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African-American Heritage Preservation Program Grant Workshops Scheduled

Grant program funds African-American historic and cultural capital projects

CROWNSVILLE, MD – The Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture and the Maryland Historical Trust are pleased to announce workshops regarding grants available through the African American Heritage Preservation Program for fiscal year 2017. Six workshops are being offered across the state.

Anne Arundel County

Friday, March 4, 2 – 4 PM
Historic London Town & Gardens
839 Londontown Road
Edgewater, MD 21037

Baltimore City

Monday, March 7, 2 – 4 PM
Morgan State University
School of Architecture & Planning
5299 Perring Parkway
Baltimore, MD 21239

Wicomico County

Friday, March 11, 11 AM - 1 PM
Wicomico Public Library
Lower Level - Meeting Room #1
122 S. Division Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Montgomery County

Monday, March 14, 2 – 4:30 PM
Sandy Spring Slave Museum
18524 Brooke Road
Sandy Spring, MD 20860

Kent County

Friday, March 18, 2– 4:30 PM
Sumner Hall
206 S. Queen Street
Chestertown, MD 21620

Prince George's County

Saturday, April 23, 11 AM - 1 PM
Fairmount Heights Library
5904 Kolb Street
Fairmount Heights, MD 20743

Those interested in attending one of these workshops should pre-register at the Trust's webpage: mht.maryland.gov/grants_africanamerican.shtml.

The goal of the Program is to identify and preserve buildings, communities and sites of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in Maryland. This competitive program, offered once per year, is supported through an annual appropriation from the Maryland General Assembly and is administered as a joint partnership of the Commission and the Trust. Grant awards range from a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$100,000. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations and local jurisdictions. Business entities and individuals may also apply for Program grants when seeking funds for a preservation or development project that serves a high public purpose. Eligible projects include acquisition, construction, capital improvement and certain predevelopment costs for African American heritage properties. In the five years since its inception, the Program has awarded seventy grants totaling \$5 million in funding to projects statewide.

Program guidelines and grant applications may be obtained from the Trust's website: mht.maryland.gov/grants.shtml. Completed grant applications must be submitted online by July 15, 2016 at 11:59 PM. For assistance in the development of project scope and purpose, contact Dr. Joni Floyd, Director of the Commission: (410) 216-6190 or joni.floyd@maryland.gov. For assistance with capital project and

technical preservation issues, contact Anne Raines, Maryland Historical Trust Capital Grants and Loans Administrator: at (410) 514-7634 or anne.raines@maryland.gov.

The mission of the [Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture](#) is to interpret, document, preserve and promote Maryland's African American heritage; to provide technical assistance to institutions and groups with similar objectives; and to educate Maryland's citizens and visitors about the significance of the African American experience in Maryland and the nation. The commission is housed within the [Governor's Office of Community Initiatives](#).

The [Maryland Historical Trust](#), an agency of the [Maryland Department of Planning](#), was formed in 1961 to assist the people of Maryland in identifying, studying, evaluating, preserving, protecting and interpreting the state's significant prehistoric and historic districts, sites, structures, cultural landscapes, heritage areas, cultural objects and artifacts, as well as less tangible human and community traditions. Through research, conservation and education, the Trust assists the people of Maryland in understanding their historical and cultural heritage.



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