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Hogan Administration Provides 52 Grants to Heritage Tourism Sites, Activities, and Organizations Across Maryland

Nearly \$2.7 million awarded by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority

CROWNSVILLE, MD – Today, the Hogan administration announced that 52 matching grants totaling \$2,699,532 were awarded to Maryland non-profits, local jurisdictions and other heritage tourism organizations including museums, and historic preservation, natural resources, cultural, and educational organizations through the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA). These grant funds support heritage tourism projects and activities that draw visitors and expand economic development and tourism-related job creation throughout Maryland (the full listing of grants can be found below).

The MHAA oversees Maryland's system of 13 locally-administered, state-certified Heritage Areas. Today, all Maryland counties and Baltimore City have at least part of a state-certified Heritage Area within their boundaries. Heritage Areas foster broad public-private partnerships to preserve and enhance 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 the special piece of the American story they can treasure and share with others and that in doing so they are contributing to the economic well-being of Maryland's communities.

"Maryland's Heritage Areas help celebrate and preserve the best of our history, cultural traditions, and natural areas," said Governor Larry Hogan. "I congratulate Maryland's 13 Heritage Areas and their tourism partners on these grant awards. This important funding makes our communities more livable and vibrant, while fostering economic activity and growth through our rich tourism industry."

One of every 16 workers in Maryland is supported by tourism-related employment, providing more than 140,000 jobs and \$16.4 billion of visitor spending annually. Maryland's Heritage Areas contribute to this by saving and enhancing the places that attract heritage tourists - people who focus their travels on historic sites, museums, cultural activities, or the natural beauty of Maryland's Atlantic and Chesapeake Bay coastal areas and unspoiled scenery of Mountain Maryland. Studies show heritage tourists tend to stay longer and spend more money than other categories of tourists.

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The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority is an independent unit in the executive branch of government administered by the Maryland Department of Planning. Since its creation in 1996, MHAA has awarded over \$32.9 million dollars in grants and helped to leverage over \$105 million in non-state funding for heritage tourism projects and activities in Maryland's 13 Certified Heritage Areas.

To learn more about the Maryland Heritage Areas Program and the state's 13 certified Heritage Areas, please visit <http://mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas.shtml>.

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Maryland Heritage Areas Program

FY 2017 Grants Awarded

Organization	Project	Amount Awarded
<u>Anacostia Trails</u>		
Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc http://www.marylandmilestones.org Prince George's	FY 2017 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Friends of the Greenbelt Museum http://www.greenbeltmuseum.org Prince George's	Establishment of Greenbelt Visitor and Education Center	\$50,000.00
Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Foundation http://www.pgparksfoundation.org Prince George's	College Park Aviation Campus Exterior Interpretation & Wayfinding	\$14,400.00
<i>Total Anacostia Trails (3 items)</i>		\$164,400.00
<u>Annapolis, London Town and South County</u>		
Annapolis Maritime Museum, Inc http://www.amaritime.org Anne Arundel	AMM's Exhibit "White Gold: Fishing and Farming the Maryland Oyster"	\$25,000.00
Annapolis, London Town and South County Heritage Area, Inc www.fourriversheritage.org Anne Arundel	FY 2017 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Annapolis, London Town and South County Heritage Area, Inc www.fourriversheritage.org Anne Arundel	FY 2017 Marketing Grant	\$25,000.00
Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Inc. www.marylandhall.org Anne Arundel	Improved Public Access for the Arts- Exterior Doors and Entrancesways	\$80,000.00
Smithsonian Environmental Research Center http://www.serc.si.edu Anne Arundel	Sellman House Rehabilitation for Visitor Orientation Center	\$80,000.00
<i>Total Annapolis, London Town and South County (5 items)</i>		\$310,000.00
<u>Baltimore National</u>		
B & O Railroad Museum, Inc. www.borail.org Baltimore City	The Great Railroad Strike of 1877	\$20,000.00

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Baltimore Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound School www.outwardboundbaltimore.org Baltimore City, Baltimore County	Rehabilitation and Preservation of the Orianda Mansion	\$80,000.00
Baltimore Heritage Area Association, Inc www.explorebaltimore.org Baltimore City	FY 2017 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Baltimore Heritage Area Association, Inc www.explorebaltimore.org Baltimore City	Public Programming for Maryland Fleet Week & Blue Angels 2016	\$28,300.00
Baltimore Museum of Industry http://www.thebmi.org Baltimore City	Repair & Preservation of the Historic Crane at the BMI	\$55,000.00
The Johns Hopkins University http://www.jhu.edu Baltimore City	Enslaved at Homewood	\$20,000.00
Peale Center for Baltimore History and Architecture http://www.thepealecenter.org Baltimore City	Accessibility Renovations for America's Oldest Purpose-Built Museum Building	\$50,000.00
<i>Total Baltimore National (7 items)</i>		\$353,300.00
<u>Canal Place</u>		
Allegany Arts Council, Inc. www.alleganyartscouncil.org Allegany	Canal Place Heritage Mural	\$13,850.00
Canal Place Preservation & Development Authority www.canalplace.org Allegany	FY 2017 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Mayor and City Council of Cumberland www.ci.cumberland.md.us Allegany	Canal Place Heritage Area Partnership Programming	\$10,800.00
<i>Total Canal Place (3 items)</i>		\$124,650.00
<u>Heart of Chesapeake Country</u>		
Friends of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, Inc http://www.friendsofblackwater.org Dorchester	BNWR Paddling Trails Kiosks and Signage along the Blackwater River	\$5,000.00

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Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area www.tourchesapeakecountry.com Dorchester	FY 2017 Management Grant	\$98,500.00
Maryland Office of Tourism Development Caroline, Dorchester	Harriet Tubman Byway Driving Tour Components: Reprinted, Edited, Re-recorded	\$50,000.00
Department of Natural Resources - Maryland Park Service http://dnr2.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/eastern/tubman.aspx Dorchester	Programmatic Support for Grand Opening - Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park and Visitor Center	\$35,000.00
<i>Total Heart of Chesapeake Country (4 items)</i>		\$188,500.00
<u>Heart of the Civil War</u>		
Carroll County Farm Museum http://ccgovernent.carr.org/ccg/farmmus/Carroll	"Stinking Motherwort": Maryland's Million Dollar Wormseed Industry	\$27,000.00
Friends of Cunningham Falls and Gambrill State Parks, Inc. www.cunninghamgambrill.org Frederick	Catoctin Furnace Iron Master House Ruins Stabilization Phase Two	\$5,000.00
Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area www.heartofthecivilwar.org Carroll, Frederick, Washington	FY 2017 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Main Street Middletown MD, Inc. www.mainstreetmiddletown.org Frederick	Revealing Middletown's History: The 250th Commemoration of our Founding	\$10,000.00
<i>Total Heart of the Civil War (4 items)</i>		\$142,000.00
<u>Lower Eastern Shore</u>		
Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum, Inc. http://www.DelmarvaDiscoveryCenter.org Worcester	Touch Tank Exhibit	\$48,150.00
Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Committee, Inc. www.lowershoreheritage.org Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester	FY 2017 Management Grant	\$71,275.00
Rackliffe House Trust, Inc. http://www.rackliffehouse.com Worcester	Rackliffe House Improvements to Grounds and Visitor Amenities	\$11,323.00

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Skipjack Heritage, Inc. http://www.skipjacklore.org Somerset	Development of the Skipjack Museum and Heritage Center	\$72,045.00
<i>Total Lower Eastern Shore (4 items)</i>		\$202,793.00
<u>Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway</u>		
Community Projects of Havre de Grace, Inc. Opera House Foundation Committee http://www.razoo.com/Community-Projects-of-Havre-de-Grace Harford	Havre de Grace Opera House Renovation - Phase 2	\$80,000.00
Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, Inc. www.upperbaytrails.com Cecil, Harford	FY 2017 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Steppingstone Museum Association, Inc. www.steppingstonemuseum.org Harford	Historic Land of Promise Farm Restoration and Access Phase II	\$15,000.00
<i>Total Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway (3 items)</i>		\$195,000.00
<u>Montgomery County</u>		
Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County www.heritagemontgomery.org Montgomery	FY 2017 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
National Capital Historical Museum of Transportation, Inc. DBA: National Capital Trolley Museum www.dctrolley.org Montgomery	RESTORATION OF CAPITAL TRACTION COMPANY 27	\$25,000.00
Sandy Spring Museum www.sandyspringmuseum.org Montgomery	Wayfinding Signage at the Sandy Spring Museum	\$7,050.00
Visit Montgomery http://www.visitmontgomery.com Montgomery	FY 2017 Marketing Grant	\$50,000.00
<i>Total Montgomery County (4 items)</i>		\$182,050.00

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<u>Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West</u>		
Department of Natural Resources - Forest Service dnr2.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/publiclands/western_savageriverforest.aspx Garrett	Visitation and Economics of Recreation/Tourism in Western Maryland State Forests	\$20,079.00
Town Of Friendsville http://visitfriendsville.org Garrett	Friendsville Interactive Historical Walking Tour & Historical Tour Website	\$14,279.00
Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, Inc. www.visitdeepcreek.com Garrett	FY 2017 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, Inc. www.visitdeepcreek.com Garrett	FY 2017 Marketing Grant	\$15,240.00
Garrett County Government www.garrettcountry.org Garrett	Meadow Mountain Trail- Heritage Phase -	\$80,000.00
<i>Total Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West (5 items)</i>		\$229,598.00
<u>Patapsco Valley</u>		
THE ALLIANCE FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY, INC. http://https://www.allianceforthebay.org/ Howard	Ellicott City Stream Restoration Phase I	\$49,808.00
Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc. www.patapscoheritagegreenway.org Baltimore County,Howard	FY 2017 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
<i>Total Patapsco Valley (2 items)</i>		\$149,808.00
<u>Southern Maryland</u>		
CALVERT NATURE SOCIETY, INC. www.calvertparks.org Calvert	Protecting Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary; Preserving a Cypress Barn	\$80,000.00
Historic St. Mary's City www.stmaryscity.org St. Mary's	New Orientation Video for Historic St. Mary's City	\$8,750.00
Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland www.DestinationSouthernMaryland.com Calvert,Charles,St. Mary's	FY 2017 Management Grant	\$56,000.00
<i>Total Southern Maryland (3 items)</i>		\$144,750.00

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<u>Stories of the Chesapeake</u>		
Avalon Foundation, Inc http://avalonfoundation.org Talbot	Avalon Theatre Building Renaissance	\$60,000.00
Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum www.cbmm.org Talbot	Small Craft Heritage Center	\$80,000.00
Town of Chestertown www.townofchestertown.com Kent	Chestertown Marina Interpretive Center	\$80,000.00
Eastern Shore Heritage Area, Inc. www.storiesofthechesapeake.org Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot	FY 2017 Management Grant	\$42,683.00
Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission http://www.talbotcountymd.gov/ Talbot	The Hill Community Project	\$50,000.00
<i>Total Stories of the Chesapeake (5 items)</i>		\$312,683.00
Grand Totals (52 items)		<u>\$2,699,532.00</u>