded question-and-answer session was also posted on June 9, 2021. Intent to Apply forms were due June 22, 2021, and full applications were due July 30, 2021. In FY22, MHT received 24 applications for archaeological and architectural non-capital projects, totaling more than \$1.1 million in requests. Upon the recommendation of the MHT Board of Trustees, the Secretary of Planning approved funding for eight projects throughout the state.

FY22 Grant Awards

Documenting Dairy Farms in Northern Maryland Phase II, Harford, Montgomery, and Washington Counties

Sponsor: The Center for Historic Architecture and Design, University of Delaware

Grant: \$40,000

This project, conducted by the Center for Historic Architecture and Design at the University of Delaware, is part of a multi-year effort to document historic dairy farms and their associated farm structures – resources that are fast disappearing in Maryland. Phase II will produce approximately 12 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) forms, measured drawings for three farm complexes, and a brief historical context of dairy farming in each county.

A Survey of Brick Construction in Colonial Maryland, Anne Arundel County

Sponsor: Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation, Inc.

Grant: \$44,000

The Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation will trace the evolution and development of masonry building traditions in Maryland between 1634 and 1750. During this time period, the use of brick construction by a select few of the colony's elite contrasted dramatically with the ephemeral building practices of less well-to-do neighbors, a distinction that had previously never been studied.

Approximately ten buildings will be selected for detailed documentation, including measured drawings, field notes, and photographic prints.

Southern Maryland Tobacco Barns Survey and Documentation, Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's Counties

Sponsor: University of Maryland

Grant: \$42,000

This University of Maryland project will survey tobacco barns built before c. 1870 in Southern Maryland, where tobacco was the economic mainstay for more than 350 years. Tobacco barns are an essential part of the process of air-curing tobacco, making them the defining feature of cultivation in the region. As the tobacco industry faded, these buildings became highly endangered due to functional obsolescence and development pressure. The survey will systematically identify and document previously unknown tobacco barns and update information on resources identified in earlier efforts, resulting in new and updated MIHP forms and a final survey report.

National Register of Historic Places Nomination of Columbia Beach, Anne Arundel County

Sponsor: Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation

Grant: \$40,000

Columbia Beach was established as a summer retreat for African Americans during the segregation era, when racist policies barred the Black community from other resort towns along the Chesapeake Bay. Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation will prepare a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the historic community. The timing of this project is critical, as Columbia Beach is currently threatened by development and climate change.

Architectural Survey of U.S. Route 1: Washington, DC to Baltimore, Prince George's, Howard, and Baltimore Counties

Sponsor: Anacostia Trails Heritage Area

Grant: \$17,000

Anacostia Trails Heritage Area will conduct a reconnaissance survey and prepare a historic context report for U.S. Route 1 from Washington, DC to Baltimore City, which includes parts of Prince George's, Howard, and Baltimore counties. This is intended to be Phase I of a multi-year project to document the unique resources along U.S. Route 1, including tourist cabin hotels and roadside architecture, minority-owned commercial buildings, and light industrial complexes.

The 2022 Tyler Bastian Field Session, Caroline County

Sponsor: The Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc.

Grant: \$17,000

This annual event provides a hands-on opportunity for laypersons to learn archaeological methods under the direction of professional archaeologists. The funds covered field session expenses as well as the hiring of contractors to produce a final report and prepare artifacts for permanent curation.

Tracing Piscataway Indian History on the Ground, St. Mary's County

Sponsor: St. Mary's College of Maryland

Grant: \$60,000

This project involves archaeological survey work on several 15th to 18th century Piscataway sites along the north shore of the Potomac River. Research, culminating in a summary report, will focus on the identification of both Native and European trade items to explore how these items circulated within Piscataway practices and systems of meaning. As the 400th anniversary of Maryland draws near, this project presents an important opportunity to center narratives of the Piscataway.

Slavery, Resistance, and Freedom: Recording Anne Arundel County's Past, Anne Arundel County

Sponsor: The Lost Towns Project

Grant: \$40,000

This project will undertake a detailed archival and literature review of 19th-century Black housing in Anne Arundel County. The investigators will create a database of approximately 100 such sites, conduct field visits to approximately 20 sites to assess their condition, create or update MIHP site data, and write a summary report to disseminate the findings. Through this study, the project aims to broaden public support for the protection and preservation of Black historical spaces.

FY23 Grant Cycle

Applications, instructions, and program guidelines for FY23 funding were made available in May 2022. A workshop recording was released via MHT's YouTube channel on May 13, 2022, and promoted via Facebook and MHT's webpage. Intent to Apply forms for Historic Preservation Non-Capital grants were due on June 27, 2022. The deadline for completed applications was August 1, 2022. Grant awards were announced in December 2022.

Grant Project Highlights

In the Midst of These Plains: Charles County Buildings and Landscapes

Sponsor: Historical Society of Charles County, Inc.

Funded by a Historic Preservation Non-Capital grant and published by MHT Press, *In the Midst of These Plains: Charles County Buildings and Landscapes* highlights four centuries of Charles County history and settlements, tracing the county's shift from a rural agricultural community to an exurb of Washington, DC. Much of the research and survey work found within the book, including information on tobacco barns and dwellings, derived from MHT efforts. Departing from the narrower focus of similar works, *In the Midst of These Plains* looks at working landscapes, domestic and agricultural outbuildings, industrial landscapes, sacred buildings, and civic and commercial buildings. Together, this study reveals the true breadth and diversity of the Charles County built environment and cultural landscape.

Jesuit Plantation Landscapes in Cecil and St. Mary's Counties

Sponsor: Catholic University

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 tangible architectural features such as slave quarters, tenant dwellings, or outbuildings. With a FY21 grant totaling \$64,000 from the Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grant Program, the project examined the interrelationship between free and enslaved landscapes by using a combination of geophysical survey, surface survey, shovel testing, and test unit excavation, 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 church and cellars from the 17th century, as well as other cultural features. CUA has collaborated with landowners and stakeholders to develop public educational materials to interpret these findings, including a website: stillwespeak.org.

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 nonprofit organizations, business and government entities, and individuals. Borrowers may use loan funds to refinance, acquire, or rehabilitate a property that is listed in or eligible for listing in the National 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. There are currently no active loans for FY22.