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Owners of historic buildings, structures, objects, and archeological sites in counties designated for Public Assistance (Abbeville, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Edgefield, Georgetown, Hampton, Jasper, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, and Saluda counties) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are eligible to apply for this NPS emergency grant funding. Individuals, corporations, local or state government entities, non-profit organizations, or institutions may apply.

Examples of eligible projects include replacing a leaking roof, repairing the structural framework of a building, and repairing deteriorated doors and windows to make a building watertight. Projects that are NOT eligible include routine building maintenance, climate control systems, plumbing or electrical, repairs to cemetery grave markers, and routine cemetery maintenance. Interior work is not eligible unless it is structural or otherwise repairs historic materials or finishes. All work must meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and
Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation. Stabilization projects require a preservation covenant agreement of up to 20 years be recorded with the property deed. Properties receiving grants must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places, or be eligible for listing and have a nomination accepted by SCDAH before final project costs are reimbursed. A cash match is not required.

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the State Historic Preservation Office before preparing an application: Brad Sauls, bsauls@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6172 or Elizabeth Johnson, ejohnson@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6168.

Disaster Recovery Information

Please use the Hurricane Damage Report for Historic Properties form to help the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office assess the extent of damage to historic properties by wind and flooding associated with recent hurricanes. Historic properties are buildings, structures, objects, sites, and districts listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Please check the National Register status of the reported property on SC ArchSite, our online GIS. The form is ONLY to report on historic properties to aid the SHPO in organizing our response. This form is NOT for insurance claims or requests for public aid. This form is likewise NOT for requests for immediate life or death public assistance.

Information on disaster recovery can be found at https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/technical-assistance/disaster-planning, including links to SC Emergency Management Division, FEMA, and to guidance on repairing flood damaged properties. Historic Charleston also has a blog post with information on flood mitigation options for historic properties at https://www.historiccharleston.org/blog/flood-mitigation-options-historic-buildings/.

American Revolutionary War Symposium: October 5, 2019

The first annual American Revolutionary War Symposium: State of Rebellion: South Carolina’s Place in the American Revolution, will be presented October 5, 2019 by the SC Archives & History Foundation and the SC Department of Archives and History with the support of South Carolina Humanities. The Symposium will focus on the American Revolution in South Carolina, a major, if not pivotal, site of war activities. While directed to those with an existing interest the Revolution it will capture the interest of both the novice and the expert. For more information about the speakers and registration please visit https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/2018/12/20/2019-american-revolution-symposium/. For questions, please call 803-896-0339.

SC Projects Awarded Grants to Preserve Civil Rights History

The National Park Service recently announced $12.2 million in grants to preserve African American Civil Rights History, including several projects in South Carolina.

- Interpreting the Historical Significance of the Briggs v. Elliot (1952) Case in the African American Civil Rights Movement
- Rehabilitation of the Pine Tree Hotel on Mosquito Beach, James Island
- “Justice for All” Exhibit: Connecting South Carolina’s Involvement in Demanding Justice for African American Rights Throughout the Civil Rights Movement
- Reinterpretation of the Modjeska Monteith Simkins House in Columbia
- Rehabilitation of the Historic Trinity United Methodist Church in Orangeburg: Phase 2
- Oral history project to collect 30 civil rights histories of key civil rights workers who were with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Penn Center between 1963-1967


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**2019 Archaeology Month Poster Series**

The 2019 Archaeology Month Poster series focuses on the topic “Heritage at Risk” and features four coastal historic properties. Copies of the posters may be viewed online at http://heritagetrust.dnr.sc.gov/heritage-at-risk.html. For more information please contact Meg Gaillard, GaillardM@dnr.sc.gov.

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**Fort Jackson Annual Report**

Under the Programmatic Agreement between the U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Jackson, SC and the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office for the Management of Historic Properties, a 30-day public comment period is open for the Calendar Year 2018 Report prepared by Fort Jackson. Please send comments to: Chan Funk, RPA, Senior Archaeologist, Whitetail Environmental, LLC, Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, and 2562 Essayons Way, Fort Jackson, SC 29207-5608. He can also be reached by phone at 803-751-7153 or email at paul.s.funk.ctr@mail.mil.

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**Heritage Emergency and Response Training Applications Available**

HEART (Heritage Emergency and Response Training) 2019 will take place December 9–13, 2019, at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. HEART 2019 seeks applications from US cultural heritage professionals and first responder/emergency management professionals from all 56 states and territories and Indian Country. For details about the program and instructions on how to apply, please visit https://culturalrescue.si.edu/hentf/training/. HEART is sponsored by the Heritage Emergency National Task Force (HENTF), a public-private partnership co-sponsored by FEMA and the Smithsonian Institution. The application deadline is October 8, 2019.

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**Conferences / Workshops / Events**

**NEW SC Archives & History Foundation 2019 Fall Speaker Series**

**Tuesday, October 8.** Dr. Chris Judge, “Gathering up the Fragments: The Elusive Cheraw Indians”

**Tuesday, November 12.** Dr. Rodger Stroup “Meet Me at the Rocket: A History of the South Carolina State Fair”
Each presentation is $10 per program for the general public and free for SCAHF Members. Pre-registration is recommended. For details and to register visit https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/2019/07/16/fall-speaker-series-2019/.

**Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Meeting and Conference**, October 2–6, 2019, North Charleston. The theme of the 104th annual meeting and conference is “Black Migrations”. More information is available at https://asah.org/conference/.

**12th Annual Cultural Resources Law Conference**, October 3-4, 2019, Santa Fe, NM. Sponsored by the Tribal Law Institute, the conference focuses on legal, business, and policy issues in historic preservation compliance and Tribal consultation, with perspectives from Tribal governments, federal and state governments, industry professionals, and consultants. More information is on the conference website.

**2019 SC African-American Tourism Conference**, October 5, 2019, Charleston. The conference brings together stakeholders from around the Southeast to discuss the growth and development of African-American Tourism. Workshops and sessions include topics covering resource development, marketing strategies, heritage tourism, and product development. Click here for more information.

Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians 2019 Annual Conference, October 10-12, 2019, Greenville. The conference will be co-hosted with the Clemson University School of Architecture. More information is available at https://sesah.org/2019/02/15/sesah-2019-call-for-papers-and-sessions/.

NEW **7th Arkhaios Archaeology and Cultural History Film Festival**, October 10-13, 2019, Columbia. Please visit http://www.arkhaiosfilmfestival.org for more information, including a list of the films.

**2019 PastForward National Preservation Conference**, October 10-12, 2019, Denver, CO. Updates will be posted at https://www.pastforwardconference.org/pastforward19/.

Southeast Museums Conference (SEMC), October 21-23, 2019, Charleston. Details are available at https://www.semcdirect.net/conference.


NEW **Archaeological Society of South Carolina Fall Field Day**, October 26, 2019, Cayce. Each fall the Archaeology Society of South Carolina sponsors a free gathering of archaeologists, prehistoric and historic skills demonstrators, story tellers, and others, who present how the people of South Carolina’s distant and recent pasts experienced their daily lives through work, play, food, and community. More information about the time, location and exhibitors is on https://archaeologysc.org/ and Facebook https://www.facebook.com/events/2005204562918954/.


NEW **Southeastern Archaeological Conference**, November 6-9, 2019, Jackson, MS. For more information visit https://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/annual-meeting/details/
NEW State Board of Review Meeting for the National Register of Historic Places, November 15, 2019, Columbia, SC. The agenda will be posted in early October at https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/national-register/state-review-board.


Society for Historical Archaeology Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology, January 8-11, 2020, Boston, MA. For more information visit https://sha.org/conferences/.


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NEW February 3, 2020 National Trust Preservation Funds. These grants encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects. Grants generally start at $2,500 and range up to $5,000. The selection process is very competitive. Members of the National Trust at the Forum or Main Street levels are eligible to apply for funding from the National Trust Preservation Fund. To learn more about the grant program and how to apply go to http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/find-funding/grant-seekers/preservation-funds.

NEW 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
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