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State Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony: July 30, 2026

The 2026 Historic Preservation Awards will be presented by Governor Henry D. McMaster on July 30, 2026 at 3:30 PM in the lobby of the South Carolina State House. The awards program recognizes outstanding accomplishments in the preservation, rehabilitation, and interpretation of South Carolina's architectural and cultural heritage. The program is sponsored by the SC Department of Archives & History, Office of the Governor, and Preservation South Carolina. A reception will follow after the ceremony. Both the ceremony and reception are open to the public.

For more information about the event please visit Preservation South Carolina's [awards webpage](#) or contact Joanna Rothell with Preservation South Carolina at 803-729-7782 or joanna@preservesc.org.

Historic Preservation State Grant Fund Now Accepting Applications

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



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. Early registration ends August 14, 2026. Details about the program and the registration link are on the Foundation's [Events webpage](#).

State Board of Review to Meet July 24, 2026

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places will meet Friday, July 24, 2026 at 10:30 AM at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. The Board will consider 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 public is welcome to attend the meeting. Draft nominations are available at [this link](#). Questions? Contact Virginia Harness at vharness@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6179 or Edwin Breeden at ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6182.

Images clockwise from top left: Cobia-Moultrie House, Philip Simmons House and Workshop (interior), Sol Legare School, Columbia Country Club, Scanlonville Cemetery, and McClellanville U.S. Biological Survey Station.



Recent Listings in the National Register of Historic Places

The following properties have recently been listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Click on the property name to access the entry in the [South Carolina Historic Properties Record](#), which includes a brief summary, photographs, and link to the full nomination form.

[J.S. Wright High School, Abbeville, Abbeville County](#) (top, right)

[Greenwood Mill Village Historic District, Greenwood, Greenwood County](#) (top, left)

[Church of the Heavenly Rest, Estill vicinity, Hampton County](#) (bottom, right)

[Bracknell's Store Complex, Plum Branch, McCormick County](#) (bottom, left)



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

Preservation Night School, online. The WeGOJA Foundation, in partnership with the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor, is hosting [Preservation Night School](#), a free summer webinar series now through August 18, 2026. Remaining topics include Exploring Genealogy, Getting a Historical Marker, and Applying to the National Register of Historic Places.

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.

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

State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places, July 24, 2026, SC Archives & History Center, Columbia. The board will meet to consider nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. Draft nominations are available at [this link](#).

FORUM 2026: Preservation Currents, July 22–26, 2026, Minneapolis, MN. FORUM is sponsored by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions and is the only national conference focused on local historic preservation district boards and commissions. Visit the [conference webpage](#) for more information.

NEW "Voices of Courage," August, 8, 2026, Columbia. This event at the SC Archives & History Center features three speakers sharing the stories of Black South Carolinians courageously fighting against systems of oppression for a better future. To learn more about the speakers and their topics and to register, visit the SC Archives & History Foundation [Events 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 Cemetery 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](#).

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. 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. Registration is now open with early registration of \$60 available until July 31. The symposium schedule and registration is available at the [Foundation's Events webpage](#).

NEW 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.

Upcoming Grant Application Deadlines

July 28, 2026 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) HPF Grants (P25AS00500). The National Park Service is accepting applications for the FY 2025 HBCU Grants. The HBCU Preservation grant program was established to document, preserve and stabilize historic structures on HBCU campuses. Project work must follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Additional information about the application and how to apply is available at [this link](#).

NEW 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.

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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