

**FY 2020
FEDERAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS**

Federal Historic Preservation Grants make up part of the annual grant (FY2020, \$847,908) awarded to the South Carolina Department of Archives and History by the National Park Service. These grants assist projects such as historical and architectural surveys, archeological surveys, National Register nominations, planning, pre-development projects, and publications. Certified Local Governments (CLGs) may also apply for assistance with stabilization and weatherization projects. A minimum of ten percent (10%) of our total Federal appropriation (\$84,791 for FY 2020) must be allocated to CLGs. The grant recipients are required to match these funds dollar-for-dollar.

RECOMMENDED FY 2020 FEDERAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT PROJECTS

**Beaufort Design Guidelines Update Project
(Beaufort, Beaufort County)**

\$15,000

Grant Recipient: City of Beaufort (CLG)

The purpose of this project is to update, simplify and consolidate three existing design manuals that guide preservation, renovation, and new construction into a single manual to ensure appropriateness of preservation and development activities in the Beaufort Historic District (a National Historic Landmark). Additionally, the project will identify potential incompatibility or conflicting issues with the City's zoning code for future consideration or recommendations. The revised manual will serve as guidance for the Historic District Review Board (HRB), City staff, developers, architects, and property owners for projects that involve additions, demolitions, new construction, renovations and/or site work within the Historic District.

**Bonneau Ferry Wildlife Management Area Archaeological Survey
(vicinity, Berkeley County)**

\$34,934

Grant Recipient: South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) Bonneau Ferry Wildlife Management Area (BFWMA) located at the confluence of the East and West Branches of the Cooper River in Berkeley County, is the centerpiece of the Cooper River Historic District. Locally known as the "Tee," the property is significant as a major transportation route and the foundation of the Carolina plantation society as it reflects the changes in the lowcountry and the ways in which it was shaped by the demands imposed on it by agriculture, industry, conservation, and tourism. Despite the property's significance and the richness of primary documents, few archaeological sites on the 10,700-acre BFWMA tract have been recorded. SCDNR archaeologists will conduct a survey to identify the locations and boundaries of significant sites, such as main house sites, slave cabins, rice fields, freedmen's houses, tenant farmer dwellings, and caretaker's houses, domestic outbuildings, settlements, complexes, agricultural structures and landscapes, and industrial structures and landscapes dating from the late-seventeenth through the mid-twentieth centuries.

**Charleston County Parks Cemetery Preservation Management Plan
(Charleston County)**

\$11,417

Grant Recipient: Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission

The Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission (CCPRC) identified seven historic cemeteries located within the county parks system. CCPRC will work a qualified cultural resources management consultant to research, record, and map the cemeteries. After the cemeteries are recorded, the consultant will assess conditions at each cemetery and develop a preservation plan to guide CCPRC's stewardship, maintenance, and interpretation of the cemeteries.

Drayton Hall Engineering Plan for Life Safety and Preservation (Charleston, Charleston County) \$22,960
Grant Recipient: Drayton Hall Preservation Trust
The purpose of this project is to address life safety and preservation concerns related to structural deficiencies with the original mahogany staircase and floor system in the main house at Drayton Hall (1738), among the finest examples of Georgian Palladian architecture in the United States. A structural engineer will conduct onsite documentation and engineering analysis, produce engineering designs and specifications, and submit contract documents. The engineering plan will enable the Drayton Hall Preservation Trust to resume using the staircase normally without the current restrictions that have been put in place to ensure life safety.

Revolutionary War Battlefield and Sites Survey (Colleton and Jasper Counties) \$19,125
Grant Recipient: South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust
The South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust will undertake this project to identify and record battlefields and other sites associated with the American Revolutionary War in Colleton and Jasper Counties. Sites will be located based on archival research and extant features and sites will be mapped and recorded in the statewide survey of historic properties. The Trust will develop recommendations for preservation and interpretation of the recorded sites.

Green Book Historic Sites Survey and Virtual Tour Project (Multiple Counties) \$20,000
Grant Recipient: South Carolina African American Heritage Commission
The South Carolina African American Heritage Foundation will conduct a survey of extant buildings that once housed businesses listed in the *Negro Motorists' Green Book*, a travel guide that provided African American travelers with information about facilities available to them in racially segregated Jim Crow America. Roughly 200 Black owned businesses and other institutions in South Carolina were listed in the guide between 1939 and its final edition published in 1967. This project will research, document, photograph, and catalog extant *Green Book* sites in six South Carolina counties—Richland, Charleston, Chesterfield, Greenville, Florence, and Marion—as an important next step to preserve these historic spaces. Researchers will conduct primary and secondary source research and use photographs taken during field visits to develop brief historical narratives about each site, complete State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) survey forms, and enter relevant information into the South Carolina ArchSite historic resources GIS system to establish a permanent record. Funds will also be used to create a geolocative tour of at least one extant *Green Book* site.

Seibels House Exterior Repairs (Columbia, Richland County) \$25,000
Grant Recipient: City of Columbia (CLG; Historic Columbia, designated third-party recipient)
The Seibels House is one of Columbia's oldest buildings, built before 1800 with major additions in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Historic Columbia will hire a qualified contractor to make exterior repairs on the Seibels House and its two ancillary structures (a ca.-1830s kitchen house and a ca.-1895 carriage house-turned-garage). The scope of the project will involve the repair and/or replacement in-kind of exterior wood siding and decorative elements. Following these repairs, the main structure's entire exterior will be prepared for an application of two coats of paint, while the ancillary structures will have their window, door and roof trim receiving the same treatment.

Bull Swamp School Preservation Planning Project (Orangeburg vicinity, Orangeburg County) \$31,801
Grant Recipient: Bull Swamp Baptist Church
The Bull Swamp School (c.1925) in rural Orangeburg County was built for African American students during segregation. It is owned by the adjacent Bull Swamp Baptist Church who will rehabilitate the building for continued use as a community center. This project will fund

architectural services to develop plans and specifications for the rehab so that building may be rehabilitated for community use while maintaining the historic character-defining features of the building.

**Lincoln High School Roof Repairs Project
(Sumter, Sumter County)**

\$35,000

Grant Recipient: City of Sumter (CLG; Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Assoc., third party recipient)

Lincoln High School was built in Sumter in 1937, with additions and alterations in 1952 and c.1967, and served as the segregated high school for African American students through 1969. Today the building is owned by the Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association who plans to rehabilitate the school to serve the community with educational programs. This project will repair the building's roof.