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Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Provides 51 Grants to Heritage Tourism Sites, Activities, and Organizations Across Maryland

Over \$2.2 million awarded by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority

CROWNSVILLE, MD (July 11, 2011) – Fifty-one matching grants totaling \$2,298,000 were awarded to Maryland non-profits – including museums, tourism sites, historic preservation, natural resources and educational organizations, as well as local jurisdictions – by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA). These grant funds support heritage tourism projects and activities that expand economic development and tourism-related job creation throughout the state (full listing attached).

MHAA oversees Maryland's system of 12 locally-administered, State-certified Heritage Areas. Heritage Areas are places to experience – see, hear and even taste – the authentic heritage of Maryland in a unique way that cannot be experienced anywhere else. Stories of the people, the land and the waters of Maryland are told in these distinctive places.

“Visitors to Maryland spent over \$13 billion each of the last two years, helping to create and save over 134,000 jobs across the state,” said Governor Martin O’Malley. “The Maryland Heritage Area Program’s targeted investments preserve and enhance the distinctive natural areas, rich culture traditions, and historic sites that so many of our visitors come to enjoy. I congratulate Maryland’s 12 Certified Heritage Areas and their heritage tourism partners on these awards that will develop and promote heritage sites and activities, support heritage tourism businesses and organizations across our state, and contribute to a Smart, Green and Growing Maryland.”

In Heritage Areas non-profits, governments, businesses and individuals form partnerships to preserve the best of Maryland’s historic sites and towns, unspoiled natural landscapes and enduring traditions. These tangible links to both place and the past encourage residents to recognize they have a special piece of the American story to treasure and share with others, and that in doing so they create more livable and economically sustainable communities.

MHAA has invested over \$12.8 million dollars into 282 projects throughout Maryland's 12 certified Heritage Areas under the O'Malley-Brown Administration. Even in tough fiscal times, Governor O'Malley has supported funding for this important program knowing that heritage tourism is a proven economic engine and a tool for preserving Maryland's irreplaceable cultural, historic, and natural legacy.

The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority is an independent unit in the Executive Branch of government administered by the Maryland Department of Planning. MHAA was formed to help strengthen and revitalize communities by combining heritage tourism and small business development with historic preservation, conservation of cultural traditions, natural resource protection, recreation and marketing of Maryland's unique history, culture and landscapes.

Today, 22 Maryland counties and Baltimore City have a State-certified Heritage Area within their boundaries. Each of Maryland's Certified Heritage Areas is defined by a distinct focus or theme that makes that place or region different from other areas in the state. These distinctive places exhibit tangible evidence of the area's heritage in historic buildings and districts, archaeological sites, museums, parks, and natural landscapes, as well as traditional ways of life revealed in food, music, and art. The "special flavor" of each Heritage Area attracts not only out-of-state visitors, but locals who want to learn more about their heritage and take pride in their community's unique sense of place. Since its inception in 1996, the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority has awarded approximately \$24 million in financial assistance and leveraged over \$75.7 million in non-state funds for heritage tourism projects and activities statewide.

To learn more about the Maryland Heritage Areas Program and the State's 12 certified Heritage Areas, please visit http://mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas_program.html.

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Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Awards for Fiscal Year 2012

Summary

Total Requested Funds =	\$4,681,622
Funds Awarded =	\$2,298,000
Total Cash Match Leveraged =	\$ 3,747,222
Total In-kind Match Leveraged =	\$ 915,524
Total Match Leveraged =	\$4,662,746

Capital Project Grants

Project Title: 1732 Thames Street: Conservation and Exterior Repair for the 1812 Bicentennial
Recipient: Society for the Preservation of Federal Hill and Fell's Point
Grant Award: \$13,000
Heritage Area: Baltimore National Heritage Area

Project Title: Baltimore City Tour Bus Facility (planning)
Recipient: Baltimore Department of Transportation
Grant Award: \$70,000
Heritage Area: Baltimore National Heritage Area

Project Title: Capital and Safety Repairs to the William Paca House and Garden
Recipient: Historic Annapolis Foundation
Grant Award: \$11,000
Heritage Area: Four Rivers Heritage Area

Project Title: Concord Point Lighthouse Master Plan Implementation
Recipient: Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse
Grant Award: \$70,000
Heritage Area: Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway

Project Title: Historic Friendship Hall (land acquisition/open space preservation)
Recipient: Town of East New Market
Grant Award: \$90,000
Heritage Area: Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area

Project Title: The Hardee House Regional Quilt Center
Recipient: Caroline County Council of Arts
Grant Award: \$47,000
Heritage Area: Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area

Project Title: Preserving the McKim Building for Future Generations
Recipient: McKim Community Foundation
Grant Award: \$24,000
Heritage Area: Baltimore National Heritage Area

Project Title: Piney Point Lighthouse, Museum and Historic Park Enhancement Project (building repairs)
Recipient: Board of Commissioners of St. Mary's County
Grant Award: \$90,000
Heritage Area: Southern Maryland Heritage Area

Project Title: Port Tobacco Historic District Land Acquisition
Recipient: Charles County Commissioners
Grant Award: \$70,000
Heritage Area: Southern Maryland Heritage Area

Project Title: Renovation of the Skipjack the Dee of St. Mary's
Recipient: Chesapeake Bay Field Lab
Grant Award: \$57,000
Heritage Area: Southern Maryland Heritage Area

Project Title: Restoration of Poole's (Seneca) Store
Recipient: Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission / Montgomery County Department of Parks
Grant Award: \$47,000
Heritage Area: Montgomery County Heritage Area

Project Title: Restoration of the Washington Monument
Recipient: Mt. Vernon Conservancy
Grant Award: \$70,000
Heritage Area: Baltimore National Heritage Area

Project Title: Tucker House (building repairs)
Recipient: Queen Anne's County Historical Society
Grant Award: \$19,000
Heritage Area: Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area

Project Title: USGC Taney Fantail Deck Preservation
Recipient: Historic Ships in Baltimore, Inc.
Grant Award: \$48,000
Heritage Area: Baltimore National Heritage Area

Number of Funded Applications: 14
Total Dollar Amount: \$679,000

Non-Capital Project Grants

Project Title: 1812 Traveling Trunk

Recipient: Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum

Grant Award: \$6,500

Heritage Area: Southern Maryland Heritage Area

Project Title: “African Americans and the Civil War on the Maryland Border” Conference

Recipient: Catoctin Center for Regional Studies

Grant Award: \$20,500

Heritage Area: Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

Project Title: Canal Place Heritage Area Programming (public programming/events)

Recipient: Canal Place Preservation & Development Authority

Grant Award: \$21,000

Heritage Area: Canal Place Heritage Area

Project Title: Canal Towns: In the Shadow of the Civil War

Recipient: C&O Canal Trust

Grant Award: \$23,000

Heritage Area: Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

Project Title: Civil War Documentary Film

Recipient: Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Scenic Byway (Catoctin Mountain Maryland)

Grant Award: \$47,000

Heritage Area: Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

Project Title: Freedom Bound – Runaways of the Chesapeake

Recipient: Historic Annapolis Foundation

Grant Award: \$19,000

Heritage Area: Four Rivers Heritage Area

Project Title: George Washington House Sustainable Landscaping Project

Recipient: Anacostia Watershed Society

Grant Award: \$37,000

Heritage Area: Anacostia Trails Heritage Area

Project Title: Harriet Tubman Centennial Map Guide

Recipient: Caroline Economic Development Corporation

Grant Award: \$18,000

Heritage Area: Heart of Chesapeake Country and Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Areas (Multi-Heritage Area Project)

Project Title: Heritage Days and Civil War Programs
Recipient: Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County
Grant Award: \$7,000
Heritage Area: Montgomery County Heritage Area

Project Title: Heritage Trails Brochures
Recipient: County Council of Dorchester County
Grant Award: \$9,000
Heritage Area: Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area

Project Title: Hold the Fort Phase II (War of 1812 educational computer game)
Recipient: Friends of Fort McHenry / Living Classrooms
Grant Award: \$23,300
Heritage Area: Baltimore National Heritage Area

Project Title: O Say Can You See... Planning the War of 1812 Installation
Recipient: Maryland Historical Society
Grant Award: \$18,000
Heritage Area: Baltimore National Heritage Area

Project Title: Oakley Cabin Archeological Analysis and Interpretation
Recipient: Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission / Montgomery County
Department of Parks
Grant Award: \$9,000
Heritage Area: Montgomery County Heritage Area

Project Title: Pride of Baltimore – Enhanced Visitor Experience
Recipient: Pride of Baltimore II
Grant Award: \$15,500
Heritage Area: Baltimore National Heritage Area

Project Title: Revolution Revisited: The War of 1812 on Maryland's Eastern Shore
Recipient: Sultana Projects, Inc.
Grant Award: \$12,000
Heritage Area: Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area

Project Title: Teaching the War of 1812
Recipient: Baltimore National Heritage Area War of 1812 Education Committee
Grant Award: \$6,750
Heritage Area: Baltimore National Heritage Area

Project Title: Tilghman Watermen's Museum Oral History Video Project
Recipient: Tilghman Watermen's Museum, Inc.
Grant Award: \$16,000
Heritage Area: Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area

Project Title: “Valley of the Shadow” Civil War Exhibit
Recipient: Washington County Fine Arts Museum
Grant Award: \$47,000
Heritage Area: Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

Project Title: Virtual Iron Horse (Civil War interpretation)
Recipient: B&O Railroad Museum
Grant Award: \$9,900
Heritage Area: Baltimore National Heritage Area

Project Title: Voices from the Edge / Habitat Theater
Recipient: Ward Foundation, Inc.
Grant Award: \$22,000
Heritage Area: Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area

Project Title: Wilson Farmstead and Hot Sox Ball Field
Recipient: Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation
Grant Award: \$15,500
Heritage Area: Four Rivers Heritage Area

Project Title: Witness to the War – Baltimore’s War of 1812 Historic Places
Recipient: Baltimore Heritage
Grant Award: \$3,500
Heritage Area: Baltimore National Heritage Area

Number of Funded Applications: 22
Total Dollar Amount: \$406,450

Heritage Area Marketing Grants

Project Title: Heritage Area Marketing Grant
Recipient: Annapolis, London Town, and South County Heritage Area
Grant Award: \$30,000

Project Title: Heritage Area Marketing Grant
Recipient: Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (Southern Maryland Heritage Area)
Grant Award: \$25,000

Number of Funded Applications: 2
Total Dollar Amount: \$55,000

Heritage Area Management Grants

Project Title: Heritage Area Management Grant
Recipient: Anacostia Trails Heritage Area
Grant Award: \$95,000

Project Title: Heritage Area Management Grant
Recipient: Annapolis, London Town, and South County Heritage Area
Grant Award: \$100,000

Project Title: Heritage Area Management Grant
Recipient: Baltimore Heritage Area Association, Inc. (Baltimore National Heritage Area)
Grant Award: \$100,000

Project Title: Heritage Area Management Grant
Recipient: Canal Place Preservation & Development Authority (Canal Place Heritage Area)
Grant Award: \$100,000

Project Title: Heritage Area Management Grant
Recipient: Garrett County Chamber of Commerce (Mountain Maryland – Gateway to the West Heritage Area)
Grant Award: \$46,550

Project Title: Heritage Area Management Grant
Recipient: County Council of Dorchester County (Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area)
Grant Award: \$100,000

Project Title: Heritage Area Management Grant
Recipient: Tourism Council of Frederick County, Inc. (Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area)
Grant Award: \$100,000

Project Title: Heritage Area Management Grant
Recipient: Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Committee, Inc. (Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area)
Grant Award: \$62,000

Project Title: Heritage Area Management Grant
Recipient: Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, Inc.
Grant Award: \$100,000

Project Title: Heritage Area Management Grant
Recipient: Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County (Montgomery County Heritage area)
Grant Award: \$100,000

Project Title: Heritage Area Management Grant
Recipient: Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (Southern Maryland Heritage Area)
Grant Award: \$62,000

Project Title: Heritage Area Management Grant
Recipient: Eastern Shore Heritage, Inc. (Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area)
Grant Award: \$45,000

Number of Funded Applications: 12
Total Dollar Amount: \$965,550

Heritage Area Management Plan Update Grants

Project Title: Heritage Area Management Plan Update Grant
Recipient: Canal Place Preservation & Development Authority (Canal Place Heritage Area)
Grant Award: \$100,000

Number of Funded Applications: 1
Total Dollar Amount: \$100,000

Maryland's Heritage Areas (Included Counties/Baltimore City)

Anacostia Trails Heritage Area

Prince George's County

Baltimore National Heritage Area

Baltimore City

Canal Place Heritage Area

City of Cumberland, Allegheny County

Four Rivers: Annapolis, London Town and South County Heritage Area

Anne Arundel County

Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area

Dorchester County

Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

Carroll, Frederick and Washington Counties

Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area

Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties

Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway

Cecil and Harford Counties

Montgomery County Heritage Area

Montgomery County

Mountain Maryland – Gateway to the West Heritage Area

Garrett County

Southern Maryland Heritage Area

Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties

Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area

Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties