Welcome to the

MHT Virtual Roadshow:

An Overview of MHT & MHAA Grant Programs

Maryland Heritage Areas Authority

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture

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Agenda for Today's Roadshow

- Introductions
- Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) Grants (Capital and Non-Capital)
- Historic Preservation Capital Grants
- Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grants
- African American Heritage Preservation Program (AAHPP) Grants
- Certified Local Government Grants
- Wrap Up: Due Dates Overview, Accessing Application Forms, and Q & A Session

MHAA Capital & Non-Capital Grants

Image of Rodger's Tavern courtesy of the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway

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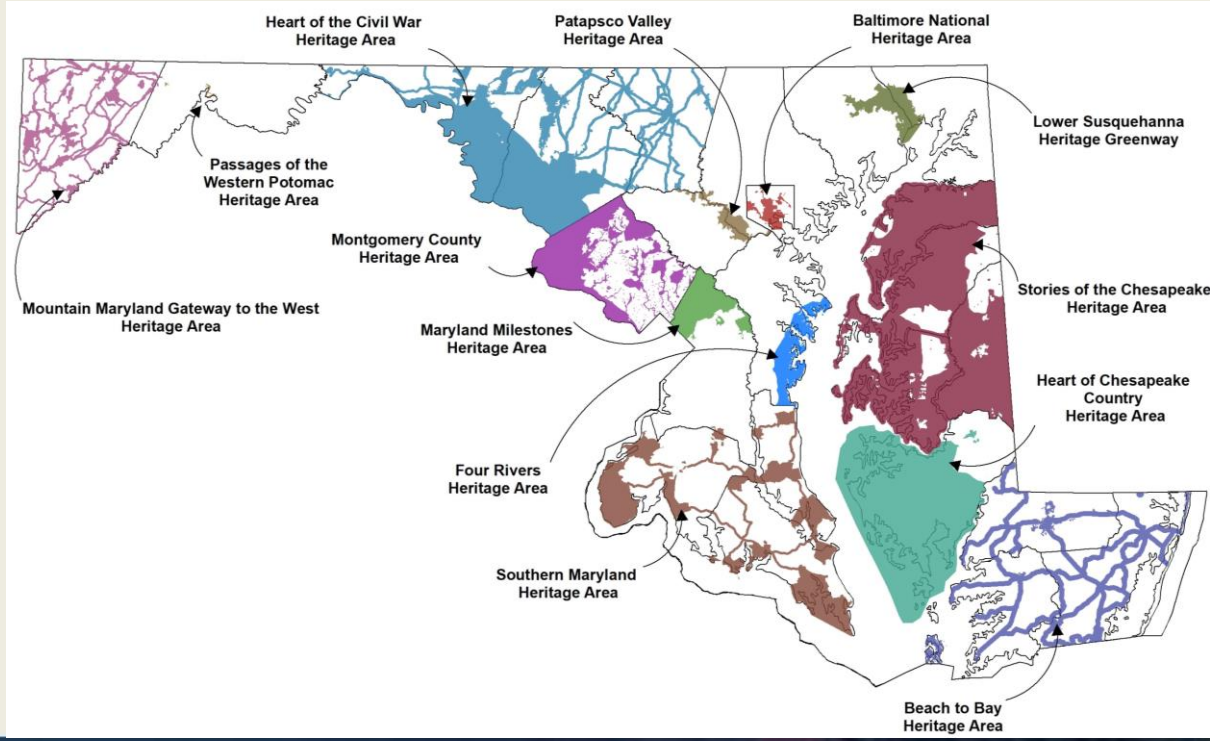
What are Heritage Areas?

Maryland Heritage Areas Authority

Heritage Areas support the **economic well-being** of Maryland's **communities** by preserving and celebrating the State's **history, cultural traditions and natural resources** through **partnerships** that promote, support and create **place-based experiences** for visitors and residents alike.

- Locally designated, certified by State
- Commitment to economic development through heritage-related tourism
- 13 Certified Heritage Areas across the state: https://bit.ly/HA-Status



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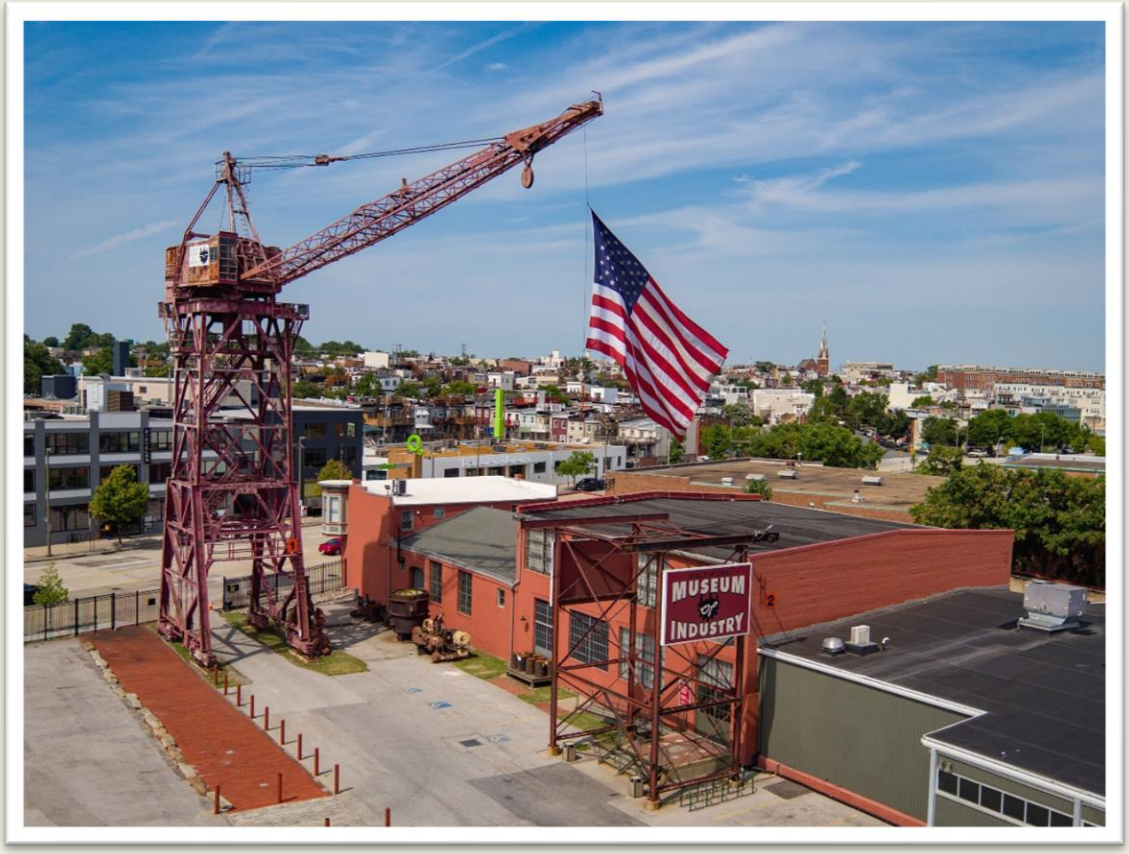
Who is eligible for MHAA Grants?

- Projects located within heritage area boundaries

- <u>Applicants must be:</u>
- Non-profits
- Local jurisdictions
- State agencies
- Federal agencies



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MHAA Non-Capital Grants

- **<u>Activities funded:</u>** design, interpretation, events, exhibits, brochures, technology, websites and mobile apps, archeology, other research, pedestrian signage, planning for non-capital projects

Image courtesy of Talbot County Government.

- **Accepts requests of $5,000 to $50,000**

MHAA Capital Grants

- **Activities funded:** property acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, pre-development (planning for capital projects), trails
- All projects receive easement & compliance review
- Some projects require the applicant to convey an easement to MHT
- Does NOT have to be a "historic" property

- **Accepts requests of $5,000 to $100,000**

Image courtesy of Friends of the Greenbelt Museum.

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Grant Requirements & Timeline Info

- Both Capital and Non-Capital require a 1:1 match of cash and/or in-kind contributions
- Webinars and Virtual Office Hours for applicants will be held in January 2021
- Must submit an Intent to Apply by January 29, 2021
- Final deadlines for the full applications are set by local heritage areas, but are typically in March or April
- Multi-Heritage Area Projects' full applications are due February 26, 2021

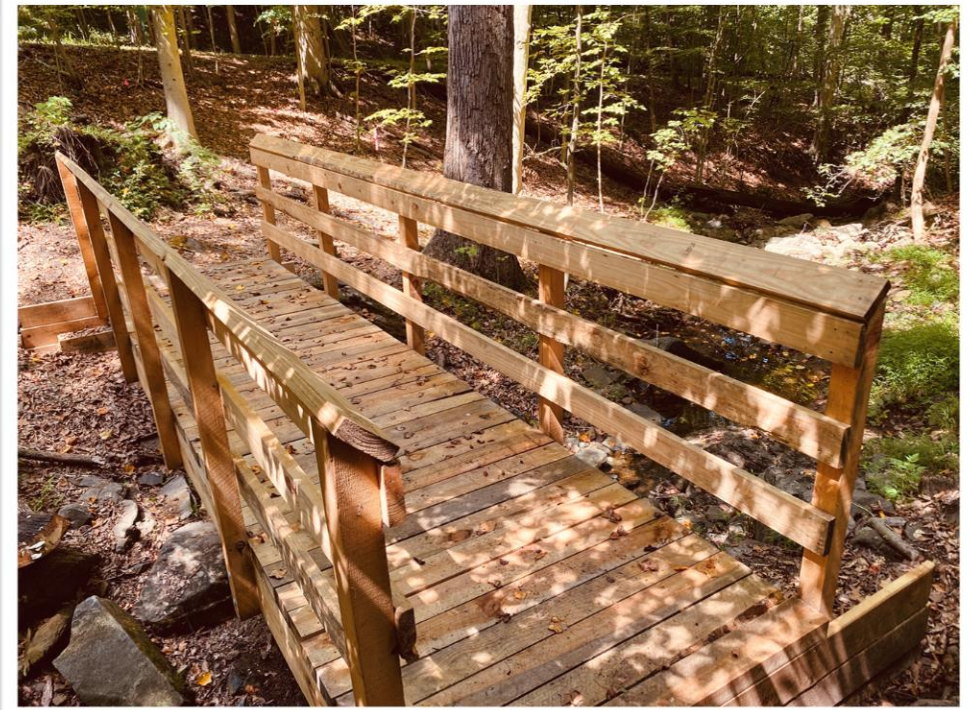

Image courtesy of Friends Patpasco Valley State Park

General Guidelines & Application Tips

Maryland Heritage Areas Authority

- Coordinate with your local heritage area director
- Emphasize a heritage tourism product
- Discuss your project's impact on your local community and the visitor experience
- Think about untold or underrepresented regional history and culture
- Project costs we cannot fund:
  - Staff time
  - Marketing
  - General operations

Image courtesy of the Annapolis Maritime Museum

Program Information

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General Information and Learn About Local Heritage Areas:
mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas.shtml

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Program Basics

- Fund capital (construction-related) projects for historic properties
- $600,000 available each year
- Maximum grant amount = $100,000
- Application due mid-March

Calvin B. Taylor House, Worcester County

Property Eligibility

Wallace Office Building, Dorchester County

- Listed on/eligible for National Register
- Must convey a preservation easement to MHT
- Religious sites and cemeteries have special requirements

Applicant Eligibility

- Non-profit organizations*
- Local governments
- Business Entities
- Private Individuals

* No match required for non-profit organizations!

Union Mills Homestead, Shriver Grist Mill Flume, Carroll County

Project Eligibility

- Acquisition
- Restoration/Rehabilitation
- Pre-development (non-profit and local government applicants only)

Mount Clare Museum, Baltimore City

Acquisition

The acquisition of the property should directly contribute to its preservation.

Iron Hill Cut Jasper Quarry Archaeological Preserve, Cecil County

B&O WB Tower, Frederick County

Rehabilitation/Restoration

Construction should emphasize protection of the resource and / or repair of important original features.

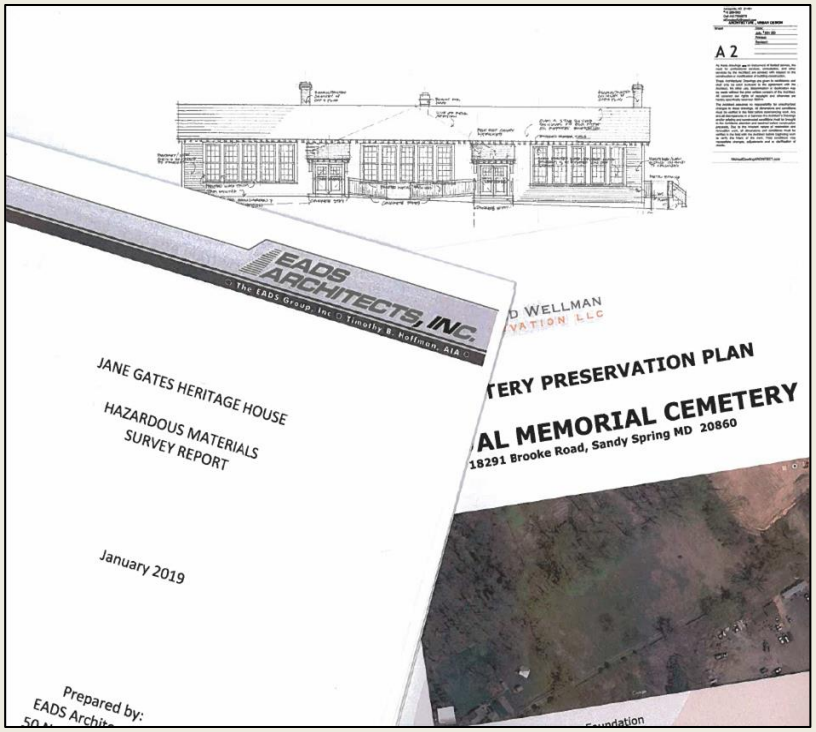
Hays House, Harford County

Christ Rock Church, Dorchester County

Hammond-Harwood House, Anne Arundel County

Pre-development

- <u>Local governments and non-profits only</u>
- Assessments and design necessary for construction:
  - Architectural plans
  - Structural assessment
  - Archaeology required for a permit
- *Example ineligible projects:*
  - *Feasibility studies*
  - *Master plans*
  - *Research*



Selection Criteria*

- **Significance**
  - Historical Significance
  - Importance to local community
- **Project Design**
  - Scope
  - Budget
  - Schedule
  - Urgency
- **Public Benefit**
  - Public benefit
  - Educational value
  - Accessibility to public
  - Local support

**See the Grant Guidelines on our website for a complete list of criteria.*

Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program

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Website:

https://mht.maryland.gov/grants_capital.shtml

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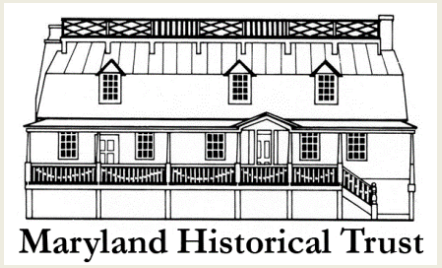
HISTORIC PRESERVATION NON-CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM

GRANTS WORKSHOP



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Introduction to the Program

- Designed for research, survey, planning, and educational activities involving architectural, archaeological, or cultural resources in Maryland.

- The available FY 2021 funding totals $300,000 and has been distributed to MHT from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund. Maximum request is $75,000.

Who can Apply?

- Non-profit organizations, including State agencies
- Local jurisdictions
- *Non-profit organizations must be registered with SDAT and in good standing.*
- Non-profit applicants must have a letter from the IRS documenting non-profit status by the time of grant award.

Do we have to match the grant?

- *Local governments* must match the grant 1:1 (dollar-for-dollar) in cash and/or in-kind services.

- No match is *required* for non-profit organizations; however, providing some match will make the application more competitive.

What types of activities can be funded?

- Architectural & Archaeological Survey Work
- National Register nominations
- Historic Structures Reports
- Thematic research that supports the development of historic contexts
- Preservation Plans
- Education & Outreach activities

Excavation of the Late Woodland Winslow Village
Courtesy of Bill Davis, National Park Service

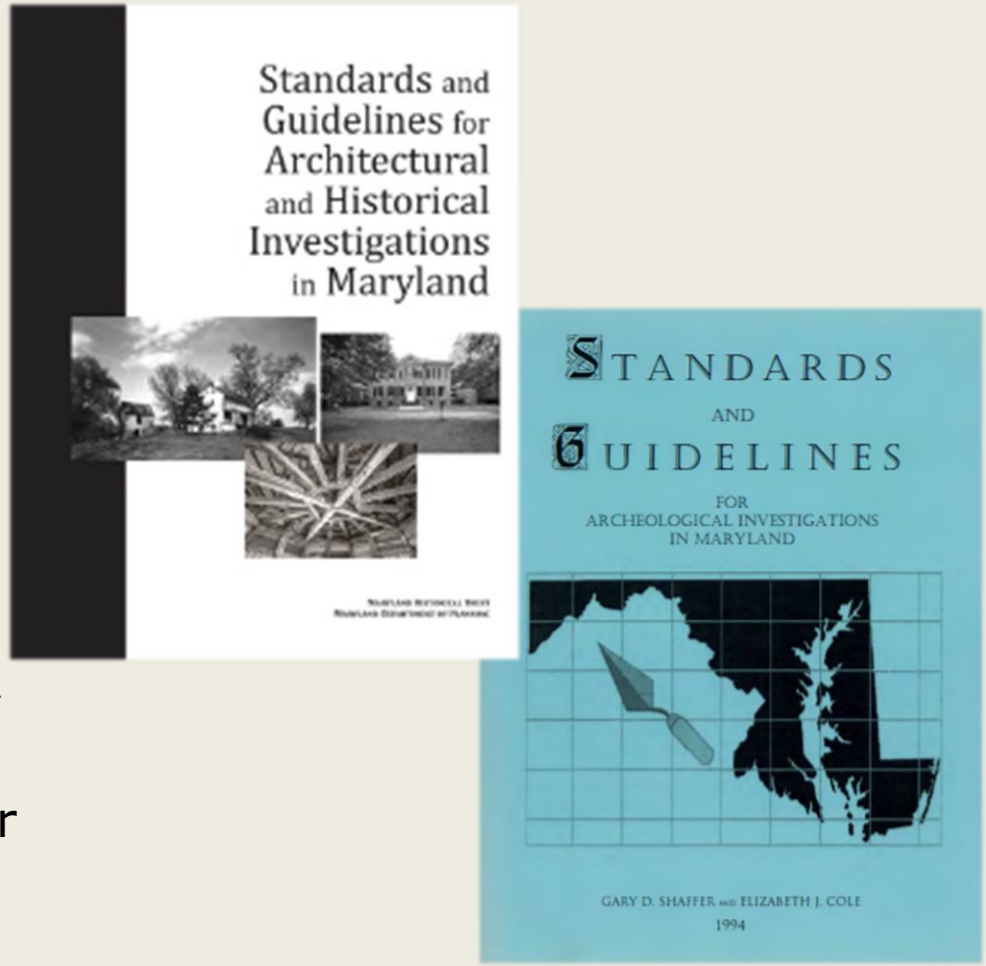
What types of projects cannot be funded?

- Projects that involve "capital" expenditures.
- Development of exhibits from existing museum collections.
- Projects that seek to conserve or catalog historic archival collections (i.e. not artifacts).
- Publications of previously completed manuscripts.
- Projects that are already underway or completed prior to execution of the grant agreement.

Program Requirements

- Architectural and archaeological research, survey and documentation projects must be consistent with MHT *Standards & Guidelines*.

- Personnel performing architectural and archaeological work must meet the minimum requirements of the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards under 36 CFR 61.



Program Requirements

- For archaeological investigations that result in recovery of artifacts, the application must state where and how the artifacts will be conserved and stored.

- Please consider curation with the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory (MAC Lab) in St. Leonard, MD

  http://jefpat.maryland.gov

Chevron decorated pot from the Rosenstock site in Frederick County.

Program Requirements

- For projects involving only one resource, that resource must be listed on the National Register or determined eligible by MHT Director.
- For projects with GIS or spatial data development, the grantee must provide copies of all databases, image files, and GIS files.
- There is no easement requirement.

HABS Collection,
Tulip Hill, Anne Arundel County

FY 2021 Funding Priorities: Research & Survey Projects

- Broad-based, comprehensive, and systematic archaeological or architectural surveys to identify and document previously unknown, little-studied, or threatened resources.
- Projects designed to assess, document, or address the impacts of natural disasters and ongoing natural processes on cultural resources.
- Projects that undertake detailed, in-depth study of a specific topic, time period, property type, or theme.

Documenting Maryland's Women's Suffrage History

Project work included educational outreach activities related to the women's suffrage movement in Maryland. The work built upon a historic context that a graduate intern completed for MHT, as well as an ongoing Underrepresented Community Grant for site specific documentation.

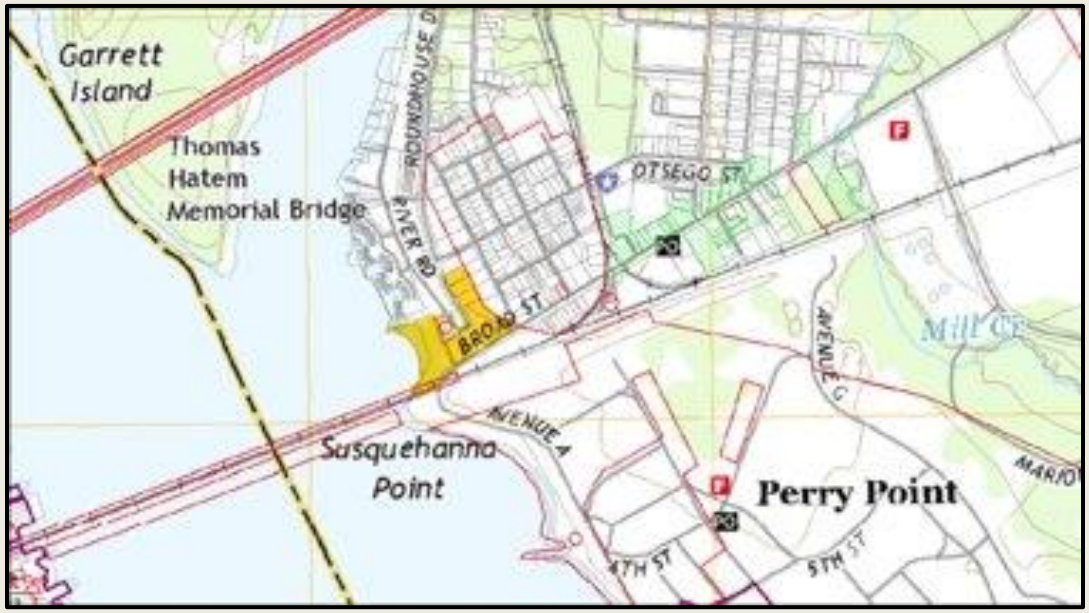
Documenting Domestic Service Buildings in Southern Maryland

Project work included survey and documentation of early domestic outbuildings in southern Maryland with high-resolution digital photography and measured drawings.

Geophysical Prospection: Locating the 1634 Fort, St. Mary’s City

Project included a geophysical survey to locate the 1634 palisaded fort erected by the first European settlers of St. Mary's City. Geophysical prospection was conducted at the Mill Field and 5-acre city-center sites: strong candidates for the location of the fort.

Rodgers Tavern Museum and Lower Ferry Park Survey



Project includes a non-invasive archaeological survey of Rodgers Tavern in the town of Perryville.

Lower Eastern Shore Threatened Sites Survey

Project work includes the completion of a historic sites survey of threatened sites in Somerset and Dorchester counties and completion of Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) forms for identified sites.

Tentative Grant Schedule for FY 2022

The following dates are approximate:

- **May & June 2021:** Announcement of funds and workshops
- **July 2021:** Intent to Apply deadline (online)
- **August 2021:** Completed Application deadline (online)
- **November 2021:** Grant awards announced.
- **December 2021 – early Spring 2022:** Grant Agreements mailed by MHT and signed.

Generally, project must be completed two years after executed grant agreement is received (roughly May 2024).

Available Handouts

All documents are available on the MHT website at: https://mht.maryland.gov/grants_noncap.shtml

- Non-Capital Grants Guidelines & Manual *(new)*
- Online Quick Start Guide
- Sample Intent to Apply Form
- Sample Application

Note: Your Intent to Apply & Application MUST be submitted online.

Contact Information

- *Questions following this presentation or help with the online grant application:*

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African American Heritage Preservation Program

"encourage the identification and preservation of buildings, sites, and communities of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in Maryland"

Stanley Institute and Christ Rock Church, Dorchester County

AAHPP: Program Snapshot

- Program = $1 million per year
- Maximum grant = $100,000
- Applications due July 1

Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center, Queen Anne's County

AAHPP: Eligible Applicants

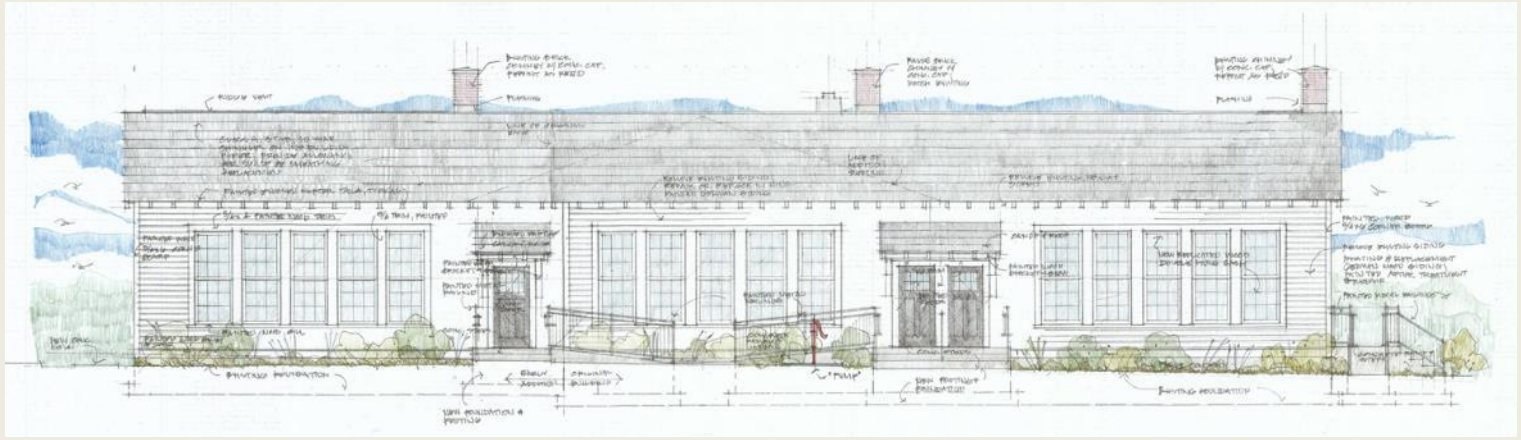
- Non-profits*
- Local governments
- Businesses
- Individuals

Fruitland Community Center, Wicomico County

* No match required for non-profits!

AAHPP: Eligible Projects

- Acquisition
- Rehabilitation
- New Construction
- Pre-development



Magothy Elementary School, Anne Arundel County
(courtesy: Michael Dowling)

AAHPP: Sample Projects

McComas Institute, Harford County

Mutual Memorial Cemetery, Montgomery County

Jane Gates Heritage House, Allegany County

Liberty Grace Church, Baltimore City

Robert W. Johnson Community Center, Washington County

Mt. Gilboa AME Church, Baltimore County

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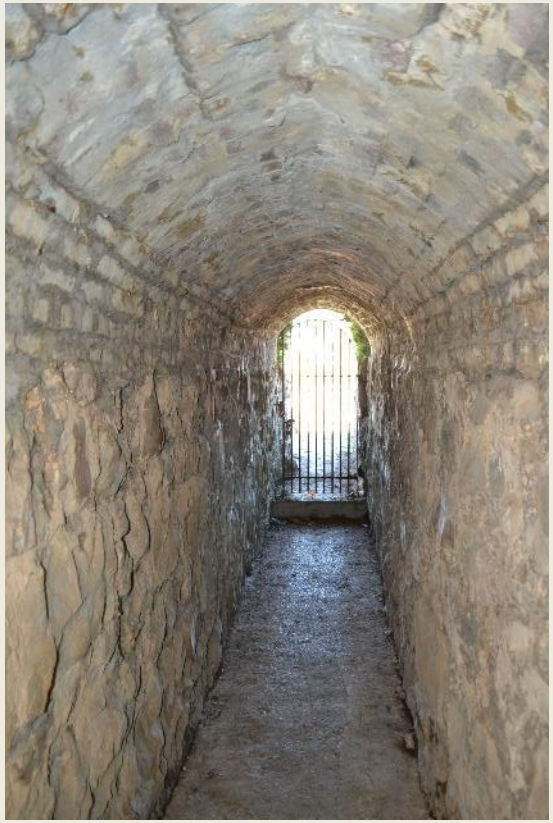
AAHPP: Tips – Project Description

- Are expenses eligible?
- Describe construction tasks
- Include photos



Emmanuel Episcopal Church & Tunnels, Allegany County

AAHPP: Tips – Site Significance

- Site history
- Importance to community
- Tell your story!

Charles H. Chipman Cultural Center, Wicomico County

AAHPP: Tips – Public Benefit

Bethel AME Church,
Dorchester County

How does your site increase public knowledge of Maryland's African American history and culture?

AAHPP: Contact Info

https://mht.maryland.gov/grants_africanamerican.shtml

Contact the Commission about:

- Project purpose
- Program funding priorities
- Historical narrative

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Contact MHT about:

- Eligibility
- Technical preservation or construction issues
- Application system

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Certified Local Government Program

MHT is the State Historic Preservation Office

- National Historic Preservation Act
- Federal funding
- Federal programs include:
  - Project Review and Compliance (Section 106)
  - National Register of Historic Places
  - Certified Local Government Program

Certified Local Government Program

- Federal-State-Local partnership
- Provides grants and resources to communities that have made a special commitment to preservation
- 22 counties and municipalities certified

Certified Local Government Program

Requirements

- Adhere to program standards
- Annual training
- Annual reports
- Four-year evaluation

Benefits

- Education/training opportuniti
- Funding!

Certified Local Government Program

Certified Local Government Grants

- Educational Grants (non-competitive)
  - In partnership with the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions

- Project Grants (competitive, about $80,000 per year)
  - Non-capital grants: planning, education, research and survey, etc.
  - $25,000 maximum
  - Match encouraged but not required
  - Rounds in February

Learn more at https://mht.maryland.gov/grants_clg.shtml or contact Nell Ziehl at nell.ziehl@maryland.gov

Wrap Up:
Due Dates Overview, Accessing Application Forms and Q & A Session

Overview of Due Dates

- Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) Grants (Capital and Non-Capital)
  - "Intent to Apply" forms are due **Jan 29, 2021**
  - Full applications are due according to local heritage area deadlines in **February, March, and April of 2021**

- Certified Local Government Grants
  - Full applications are typically due in **February**

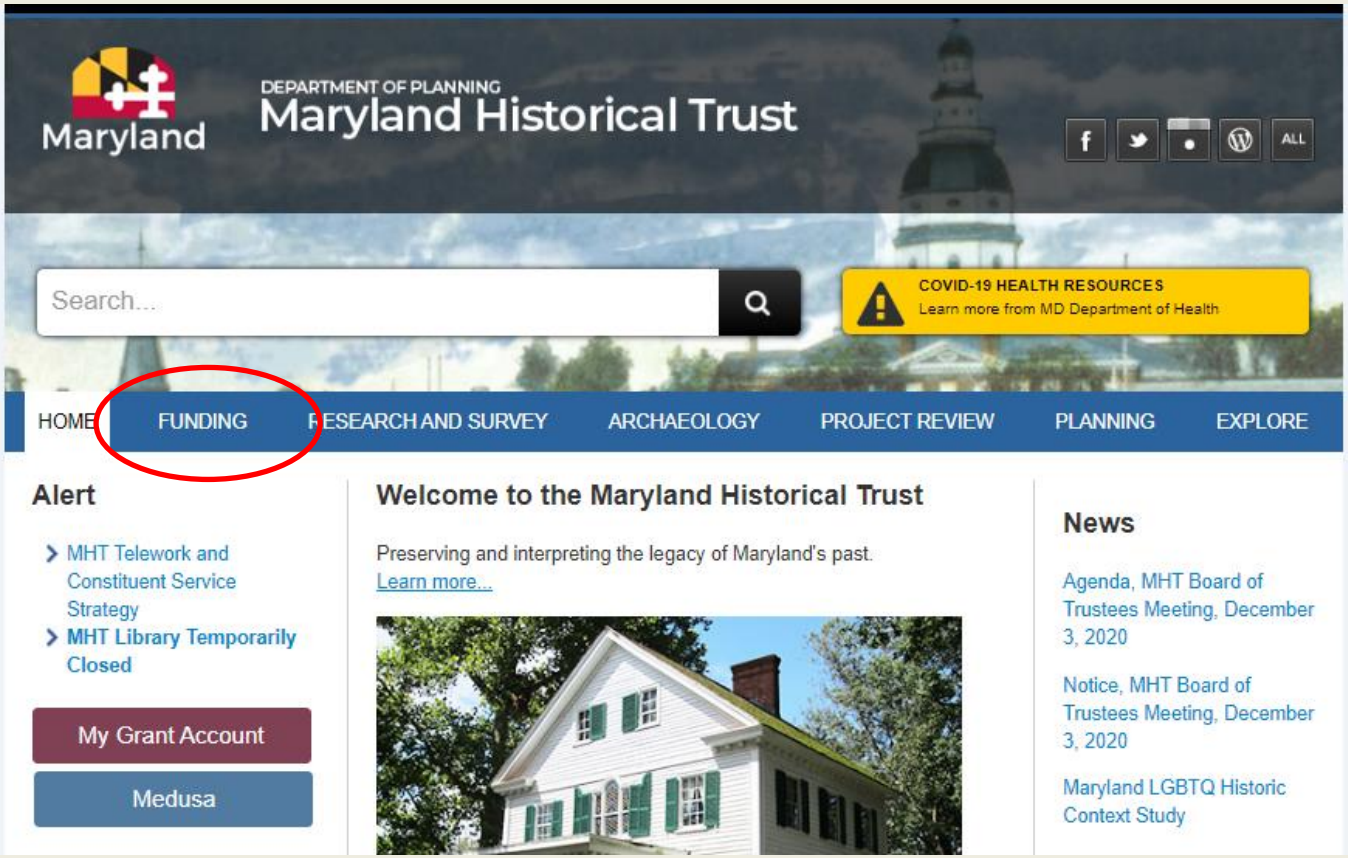
- Historic Preservation Capital Grants
  - Full applications due **March 22, 2021**

- African American Heritage Preservation Program (AAHPP) Grants
  - Full applications are typically due in **July**

- Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grants
  - "Intent to Apply" forms are typically due in **July**
  - Full applications are typically due in **August**

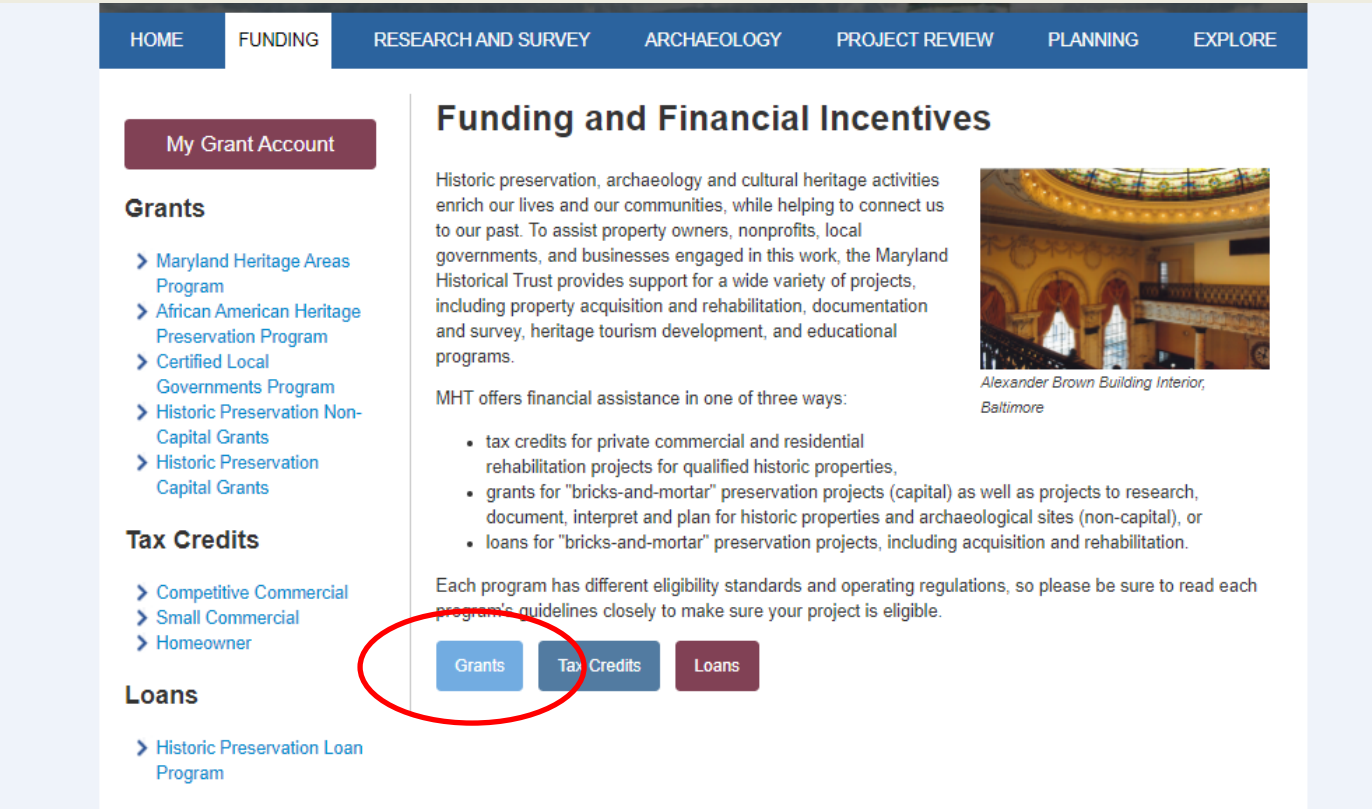
Accessing Applications

- Mht.Maryland.gov



Accessing Applications

- On the "Funding" page, you'll see a button for "Grants"



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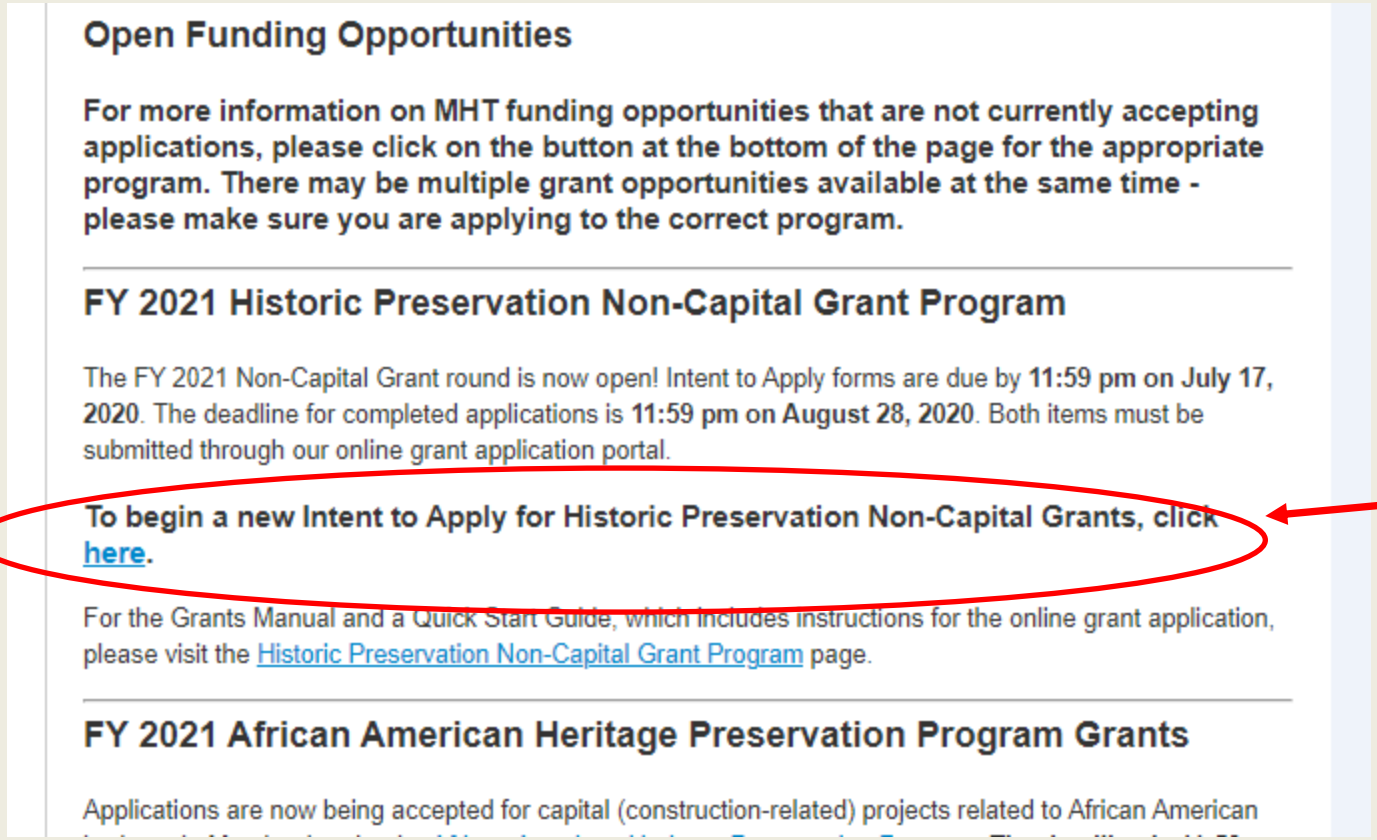


Open Funding Opportunities

For more information on MHT funding opportunities that are not currently accepting applications, please click on the button at the bottom of the page for the appropriate program. There may be multiple grant opportunities available at the same time - please make sure you are applying to the correct program.

FY 2021 Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grant Program

The FY 2021 Non-Capital Grant round is now open! Intent to Apply forms are due by **11:59 pm on July 17, 2020**. The deadline for completed applications is **11:59 pm on August 28, 2020**. Both items must be submitted through our online grant application portal.

To begin a new Intent to Apply for Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grants, click here.

For the Grants Manual and a Quick Start Guide, which includes instructions for the online grant application, please visit the Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grant Program page.

FY 2021 African American Heritage Preservation Program Grants

Applications are now being accepted for capital (construction-related) projects related to African American

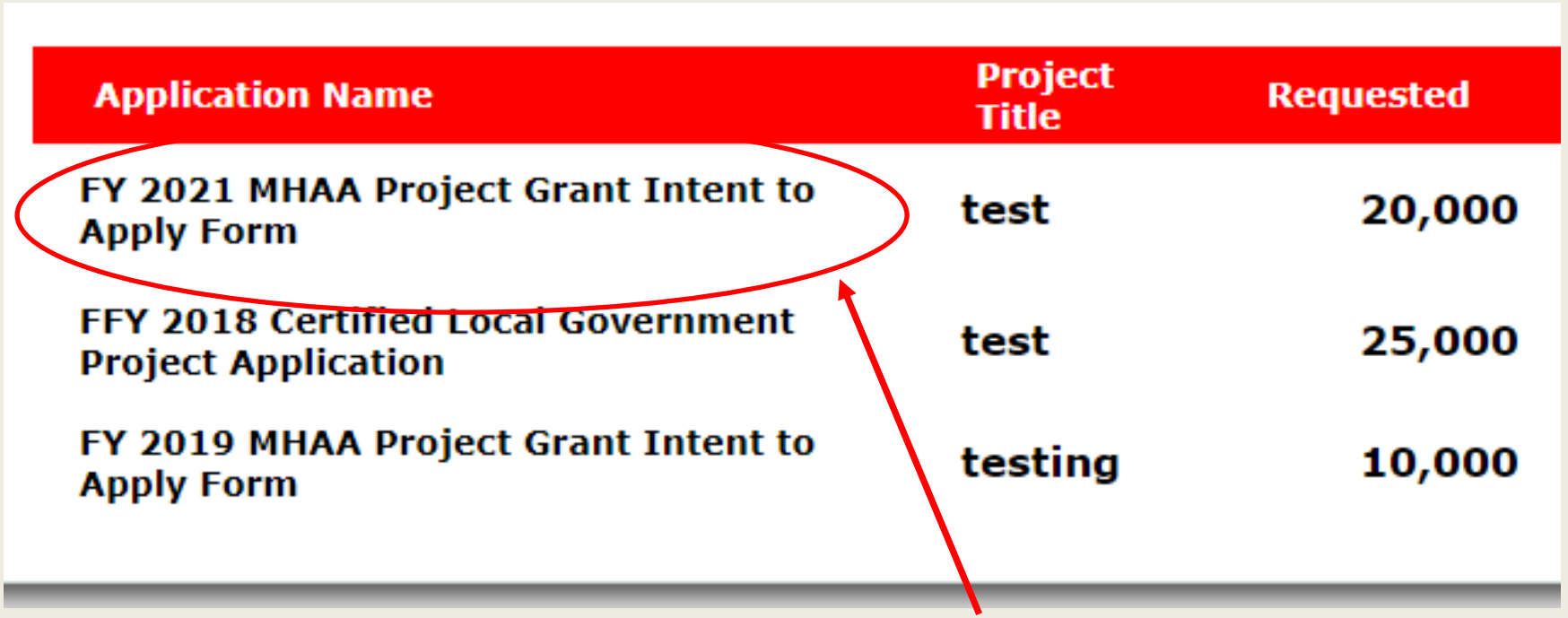
To start a new application for this particular grant opportunity

Accessing Applications

- To access an application you already started, use the My Grant Account Button

Accessing Applications

- When you log in using the same email you used to set up your account, you'll be able to see applications you've started under "in-progress" applications

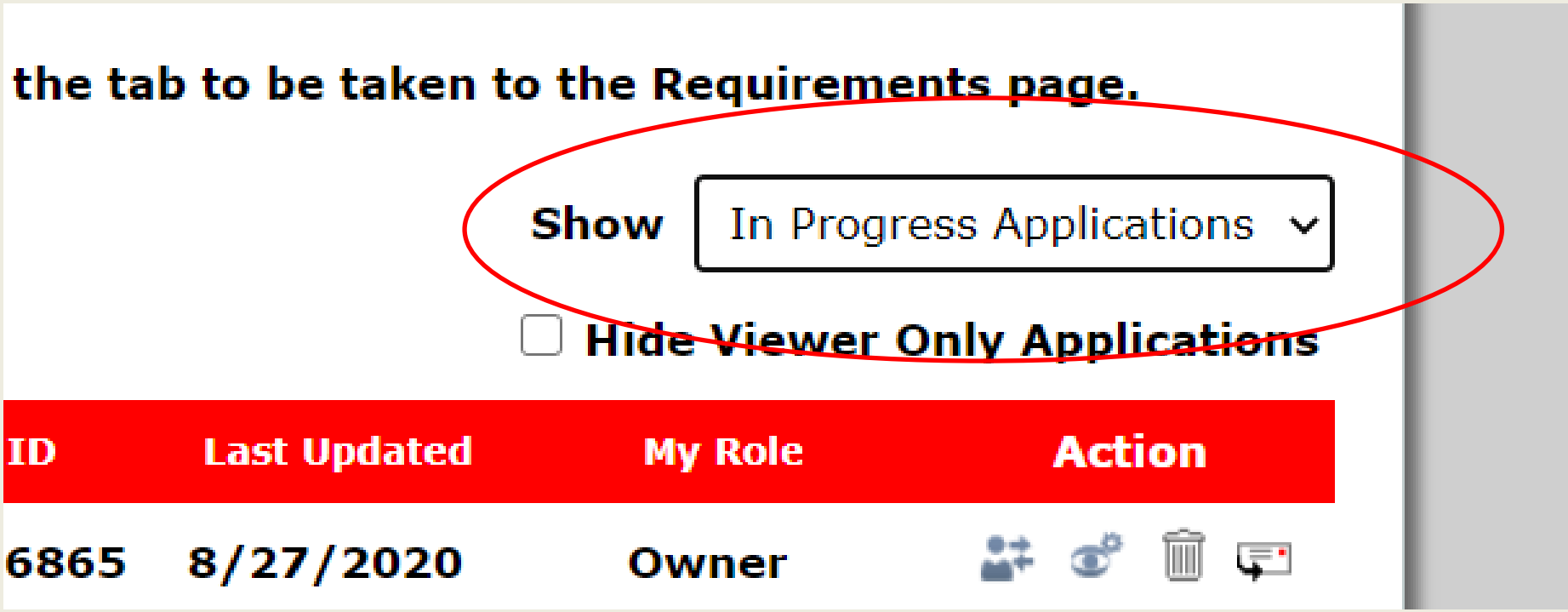


Application Name	Project Title	Requested
FY 2021 MHAA Project Grant Intent to Apply Form	test	20,000
FFY 2018 Certified Local Government Project Application	test	25,000
FY 2019 MHAA Project Grant Intent to Apply Form	testing	10,000

Click on the application name to continue working on the application form

Accessing Applications

- You may need to change the show menu to view your "in-progress" applications



Question and Answer Session

Q: What makes your grant program different from the others discussed today?

Q: Are organizations eligible to apply to multiple grant programs for the same project?

Q: What specific advice do you have for applicants planning to apply for the Historic Preservation Capital and MHAA Grant programs simultaneously?

These programs are open around the same time and have some overlap in eligible project types.

Questions from the livestreams

Other questions?
Please contact us!
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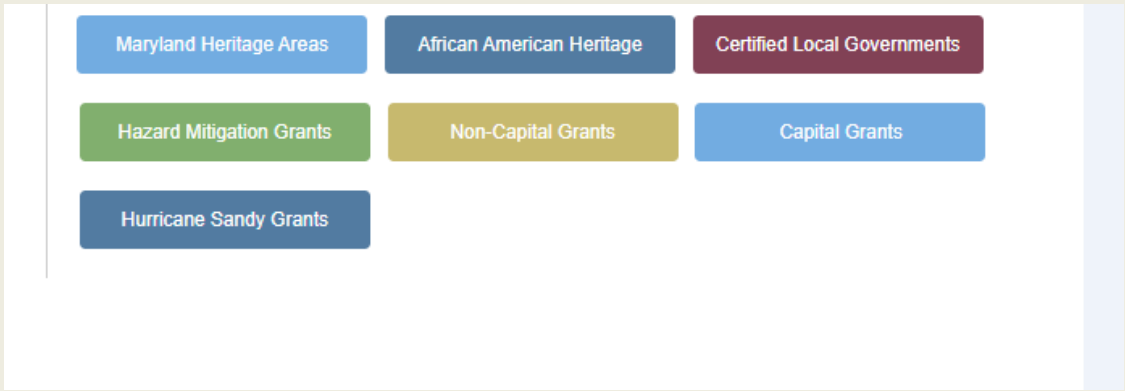
Scroll down on the main "Grants" page and click on the program you're interested in for more information and contact details