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FY20 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Applications Available

Applications and instructions for the FY 2020 federal Historic Preservation Fund subgrants are available at https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/grants. Administered by the SHPO, these matching grants can assist two types of projects:

- **Survey and Planning Projects**—eligible projects include surveys of historic properties, National Register nominations, preservation education, and preservation planning.
- **Stabilization Projects**—eligible projects include stabilizing historic buildings or protecting historic buildings from the adverse effects of the weather. Stabilization Projects are limited to projects located in South Carolina’s Certified Local Government (CLG) communities.

Any local government, non-profit, or institution in South Carolina may apply for a Survey and Planning Project. Local governments, non-profits and institutions located in a CLG community may also apply for a Stabilization Project. At least ten percent of the state’s annual allocation from the National Park Service must be awarded to CLGs. Grant awards generally range from $2,500 to $35,000. **Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM, on Thursday, April 30, 2020.** Please contact Brad Sauls at 803-896-6172, or bsauls@scdah.sc.gov to discuss your project before you apply.

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2020 Statewide Historic Preservation Awards Nominations Sought

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2020 South Carolina Historic Preservation Awards. In their 26th year, the awards are sponsored by the SC Department of Archives and History, Preservation South Carolina, and the Office of the Governor. The six award categories are: Honor Awards, Stewardship Awards, Preservation Service Awards, Heritage Tourism Award, Elected Official Honor Award, and Governor’s Award. The nomination form is available at https://preservesc.org/nominations-historic-preservation-awards/. A PDF list of all previous recipients is available here. Questions? Contact Amy Fluette, 803-944-9425 or info@preservesc.org. Nominations must be postmarked by March 20, 2020.

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Nominations Open for “Preserving Our Places in History Awards”

The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission is seeking nominations for its annual “Preserving Our Places in History” Awards program, recognizing outstanding efforts to protect, preserve and promote African American heritage in the Palmetto State. Individuals, groups and organizations can nominate themselves for the awards or be nominated by others who are aware of their work, contributions and achievements in the field. Awards are given in five categories: Individual, Group or Organization, Legislator of the Year, Project, and Student. For details on how to apply visit http://scaaheritagefound.org/2020_POPIH_awards_info.pdf. Nomination packets must be received by Friday, February 21, 2020.

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State Board of Review Approves Nominations

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places met on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia and approved the following nominations:

- Gaston Livery Stable, Aiken, Aiken County
- Dianna Brown Antique Shop, Charleston, Charleston County
- Engineering-Management Building, North Charleston, Charleston County
- Piedmont Mill Stores, Piedmont, Greenville County
- Sun Fun Motel, Myrtle Beach, Horry County
- Clinton Commercial Historic District (Boundary Increase), Clinton, Laurens County
- Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, Union, Union County

The nominations will be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service in Washington, DC who makes the final decision about listing the property in the National Register. For more information about the State Board of Review and to access copies of the draft nominations, visit https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/national-register/state-review-board or contact Virginia Harness at vharness@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6179 or Edwin Breeden at ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6182.

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Agency Blog Features National Register Program
The Silver Crescent, the blog of the SC Department of Archives and History, recently featured a post on Coordinating the National Register of Historic Places. The post explains listing a property in the National Register step by step, so applicants know what to expect during the process. The Silver Crescent features a wide range of topics from conducting historic research to using online records to staff profiles.

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Save the Date: 2020 Preservation Conference April 17

The statewide historic preservation conference will be held at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia on Friday, April 17, 2020. Registration information will be available by mid-March on the SC Archives & History Foundation website at https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/category/news-events/. Questions? Contact Donna Foster at dfoster@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-0339 or Elizabeth Johnson at ejohnson@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6168.

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24 Reasons Historic Preservation is Good for Communities

Over the last five years PlaceEconomics has analyzed the impacts of historic preservation in nearly a dozen cities of all sizes throughout the United States. From that research they compiled a booklet “Twenty-Four Reasons Historic Preservation is Good for Your Community.” Among the reasons included: jobs, downtown revitalization, heritage tourism, property values, small businesses and new businesses, and housing.

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National Trust Seeks 1000 Places Connected to Women’s History

As the United States celebrates the 100th anniversary of women earning the right to vote, the National Trust for Historic Preservation is seeking to discover and celebrate one thousand places connected to women’s history. To learn more about this effort, to see places already entered, and to find out how make an entry, visit this webpage.

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America’s 11 Most Endangered Historic Places List Accepting Applications

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is now accepting applications for the 2020 list of America’s 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, February 5 at 11:59 p.m. EST. Since 1988, the list of America’s 11 Most Endangered Historic Places has helped to raise awareness about the threats facing some of our nation’s greatest treasures. The list has identified more than 300 sites, and to date, less than five percent of the sites have been lost.

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Conferences / Workshops / Events

NEW SC Archives & History Foundation Spring Speaker Series. Columbia. The SC Archives and History Foundation will host a spring speaker series at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia starting in February. For dates, speakers and topics, and registration information visit https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/2019/12/30/spring-speaker-series-2020/.
NEW SC Premiere of “WILLIE” Documentary Film, February 15, 2020, Columbia. Willie O’Ree has been hailed as the “Jackie Robinson of Hockey” because of his remarkable playing career and his work as the NHL’s Diversity Ambassador. O’Ree’s story is also traced back to South Carolina, where his ancestor Paris escaped slavery at the height of the American Revolution. Using documents from the collections at the Department of Archives and History, WILLIE highlights his family history by exploring the legacy he carries on from his ancestors. For more details and to register to attend the free screening visit https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/2019/12/15/film-premiere-willie/. The event is sponsored by the SC Department of Archives and History, the SC Archives and History Foundation, and the SC African American Heritage Commission.

NEW Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission. The Commission has posted a list of programs through June 2020 here, including film screenings, research workshops, book talks, living history, and arts events.

National Preservation Institute Seminars. The National Preservation Institute (NPI) has scheduled several seminars in the Southeast in the first half of 2020:

- GIS for Cultural Resources: An Introduction, March 4-5, 2020, Fredericksburg, VA
- Section 106: An Introduction, March 10-12, 2020, Tallahassee, FL
- The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards: Treatment Considerations, April 21-22, 2020, Richmond, VA
- Conflict Management and Negotiation Skills for Cultural and Natural Resource Managers, May 5-7, 2020, Mount Vernon, VA

For more information about NPI seminars and registration visit https://www.npi.org/seminars.


Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation. April 2-4, 2020, Natchitoches, LA. The Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation is an inter-disciplinary professional organization dedicated to the conservation of historic cultural landscapes in all their variety, from formal gardens and public parks to vernacular urban and rural environments. Information about the annual meeting is at this link.

SC Historic Preservation Conference. April 17, 2020, SC Archives & History Center, Columbia. Registration information will be available by mid-March on the SC Archives & History Foundation website at https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/category/news-events/. Questions? Contact Donna Foster at dfoster@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-0339 or Elizabeth Johnson at ejohnson@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6168.

National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, May 11-15, 2020. The 21st Annual Tribal Historic Preservation Conference will be hosted by the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana. This year’s conference theme is “Resilience in a Changing Environment.” Details on accommodations, travel, and a call for topics and presentations will be available on the NATHPO website soon.

Main Street Now Conference, May 18-20, 2020, Dallas, TX. Celebrate 40 years of community redevelopment and reinvestment, focus on strategic areas of growth, network with peers, find solutions to common problems, and discover innovative techniques and tools to help your community thrive. Visit https://www.mainstreet.org/howwecanhelp/mainstreetnow.

Archaeological Prospection Workshop, May 18-22, 2020, Monroe County, IA. The workshop focuses on the use of geophysical, aerial photography, and other remote sensing methods as they apply to the identification, evaluation, conservation, and protection of archaeological resources across this Nation. It includes lectures on the theory of operation, methodology, processing, and interpretation with on-hands use of the equipment in the field. For further information contact Steven L. DeVore at 402-437-5392, steve_de_vore@nps.gov.

NEW Association for Gravestone Studies 2020 Conference, June 23-28, 2020, Austin, TX. The conference will include presentations, hands on activities, lectures, field trips to cemeteries, and a conservation workshop. Proposals for conference sessions are being accepted through March 1, 2020. For more information visit https://www.gravestonestudies.org/conferences. Questions about proposals? Email: AGSConfProposals@gmail.com.

NEW National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum 2020, July 22-26, 2020, Tacoma, WA. Forum is the only national conference focused on issues facing local historic preservation commissions and historic districts. The conference will offer dozens of educational sessions and discussion panels, mobile workshops and tours, as well as networking for staff and volunteers representing local, state and national organizations and government agencies. For more information visit http://napcommissions.org/forum/.


NEW PastForward, the National Preservation Conference, October 28-30, 2020, Miami, FL. The National Trust is seeking suggestions for topics, speakers and sessions via a Call for Ideas. Deadline is January 31, 2020.

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Grant Application Deadlines
February 3, 2020 Richland County Conservation Commission Grants – Historic and Conservation. Historic Preservation grants are available up to $50,000 for restoration costs for historic buildings and cemeteries, or educational and research projects promoting the history of Richland County. Non-profit and neighborhood organizations, governmental agencies and institutions, and commercial entities are eligible to apply. A 20% match is required. For more information contact Nancy Stone-Collum at 803-576-2083. Click on this link to access the FY21 Richland County Conservation Commission Grants - Historic and Conservation application.

February 3, 2020 National Trust Preservation Funds. Grants from the National Trust Preservation Funds encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects and are awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies. The majority of funds are awarded to planning and education programs. Grants are awarded annually in three competitive rounds. For more information and to learn how to apply, visit https://savingplaces.org/grants#.XcBeJVVKjDA.

February 4, 2020 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Grant Program. This federal grant program is administered by the State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division of the National Park Service. Click on the following link to read the grant opportunity notice: P20AS00007 - Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Grant Program.

April 30, 2020 FY 2020 Historic Preservation Fund Grants. Applications and instructions for the FY 2020 Historic Preservation Grants are available at https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/grants. Administered by the SHPO, the matching grants can assist two types of projects: Survey and Planning and Stabilization. Any local government, non-profit, or institution in South Carolina may apply for a Survey and Planning Project. Local governments, non-profits and institutions located in a CLG community may also apply for a Stabilization Project. At least ten percent of the state’s annual allocation from the National Park Service must be awarded to CLGs. Grant awards generally range from $2,500 to $35,000. For more information contact Brad Sauls at 803-896-6172, or bsauls@scdah.sc.gov.

June 30, 2020 American Battlefield Protection Program Land Acquisition Grants. The National Park Service (NPS) makes available funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to help States and local communities acquire and preserve threatened Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War Battlefields. The Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants are administered by the American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) and awarded through a competitive process. For more information visit https://www.nps.gov/subjects/battlefields/battlefield-land-acquisition-grant-program.htm.

Online sources of grant information:

National Park Service State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division
National Trust for Historic Preservation Special Grant Funds
Preservation Directory Grants & Funding Resources
State Library Grants Research Assistance
SC Grantmakers Network
Federal grants Grants.gov
Foundation Center Foundation Directory Online

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