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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 (MCAAHIC) and the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) are pleased to announce workshops regarding grants available through the African American Heritage Preservation Program (AAHPP) for Fiscal Year 2018. Several workshops are being offered across the state:

Anne Arundel County
Thursday, March 9, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Galesville Community Center
916 West Benning Road
Galesville, MD 20765

Baltimore City
Monday, March 20, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Union Baptist Church
1219 Druid Hill Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21217

Washington County
Wednesday, March 22, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Robert W. Johnson Community Center
109 W. North Avenue
Hagerstown MD 21740

Calvert County
Wednesday, March 29, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Melvin’s Place (formerly known as Duke’s)
1155 Hallowing Point Road
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Dorchester County
Thursday, April 6, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center
4608 Golden Hill Road
Church Creek, MD 21622

Prince George's County
Tuesday, April 11, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Oxon Hill Library
6200 Oxon Hill Road
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

Workshop attendees should register online at mht.maryland.gov/grants_africanamerican.shtml.

The goal of the AAHPP 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 Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture and the Maryland Historical 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 six years since its inception, the AAHPP has awarded eighty-two grants totaling $6 million in funding to projects statewide.

Program guidelines and grant applications may be obtained from MHT's website at http://mht.maryland.gov/grants.shtml. Completed grant applications must be submitted online by 11:59 PM on July 15, 2017. For assistance in the development of project scope and purpose, contact Maya David, MCAAHC Interim Director, at (410) 216-6190 or maya.davis@maryland.gov. For assistance with capital project and technical preservation issues, contact Anne Raines, MHT Deputy Director, at (410) 697-9584 or anne.raines@maryland.gov.

The Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture is committed to discovering, documenting, preserving, collecting, and promoting Maryland’s African American heritage. The Commission also provides technical assistance to institutions and groups with similar objectives. Through the accomplishment of this mission, the MCAAHC seeks to educate Maryland citizens and visitors about the significance and impact of the African American experience in Maryland.

The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) is a state agency dedicated to preserving and interpreting the legacy of Maryland’s past. Through research, conservation and education, the Trust assists the people of Maryland in understanding their historical and cultural heritage. The Trust is a division of the Maryland Department of Planning and serves as Maryland’s State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

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