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Historic Preservation Plan Survey: We Want to Hear from You!

Please help shape South Carolina's next historic preservation plan by answering a brief 10-question survey. Your feedback will help identify threats and opportunities for historic places and shape the plan's goals and objectives.

Please take a few minutes to answer the [survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2CNFGJH), and please forward the link to colleagues and friends.

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The SHPO has the responsibility under the National Historic Preservation Act for developing, and revising as needed, the statewide historic preservation plan. The plan guides the work of the State Historic Preservation Office, but it also provides a vision for historic preservation in the state. Here is a link to the [current state plan](#).

Preservation Plan Survey

2026 State Historic Preservation Awards

The 2026 Historic Preservation Awards were presented on July 30, 2026 at the South Carolina State House. Congratulations to all of the recipients of this year's awards.

Elected Official Honor Award: Governor Henry D. McMaster

Honor Awards:

- 60 Meeting Street, Charleston: H. Michael White, Jr.; Cronk Duch Architecture; Stephanie Jarvis, Inc.; Meadors, Inc. (*bottom left image*)
- Bennett Rice Mill Façade, Charleston: South Carolina Ports Authority; Landmark Preservation, LLC; GEL Engineering
- Hutchinson House, Edisto Island: Edisto Island Open Land Trust; Young + Wales Architects; Huss, Inc. (*top center image*)
- Slater Hall, Slater (Greenville County): Greenville County; Magnolia Construction; Preservation South, LLC (*bottom center image*)
- Tillman Hall Auditorium: Clemson University; Harper General Contractors; Lord Aeck Sargent

Stewardship Awards:

- Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim Synagogue for Historic Coming Street Cemetery, Charleston (*bottom right image*)
- Footlight Players for Queen Street Playhouse, Charleston
- Spartanburg County Foundation for Walnut Grove Plantation (*top right image*)

Preservation Service Awards:

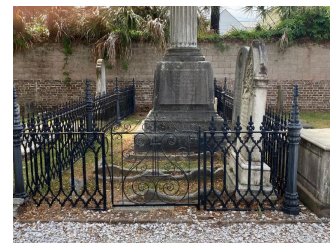
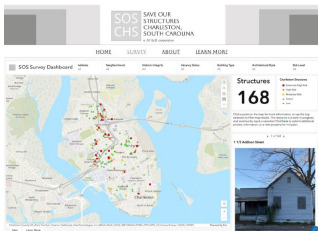
- Clemson University for Hopewell Carriage House Archaeology Field Lab
- Julie O'Connor for Save Our Structures, Charleston (*top left image*)

Heritage Tourism Award: South Carolina State Museum for Columbia Mills Building

Organizational Excellence Award (New in 2026): Historic Columbia

Governor's Award: Richard D. Marks III

The awards are sponsored by the Office of the Governor, the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, and Preservation South Carolina. More information about the award recipients is on [Preservation South Carolina's website](https://www.preservation-southcarolina.org/).





Historic Preservation State Grant Fund Applications: Due September 2, 2026

The Historic Preservation State Grant Fund supports historic preservation projects that benefit local communities and the public through the physical repair and rehabilitation of South Carolina's historic buildings with **Planning Grants** and **Stabilization Grants**.

We are pleased to announce that the application for FY 2026-2027 grants is now open. The application and supporting guidance is available on the [State Grant Fund website](#).

The deadline to submit applications is 5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 2, 2026.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION
STATE GRANT FUND
APPLICATION

Applications must be received by 5:00 PM, Wednesday, September 2, 2026. This is not a postmark deadline. Late applications will NOT be considered. Please read the "Historic Preservation State Grant Fund Application Guidance" document before completing this application.

All sections must be answered. Your application will not be disqualified if you cannot completely fill out an answer to a question. **Note:** There may be more space left in the answer box than can be filled.

PROJECT CATEGORY. Check only the box that applies to your proposed project.

☐ Planning ☐ Stabilization

AMOUNT REQUESTED

State Grant Fund Share	
Cash Match (Stabilization Grants only; must be at least 20% Cash Match of the Total Project Cost and documented)	
Total Project Cost	

PROJECT NAME:

APPLICANT ORGANIZATION:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

SC Vendor Number:

Authorizing Official (i.e., Joe Jones, Mayor; Teresa Jones, Executive Director)

Name:	Title:
Phone:	Email:

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Preserving Historic Cemeteries Workshop: September 9, 2026

5th Annual Preserving Historic Cemeteries Workshop

Wednesday,
September 9th, 2026



Join the SC Archives and History Foundation for the **5th Annual Preserving Historic Cemeteries Workshop** at the SC Archives and History Center in Columbia on Wednesday, September 9, 2026. The program provides attendees with information on technical, practical, and firsthand perspectives that contribute to successful cemetery projects. Lunch is included with the registration fee. Details about the program and the registration link are on the Foundation's [Events webpage](#).

State Board of Review Approves 6 National Register Nominations

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places met on July 24, 2026 and approved the following six nominations:

- Cobia-Moultrie House, Charleston, Charleston County
- Philip Simmons House and Workshop and Rosetta Simmons Residence, Charleston, Charleston County
- Sol Legare School, James Island, Charleston County
- McClellanville U.S. Biological Survey Station, McClellanville, Charleston County
- Scanlonville Cemetery, Mount Pleasant, Charleston County
- Columbia Country Club, Blythewood vicinity, Richland County

The nominations are being 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. More information about the State Board of Review and the draft nominations are available at [this link](#). Questions? Contact Virginia Harness at vharness@scdah.sc.gov 803-896-6179 or Edwin Breeden at breeden@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6182.

2027 SCAAHC Annual Conference Call for Proposals



Call for Proposals

The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission invites interested individuals and groups to submit proposals for the 2027 SCAAHC Annual Conference "Uplifting Voices," scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2027, at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. Panels will cover a wide array of topics related to African American history, culture, and heritage across South Carolina. This year's planned thematic panels are:

- Black Artistic Expression
- Black Leisure and Recreation
- HBCUs in South Carolina
- Historic Black Cemetery Preservation

- Student Research

To learn more about the themes and how to submit a proposal click on the [Call for Proposals link](#). Proposals are due October 5, 2026.

Upcoming Conferences/Workshops/Training/Events

The **Advisory Council on Historic Preservation** is offering a variety of Section 106 training opportunities, both in-person and online via Zoom, as well as on-demand webinars. Check out the [Classroom Training Courses](#) and [Section 106 Webinars Curriculum](#) webpages for more details.

NEW The **Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for the Humanities (MARCH)** at Rutgers (Camden) offers online continuing education courses in historic preservation, public history and conservation courses on variety of topics. For more information click on [this link](#). For the Fall 2026 course offerings click this [course link](#).

National Preservation Institute Seminars and Webinars. For more information about both in-person and online training opportunities in 2026 visit the [NPI website](#).

National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers 26th Annual Conference and Sacred Places Summit, August 24–26, 2026, Albuquerque, NM. This year's theme is "Living Cultures, Living Landscapes." Visit the [conference webpage](#) for more information.

Historic Cemeteries Workshop, September 9, 2026, SC Archives & History Center, Columbia. The 5th annual workshop is sponsored by the SC Archives & History Foundation. View the program and registration information on the Foundation's [Events webpage](#).

Joint Conference of the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) and National Council on Public History (NCPH), September 16–19, 2026, Providence, RI. For the first time these two organizations are coming together for a joint conference with sessions, workshops, tours, and discussions focused on the theme "The Work of Revolution." More information is available on the [conference webpage](#).

NEW International Preservation Trades Workshop, September 17-19, Medina, NY. The event features demonstrations, pre-conference workshops, learning opportunities, and event activities. More information and links are at this link [Preservation Trades Network - IPTW 2026](#).

National Preservation Summit, September 22–24, 2026, Washington, DC. This event will bring together leaders from the preservation community - in person and online - alongside national, civic, business, and community figures from across the nation to help chart a course for preservation's future. For more information visit the [event webpage](#).

Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians Annual Conference, September 30–October 3, 2026, Savannah, GA. The annual conference features tours, paper sessions, a keynote address, and networking opportunities. Visit the [2026 conference link](#) for more information.

9th Annual Slave Dwelling Project Conference, October 1–3, 2026, North Charleston. The conference theme is "250 Years and Counting: Reckoning, Resilience, and Remembrance." For more information visit [this link](#).

National Preservation Law Conference, October 19, 2026, Washington DC. For more information visit the [event website](#).

Keeping History Above Water Symposium, October 21–23, 2026, Newport, RI. This year's theme is "Looking Back, Moving Forward." Registration is now open, [click here](#) for more information.

Preservation North Carolina's Annual Conference, October 25–27, 2026, High Point, NC. Registration is now open, visit [this link](#) for more information.

Georgia's Statewide Historic Preservation Conference, November 4–6, 2026, Decatur, GA. Visit the [conference webpage](#) for more information.

Association for Preservation Technology (APT) Annual Conference, October 26–30, 2026, Indianapolis, IN. The conference theme is "The Crossroads of Preservation: Where Industry and Craft Come Together." For more information visit the [conference webpage](#).

8th Annual American Revolution Symposium: State of Rebellion, November 14, 2026, Columbia. This day-long program will feature informative and entertaining speakers on the American Revolution in South Carolina. The symposium schedule and registration is available at the [Foundation's Events webpage](#).

SC African American Heritage Commission Annual Conference, February 27, 2027. Join the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission for their 4th annual conference "Uplifting Voices". The Call for Proposals is now open, visit the [Commission's website](#) to learn more.

NEW Landmark Conference, April 15-17, 2027, Aiken. The South Carolina History Network (formerly the Confederation of South Carolina Historical Societies) will be sharing more information about this event on their new [website](#).

Upcoming Grant Application Deadlines

NEW FY 2027 SC 250 Grants

- Monthly Grants are now called Community Impact Grants (up to \$15,000) and are reviewed Quarterly (no match required). The deadlines are: September 1, 2026, December 1, 2026, March 1, 2027, June 1, 2027.
- The range for Major & Premier Project Grants has changed. Major Projects are now \$15,001 through \$50,000. (Requires 20% of total budget match.) Premier Projects now \$50,001 through \$125,000. (Requires 25% of total budget match.)

Check out the updated grants website [SC250 Grants | South Carolina American Revolution Funding](#) for information on project types, funding priorities, funding levels, and how to apply. Questions? Email grants@southcarolina250.com.

September 2, 2026 Historic Preservation State Grant Fund. Applications are now being accepted for the FY 2026-2027 Historic Preservation State Grant Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to support historic preservation projects that benefit local communities and the public through the physical repair and rehabilitation of South Carolina's historic buildings. Grants are awarded in two categories: Planning Grants and Stabilization Grants. For more information about the grant amounts, types of projects funded, eligible applicants, and to access the application and instructions visit the [State Grant Fund webpage](#). Applications are due September 2, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

NEW September 26, 2026 IMPACT Fund. The Municipal Association of South Carolina launched the IMPACT Fund ("Innovative Municipal Projects Advancing Change and Transformation") in 2025. There are two types of grants: Problem Solver (\$25,000) and Big Idea Grants (\$100,000). For more information visit the grant webpage at [IMPACT Fund | MASC](#). In 2025, an IMPACT grant was awarded to the Town of Pacolet to assist with the restoration of its Depression-era stone amphitheater.

Partners for Sacred Places Intervention Fund is an emergency grant under the umbrella of the [National Fund for Sacred Places](#) that supports historic sacred places with building repair and recovery funds after an unanticipated emergency from extreme weather, property destruction, or urgent health and safety hazards. To learn more about the program and its grantees, please refer to the [Intervention Fund information flyer](#) or contact the Fund Director, Rachel Galton, at rgalton@sacredplaces.org.

Online sources of grant information:

[Historicfunding database](#)

[National Park Service State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division](#)

[National Trust for Historic Preservation Grant Funds](#)

[State Library](#) Grants Research Assistance including online webinars

[SC Grantmakers Network](#)

[Federal grants](#) Grants.gov

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