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# Potential Funding Sources for Heritage Preservation Projects

*Below is a list of public and private entities that have previously funded heritage preservation projects. This list is not inclusive. Visit the websites indicated below for more information.*

## **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SOURCES**

**[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)** is a website that allows organizations to electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from all federal grant-making agencies. The site is a single access point for over 900 grant programs offered by 26 Federal grant-making agencies. It is a very good starting point for research on federal grants.

The **Department of Agriculture** Rural Development Program, [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov), offers a range of nationally competitive grant programs, including Rural Business Opportunity Grants which provide planning or technical assistance funding to public bodies, nonprofit corporations, and rural cooperatives to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities.

The **Appalachian Regional Commission**, [www.arc.gov](http://www.arc.gov), awards grants to governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations for projects that further the four goals identified by the Commission in its strategic plan. ARC focuses its resources on distressed counties and distressed areas within the 13-state Appalachian Region. In Maryland, that includes Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties.

The **Department of Defense** manages the Legacy Resource Management Program, [www.dodlegacy.org](http://www.dodlegacy.org), which supports efforts to protect and enhance natural and cultural heritage resources while supporting military readiness. A Legacy project may involve regional ecosystem management initiatives, habitat preservation efforts, archaeological investigations, invasive species control, Native American consultations, and/or monitoring and predicting migratory patterns of birds and animals.

The **Department of Education**, [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov), offers an abundance of programs that are of interest to heritage preservation groups. The website can be accessed by organization type (nonprofit, local or state government), and by topic (civics education, art education).

The **Department of the Environment**, [www.epa.gov/epahome/grants.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epahome/grants.htm), offers funding for revitalization activities:

- The **Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants Program**, [www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-obcr-07-01.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-obcr-07-01.pdf), offers assistance for the assessment and cleanup of contaminated industrial sites.
- Through the **Smart Growth Implementation Assistance Program**, [www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sgia.htm](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sgia.htm), the EPA provides technical assistance to communities, regions, and state governments that want assistance with either policy analysis or public participatory processes for development practices that reflect the principles of smart growth and support national environmental and public health goals.

The **Department of Housing and Urban Development** (HUD), [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov), offers many grants, some of which fund historic preservation and revitalization projects:

- The **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program** can fund historic preservation and heritage tourism projects. Their brochure, *Historic Preservation and Heritage Tourism in Housing and Community Development: A Guide to Using Community Development Block Grant Funds for Historic Preservation and Heritage Tourism in Your Communities*, can be accessed at: [www.hud.gov/grants/index.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/grants/index.cfm)
- The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program, <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/sustaincomm.cfm>, supports multi-jurisdictional regional planning efforts that integrate housing, economic development, and transportation decision making in a manner that empowers jurisdictions to consider the interdependent challenges of economic growth, social equity and environmental impact simultaneously.

The **Federal Emergency Management Agency** (FEMA), [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), offers Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding to protect individuals and property from natural hazards while simultaneously reducing reliance on Federal disaster funds. The HMA programs provide pre-disaster mitigation grants annually to States, Territories, Tribes, and local communities. The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program focuses on mitigation project and planning activities that address multiple natural hazards.

The **National Archives and Records Administration** operates the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), [www.archives.gov/grants/about\\_nhprc/grant\\_programs.html](http://www.archives.gov/grants/about_nhprc/grant_programs.html), which supports a wide range of activities to preserve, publish, and encourage the use of documentary sources relating to the history of the United States. Through its grant program, training programs, research services and special projects, the Commission offers advice and assistance to individuals and non-federal agencies and institutions committed to the preservation and use of America's documentary resources.

The **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** Office of Ocean Exploration, [explore.noaa.gov/ao\\_kit/research-funding-opportunities](http://explore.noaa.gov/ao_kit/research-funding-opportunities), offers Marine Archaeology grants which support exploration and discovery of significant maritime heritage sites, emphasizing the early phases of field archaeology.

The **National Park Service (NPS)**, [www.nps.gov/history/hps/](http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/) administers several grant programs for heritage preservation projects. They include:

- The **American Battlefield Protection Program**, [www.nps.gov/history/hps/abpp](http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/abpp), which offers grants to federal agencies, tribal, state, and local governments, educational institutions, and nonprofit historic preservation and other private sector organizations for projects that lead directly to the identification, preservation, and interpretation of battlefield land and/or historic sites associated with battlefields;
- The **Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Water Trails Initiative**, [www.baygateways.net/grantguidelines.cfm](http://www.baygateways.net/grantguidelines.cfm), which provides assistance to projects that enhance education and interpretation of the Chesapeake Bay, increase public access, and conserve natural and cultural resource sites;
- The **National Center for Preservation Training and Technology**, [www.ncptt.nps.gov](http://www.ncptt.nps.gov), which supports research, training, meetings, conferences and publications related to archeology, historic architecture, historic landscapes and materials conservation. Research priorities include protecting cultural resources against vandalism, looting, terrorism and natural disasters; conserving architectural materials of the "recent past;" developing appropriate technologies to preserve houses of worship and cemeteries; monitoring and evaluating preservation treatments; studying environmental effects of pollution on cultural resources; and documenting and preserving threatened cultural landscapes;
- The **National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program**, [www.nps.gov/history/ugrr/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/ugrr/index.htm), awards grants for the preservation and restoration of buildings and structures associated with the Underground Railroad, and for related research. Sites, facilities, or programs listed in the Network to Freedom are eligible to compete for these funds which require a one-to-one match;
- **Preserve America**, [www.preserveamerica.gov](http://www.preserveamerica.gov), is a White House initiative administered by the NPS that encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy the nation's cultural and natural heritage. Funds are available to designated *Preserve America* communities, Certified Local Governments that are applying for Preserve America Community designation, and State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices. *Preserve America* grants support planning, development, implementation, or enhancement of innovative activities and programs in heritage tourism, adaptive re-use, and "living history" educational programs that may be usefully replicated across the country. Heritage tourism initiatives, promotion and marketing programs, and interpretive/educational initiatives are the types of activities that will be encouraged by these grants; and
- **Save America's Treasures**, [www.saveamericatreasures.org](http://www.saveamericatreasures.org) offers grants for preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant intellectual and cultural artifacts and collections and on nationally significant historic properties. Intellectual and cultural artifacts and collections include artifacts, collections, documents, sculpture, and other works of art. Historic properties include historic districts, buildings, sites, structures, and objects.

The **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)**, [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov), offers several grants of interest, including:

- **Museums for America**, [www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/forAmerica.shtm](http://www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/forAmerica.shtm), offers grants to strengthen a museum's ability to serve the public more effectively by supporting high-priority activities that advance the institution's mission and strategic goals;
- The **National Leadership Grant program**, [www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/nationallLeadership.shtm](http://www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/nationallLeadership.shtm), supports three funding categories for museums. The museum priorities encourage: leadership in the education of lifelong learners in the 21st century; innovation in providing public service and meeting community needs; widespread and creative use of new technologies; model projects to be replicated throughout the field; greater public access to museum collections; and an extended impact of federal dollars through collaborative projects;
- The **21st Century Museum Professionals program**, [www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/21CenturyMuseums.shtm](http://www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/21CenturyMuseums.shtm) supports a range of activities, including professional training, leadership development, and strategic planning. This program provides the museum community with support for a variety of training and personnel development activities for museum staff members across all types of museums. This program also supports research to establish best practices or more effective methods of museum operations, as well as the collection and dissemination of information to museum professionals and the public; and
- **Conservation Project Support** grants, [www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/conservProject.shtm](http://www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/conservProject.shtm), help museums develop a logical, institution-wide approach to caring for their living and nonliving collections.

The **National Endowment for the Arts** (NEA), [www.nea.gov](http://www.nea.gov), offers several types of grants that can benefit heritage preservation projects, including:

- The **Folk & Traditional Arts Infrastructure Initiative** which advances the NEA's goal to preserve the nation's diverse cultural heritage by strengthening the state and regional infrastructure of support for the folk & traditional arts;
- **Coming Up Taller Awards** which recognize and support outstanding community arts and humanities programs that celebrate the creativity of America's young people, provide them with learning opportunities and chances to contribute to their communities;
- **Access to Artistic Excellence** which fosters and preserves excellence in the arts and provides access to the arts for all Americans;
- **Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth** which advances learning in the arts for children and youth; and
- **Challenge America Fast-Track Review Grants** which support small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations.

The **National Endowment for the Humanities** (NEH), [www.neh.gov/grants/index.html](http://www.neh.gov/grants/index.html), offers several programs that can fund heritage preservation projects, including:

- The **We the People Initiative**, which seeks proposals for public programs that use one or more historic sites to address themes and issues central to American history. Projects may interpret a single historic site, a series of sites, whole neighborhoods, communities or towns, or larger geographical regions. As part of this initiative, NEH will also fund proposals for a series of one-week, residence-based workshops for K-12 and community college educators who use historic sites to address central themes and issues in American history;
- **Consultation Grants for Museums, Libraries and Special Projects**, [www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/public-consult.html](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/public-consult.html), which help museums, libraries, historical organizations, or community organizations develop a new public humanities project or chart a new interpretive direction of an existing program. They support the costs of conferring with a team of advisors to help identify key humanities themes and questions during the early stages of a project's development;
- **Implementation Grants for Museums and Historical Organizations**, [www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/AHCO\\_ImplementationGuidelines.html](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/AHCO_ImplementationGuidelines.html), which support the realization of interpretive exhibitions (both long-term and traveling), the interpretation of historic sites, associated interpretive project components (such as publications and public symposia), public programming, and websites; and
- **Grants to Humanities Collections and Reference Resources**, [www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/HCRR.html](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/HCRR.html), which support projects which preserve and create intellectual access to collections, which, because of their intellectual content and value as cultural artifacts, are considered highly important for research, education, and public programming in the humanities. Collections may include, but are not limited to, books, journals, newspapers, manuscript and archival materials, maps, still and moving images, sound recordings, and objects of art and material culture.

The **Naval Historical Center**, [www.history.navy.mil/prizes/prize2.htm](http://www.history.navy.mil/prizes/prize2.htm), a part of the Department of the Navy, offers Vice Admiral Edwin B. Hooper Research Grants to assist scholars in the research or writing of books or articles by helping to defray the costs of travel, living expenses, and document duplication, related to the research process.

## **STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES**

The **Governor's Grants Office**, [www.grants.maryland.gov/](http://www.grants.maryland.gov/) assists local governments and community-based organizations, as well as state government, in identifying federal grant opportunities while also making sure these groups are aware of assistance that may be available through state or private foundation grants.

The **Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development** (DHCD), Division of Neighborhood Revitalization [www.neighborhoodrevitalization.org](http://www.neighborhoodrevitalization.org), provides an array of funding programs for community revitalization and heritage preservation. These include:

- **Community Legacy**, which provides flexible capital resources to assist local governments and their nonprofit partners in planning and realizing comprehensive community revitalization and heritage preservation initiatives in Sustainable Communities;
- The **Community Investment Tax Credit** (formerly known as the Neighborhood Partnership Program) which supports nonprofit projects by awarding allocations of State tax credits to 501(c)(3) organizations that implement projects such as redevelopment assistance, supporting physical improvements to upgrade areas, and education and literacy training in Priority Funding Areas; and
- The **Neighborhood BusinessWorks Program** (formerly the Neighborhood Business Development Program) which provides flexible gap financing in the form of below-market interest rate loans to small businesses and nonprofit organizations locating or expanding in Sustainable Communities.

The **Maryland Department of Planning** (MDP), [www.mdp.state.md.us](http://www.mdp.state.md.us), does not provide direct grant funding, however, it manages several programs that may assist you in locating project funding. They include:

- The **Maryland Grant Resource Center**, [www.mdp.state.md.us/CLHOUSE/grant\\_resource.htm](http://www.mdp.state.md.us/CLHOUSE/grant_resource.htm), which assists grants seekers in finding information about grants and training. Through this site, the Maryland State Clearinghouse for Intergovernmental Assistance provides access to information regarding state, federal, and private financial and nonfinancial assistance programs, and grantsmanship and training resources;
- The **Red Book Online**, [www.mdredbookonline.com](http://www.mdredbookonline.com), is a database of financial and non-financial assistance offered by Maryland State government agencies. The Red Book contains information on more than 700 programs providing financial assistance and technical services to governmental entities, civic and private organizations, and individuals; and,

The **Maryland Heritage Areas Authority** (MHAA), [www.mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas\\_program.html](http://www.mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas_program.html), promotes historic preservation and areas of natural beauty in order to stimulate economic development through tourism. Projects within Target Investment Zones in Certified Heritage Areas are eligible to receive special project grants and loan assistance for acquisition, development, public interpretation, and programming, as well as tax incentives for the rehabilitation of non-designated historic buildings and non-historic buildings in active tourism use. Some Maryland Certified Heritage Areas also have mini-grant programs.

The **Maryland Historical Trust** (MHT), [www.mht.maryland.gov](http://www.mht.maryland.gov), an agency of the Maryland Department of Planning, provides funding for heritage preservation projects through several grant, loan and tax credit programs. These include:

- The **African American Heritage Preservation Grant Program (initiated 2010)** is a partnership between MHT and the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture (MCAAHC). Grants provide support for the acquisition, construction, and capital improvement of buildings, sites, or communities of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in Maryland;
- **Capital Historic Preservation** grants which are available to eligible applicants for projects including acquisition, rehabilitation, or restoration of historic property. A historic property is defined as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in the Maryland Register of Historic Properties;
- **Non-Capital Historic Preservation** grants which are available to non-profit organizations and local governments for research, survey, planning and educational activities involving architectural, archeological or cultural resources. Eligible activities may include the development of preservation plans, architectural, archeological, or cultural surveys, educational outreach programs and National Register nominations;
- The **Museum Advancement Program** which offers Museum Education and Planning Grants that support long range planning activities, Museum Project Challenge Grants that support museum projects, and Museum Enhancement Challenge Grants that support the state's flagship museums with program enhancements based on a percentage of operating budgets;
- The **Certified Local Government (CLG) Subgrant Program** which supports a wide variety of projects such as historic site research and survey work, National Register nomination development, community planning, and public education. This federal pass-through matching grant is available only to local jurisdictions that have achieved CLG status;
- The **Historic Preservation Loan Program** which provides loans to nonprofit organizations, local jurisdictions, business entities, and individuals to assist in the protection of historic property. Loan funds can be used to acquire, rehabilitate, or restore historic property listed on, or eligible for, the National Register of Historic Places. They may also be used for short-term financing of studies, surveys, plans and specifications, and architectural, engineering, or other special services directly related to pre-construction work;
- The **Sustainable Communities Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program** (formerly known as the Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program), [www.mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits.html](http://www.mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits.html), which provides Maryland income tax credits equal to 20% of the qualified capital costs expended in the rehabilitation of "certified historic structures" that are owner-occupied, single-family residences; 20% for "certified historic structures" that are commercial buildings; 25% for "certified historic structures" that are high-performance commercial buildings; and 10% for non-historic, "qualified rehabilitated structures." "Certified heritage structures" can include structures: listed in the National Register of Historic Places; designated as a historic property under local law; located in a historic district listed in the National Register or in a local historic district and certified as contributing to the district's significance; or located in a certified heritage area and certified as contributing to the area's significance. The credit is available for owner-occupied residential property as well as income-producing property. The rehabilitation must conform with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*; and
- The **Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentive Program**, administered by MHT, [www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/tax/incentives/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/tax/incentives/index.htm), which enables the owners or long-term lease holders of income-producing certified historic structures (those listed in the National Register of Historic Places, or a contributing element within the boundaries of a historic district), to receive a federal tax credit amounting to 20 percent of the cost of a rehabilitation that meets the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*.

The **Maryland Military Monuments Commission**, [www.msa.md.gov/msa/mdmanual/26excom/html/23mil.html](http://www.msa.md.gov/msa/mdmanual/26excom/html/23mil.html), administered by the Maryland Office of the Secretary of State, sponsors or secures funding for the conservation and preservation of memorials honoring Maryland's veterans and develops educational and tourism materials relating to their history.

The **Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC)**, [www.msac.org](http://www.msac.org), offers several funding programs that can benefit folklife projects and art and performance related projects at history museums and other heritage organizations. These include:

- **Maryland Traditions**, a program of the Arts Council supported with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, which seeks to develop statewide infrastructure for folk arts and folk life. Maryland Traditions partners with organizations in developing folk arts and folklife programs and projects. It offers a Folk Arts and Culture Apprenticeship grant to support master-apprentice teams that practice folk and traditional arts and traditional occupational skills. It also offers Project Grants that support projects that help to preserve and sustain Maryland Traditions;
- The **Grants for Organizations** program which awards funding to non-profit organizations that produce or present arts in Maryland for the public in any of the following disciplines: children's events, dance, folk arts/heritage, literature, media, multi-discipline, music, theater, and visual arts. Organizations that do not present or produce the arts but serve artists and organizations may apply for service grants; and
- The **Arts in Communities Program** which was created to extend MSAC funding to a broader range of organizations than are presently served, and to better reach underserved audiences. The program serves two kinds of organizations: 1) those for which Arts in Communities Grants provide an introduction to MSAC grants programs, and/or 2) community organizations planning specific arts events or projects.

The **Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA)**, [www.marylandroads.com](http://www.marylandroads.com), offers several funding programs that can benefit historic preservation projects. These include:

- The federal **Transportation Enhancement Program**, [www.marylandroads.com/Index.aspx?PageId=144](http://www.marylandroads.com/Index.aspx?PageId=144), which is administered by the State Highway Administration and provides funding for transportation-related community amenities. Eligible categories include: acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites; scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities); historic preservation; rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities, (including historic railroad facilities and canals); archeological planning and research; and the establishment of transportation museums;
- The **Maryland Scenic Byways Program**, [www.marylandroads.com/Index.aspx?PageId=567](http://www.marylandroads.com/Index.aspx?PageId=567), funds the development of community-based corridor management plans (CMP), which make scenic byways eligible for additional grants as well as National Scenic Byway designation. A CMP is a guide for the promotion, preservation and development of a scenic byway that addresses issues that can be as diverse as tourism development, roadway safety, highway signs or the preservation of natural features and historic structures; and
- The **National Recreational Trails Program**, [www.marylandroads.com/Index.aspx?PageId=98](http://www.marylandroads.com/Index.aspx?PageId=98), which funds the development of community-based, motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects. The program provides funds for all kinds of recreational trail uses, such as pedestrian uses (hiking, running, wheelchair use), bicycling, in-line skating, equestrian use, cross-country skiing, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheel driving.

The **Rural Maryland Council**, [www.rural.state.md.us](http://www.rural.state.md.us), administers the Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF) which offers financial support to rural-serving nonprofit organizations that promote statewide and regional planning, economic and community development, and agricultural and forestry education efforts.

## NATIONAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

The **1772 Foundation**, [www.1772foundation.org](http://www.1772foundation.org), seeks to preserve and enhance American historical entities for future generations to enjoy with particular interest in farming, industrial development, transportation and unusual historical buildings.

The **American Architectural Foundation**, [www.archfoundation.org](http://www.archfoundation.org), operates the Accent on Architecture Community Grants program that assists local nonprofit design and civic organizations in producing innovative public education programming. In addition to enhancing the visibility and public understanding of architecture, this program aims to strengthen long-term relationships between communities and local design groups.

The **American Institute of Architects (AIA)**, [www.aia.org](http://www.aia.org), operates two design assistance programs for local communities:

- The **Sustainable Design Assessment Team Program (SDAT)** brings teams of volunteer professionals (such as architects, urban designers, planners, hydrologists, economists, attorneys, and others) to work with community decision-makers and stakeholders to help them develop a vision and framework for a sustainable future. The team works in conjunction with local stakeholders to help shape the community's strategy to increase sustainability. The AIA will fund \$15,000 of each project and communities are expected to raise the remainder, including a \$5,000 cash contribution.
- **Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team (R/UDAT) Program** assists communities in addressing major challenges such as the loss of major employers, new bypass roads, unfocused suburban growth, loss of open space, unaffordable housing, abandoned mills and industrial plants, vacant storefronts, and loss of identity. A volunteer group of interdisciplinary professionals work collaboratively to develop a vision for the community, and implement a strategy that will produce results. Costs typically range from \$50,000 to \$60,000, some of which may be in the form of in-kind services.

The **Getty Foundation**, [www.getty.edu/grants](http://www.getty.edu/grants), provides support to institutions and individuals, funding a diverse range of projects that promote the understanding and conservation of the visual arts. Grants include:

- ♦ **Museum Conservation Grants** which are designed to assist institutions in caring for their permanent collections. Survey Grants assist museums in identifying the conservation requirements of art collections. Treatment Grants support the conservation treatment of works of art of outstanding artistic significance;
- ♦ **Architectural Conservation Grants** which support organizations in their efforts to preserve buildings or sites of outstanding architectural, historical, and cultural significance. Planning Grants assist in the initial development of an overall architectural conservation plan. Support is also available on a selective basis for the development of archaeological site management plans. Implementation Grants assist in the actual conservation of a building's historic structure and fabric;
- ♦ **Campus Heritage Grants** which assist colleges and universities in the United States to plan for the preservation of their significant historic buildings, sites, and landscapes; and
- ♦ **Education and Training Grants** which provide funding to conservation training programs, museums, and other nonprofit organizations for various types of support that contributes to the professional development of conservators. Individuals may not apply directly for grants in this category.

The **James Marston Fitch Charitable Foundation**, [www.fitchfoundation.org](http://www.fitchfoundation.org), was established in 1988 to recognize the unique contribution of Dr. James Marston Fitch to the field of historic preservation in the United States. The Foundation supports preservation through a research grant program as well as through such educational activities as publications, seminars, and lectures. The Foundation will award up to a \$25,000 research grant to mid-career professionals who have an advanced or professional degree and at least ten years experience in historic preservation or related fields, including architecture, landscape architecture, architectural conservation, urban design, environmental planning, archaeology, architectural history, and the decorative arts. Other, smaller grants, up to \$10,000, are made at the discretion of the trustees.

The **National Trust for Historic Preservation**, [www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/nonprofit-public-funding.html](http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/nonprofit-public-funding.html), has several grant funds that have assisted innovative preservation projects that protect the continuity, diversity, and beauty of communities. In addition, the Trust offers guidance on raising funds for preservation projects. Grant funding includes:

- The **Bartus Trew Providence Preservation Fund** which awards grants for the acquisition, maintenance and preservation of historic landmarks and memorials on the Eastern Shore of Maryland;
- The **Henry A. Jordan, M.D. Preservation Excellence Fund** which provides funding to organizations demonstrating commitment to the protection of natural and cultural resources in the Mid-Atlantic region;
- The **Preservation Services Fund** for preservation planning and education efforts;
- The **Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation** for projects that contribute to the preservation or the recapture of an authentic sense of place;
- The **Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors** which assists in the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of historic interiors; and
- The **Partners in the Field Challenge Grant for Statewide & Local Partners** is a challenge grant program to expand preservation field services nationwide. The grant program is collaboration between the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Statewide and Local Partners. The primary purpose of Partners in the Field is to expand the delivery of preservation field services across the country by building the capacity of statewide and local preservation organizations to provide these services on the ground, and by building their long-term capacity for philanthropy to sustain their preservation work. Partners in the Field challenge grants are only available to recognized National Trust Statewide & Local Partners.
- The **Restore America** a partnership between HGTV and the National Trust, which provides grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000. The Restore America grants are intended to further the restoration or rehabilitation of a historic structure for residential use in an effort to spur community revitalization. Grants may be used for professional services fees or bricks and mortar expenses.
- The **Lowe's Preservation Fund** which helps restore historically significant sites across the country. In 2009 it assisted in the preservation of 15 Rosenwald schools.
- **National Trust Loan Fund (NTLF)** has more than 35 years of experience in supporting preservation-based community development projects across the country. As a certified Community Development Financial Institution, it has a mission of providing financial and technical resources to organizations that use historic preservation to support the revitalization of underserved and distressed communities. NTLF specializes in predevelopment, acquisition, mini-permanent, bridge and rehabilitation loans for residential, commercial and public use projects. Eligible borrowers include not-for-profit organizations, revitalization organizations or real estate developers working in certified Main Street communities, local, state or regional governments, and for profit developers of older and/or historic buildings.
- The **National Trust Community Investment Corporation (NTCIC)**, makes equity investments in the rehabilitation of historic properties eligible for the 20 percent federal historic rehabilitation tax credit, and where available, state historic tax credits and the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTTC). NTCIC invests in projects that have at least \$6 million in total development costs and that generate at least \$1.5 million in historic tax credit equity. Smaller deals will be referred to the Small Deal Fund for equity investment consideration. Tax-exempt nonprofit organizations and public-sector developers may be eligible for an NTCIC equity

investment by creating a limited liability partnership. NTCIC has a special interest in those projects with a high community benefit.

**Tourism Cares**, [www.tourismcares.org](http://www.tourismcares.org), distributes charitable grants to worthy tourism-related non-profit organizations worldwide for capital improvements or educational programs. Historically typical grants have been \$10,000. The organization seeks programs or projects with one or more of the following goals: to protect, restore and conserve sites of exceptional natural, cultural, or historic significance; to increase the traveling public's awareness of and involvement in conservation efforts; and, to promote conservation education within local host communities and to the traveling public.

The **U.S. Green Building Council**, [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org), has partnered with Bank of America to create the Affordable Green Neighborhoods Grant Program which will award grants and provide educational resources to affordable housing developers and related public agencies who choose to pursue LEED 2009 for Neighborhood Development certification.

### **STATEWIDE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

The **Maryland Humanities Council**, [www.mdhc.org](http://www.mdhc.org), offers a grant program that supports public humanities programs that engage Maryland's residents in exploring the rich and varied aspects of the human experience. Public humanities programs can take many forms, including lectures, seminars, symposia, interpretive exhibitions, films, media projects, reading/discussion programs, teacher institutes, local histories, living histories, public archaeology, distance learning, or any other format that effectively engages residents of Maryland in the humanities. There are two types of grants:

- The **Opportunity Grant** program provides small grants (up to \$1,200) that give priority to the programming needs of small and underserved audiences. The program also supports new and innovative programs in the humanities. Applications are accepted on a six week rolling deadline; and
- The **Major Grant** program provides grants (up to \$10,000) to support high quality public humanities programs through two competitive grant rounds per year.

**Preservation Maryland**, [www.PreservationMaryland.org](http://www.PreservationMaryland.org), founded in 1931, is dedicated to preserving Maryland's rich and diverse heritage of buildings, landscapes, and archeological sites. Funding from Preservation Maryland grants assist individuals and communities with efforts to protect and utilize their historic resources. Funding programs include:

- The **Heritage Fund** which provides grants up to \$5,000 for the stabilization of endangered historic properties; feasibility studies, architectural plans, structural assessments and historic structure reports; "bricks and mortar" repairs and restoration; and, educational and planning efforts related to resource preservation. Preservation Maryland grants are "user-friendly," characterized by brief response time and minimal paperwork.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Many foundations, both local and nationwide, offer support for heritage preservation projects. **The Foundation Center**, [www.foundationcenter.org](http://www.foundationcenter.org), offers advice on funding from private foundations for both organizations and individuals. In addition to information on foundations across the United States, the center offers training programs for grant-writers and developers. The Foundation Center also publishes a directory which should be available at your local library. The **Enoch Pratt Free Library** in Baltimore, [www.prattlibrary.org](http://www.prattlibrary.org), is a "cooperating collection" with The Foundation Center. As such, they maintain a core collection of Foundation Center materials and occasionally offer free fundraising and grant writing workshops. The Foundation Center also has a branch at 1627 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006-1708, that has a substantial library.

The **National Center for Charitable Statistics**, [nccsdataweb.urban.org/NCCS/Public](http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/NCCS/Public), is the national clearinghouse of data on the nonprofit sector in the United States. Its databases provide information on private foundations that could fund preservation projects.

The **History Channel** offers the "Save Our History" national grant program, [www.saveourhistory.com](http://www.saveourhistory.com), which provides grants up to \$10,000 to historical societies, preservation organizations, museums, historic sites and other groups that partner with educators on unique, rewarding projects that help students learn about and appreciate the history of their local communities.

The **Kodak American Greenways Awards Program**, [www.conservationfund.org/kodak\\_awards](http://www.conservationfund.org/kodak_awards), a partnership between Eastman Kodak, The Conservation Fund, and the National Geographic Society, provides small grants to stimulate the planning and design of greenways in communities throughout America.

Organizations that are members of the **Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations** (MANO), [www.marylandnonprofits.org](http://www.marylandnonprofits.org), have access to the organization's libraries and databases of funding sources in MANO's Baltimore and Silver Spring offices.

**PreserveNet**, [www.preservenet.cornell.edu/links.html#grants](http://www.preservenet.cornell.edu/links.html#grants), is a good source for information on grant resources.

The **Wisconsin Historical Society**, [www.wisconsinhistory.org/hp/funding](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/hp/funding), maintains a database of private and public sources of funding assistance for projects related to the documentation and preservation of historic places. While many resources are Wisconsin specific, others are universally applicable.

Many **local heritage preservation organizations** also offer small grants for heritage preservation activities. The MHT website, [www.mht.maryland.gov](http://www.mht.maryland.gov) has a list of Maryland preservation organizations.

Some **historic preservation commissions** (such as Montgomery County and Prince George's County) offer grants for historic preservation activities. The MHT website, [www.mht.maryland.gov/commissions.html](http://www.mht.maryland.gov/commissions.html) has a list of Maryland HPCs.

Some Maryland **Certified Heritage Areas** have mini-grant programs. A list of certified heritage areas can be found on the MHT website, [www.mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas.html](http://www.mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas.html).

Each Maryland County and Baltimore City has a **County Arts Council** which receives support from the Maryland State Arts Council through the Community Arts Development program. Some councils regrant a portion of these funds to local arts organizations. To find your local arts council, visit [www.msac.org](http://www.msac.org).

Some jurisdictions offer a **local property tax credit** for the rehabilitation of homes as well as income-producing designated historic buildings. The credits are typically provided either as an offset of property taxes owed by a percentage of the rehabilitation expenditure (up to ten percent), or an amount equal to the increase in property taxes resulting from the rehabilitation improvements for a period of up to ten years. A list of these jurisdictions is available on the MHT website, [www.mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits\\_local.html](http://www.mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits_local.html).

**Fundsnet Services**, [www.fundsnetervices.com/searchresult.php?sbcid=58](http://www.fundsnetervices.com/searchresult.php?sbcid=58), operates a fundraising and grants directory.