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Historic Preservation State Grant Fund Applications: Due September 24, 2025



HISTORIC PRESERVATION STATE GRANT FUND APPLICATION

The State Historic Preservation Office is now accepting applications for the Historic Preservation State Grant Fund for FY 25-26. The purpose of the State Grant Fund is to support historic preservation projects that benefit local communities through the physical repair and rehabilitation of South Carolina's historic buildings.

This year applicants may apply for either a **Planning Grant** to develop "bid-ready" plans and specifications OR a **Stabilization Grant** to assist with historic building stabilization and weatherization projects.

Instructions, application, and FAQs are available at [this link](#). The deadline to apply is September 24, 2025. Questions? Please email Amanda Lee at alee2@scdah.sc.gov.


Recent National Register Listings

Properties recently listed in the National Register of Historic Places have been added to the [SC Historic Properties Record \(SCHPR\)](#). These include:


- [Hebron Presbyterian Church](#), Charleston County (see image on right)
- [Marlboro County Training School](#), Bennettsville
- [Middleburg Park Historic District](#), Columbia



Preserving Historic Cemeteries Workshop



4th Annual Preserving Historic Cemeteries Workshop
Thursday, September 18, 2025



REGISTER ON LINE AT
<https://form.jotform.com/251773307475967>

Exhibitors:
New South Associates, Inc.
USC Press
Ann Peden, Author

The South Carolina Archives & History Foundation and the South Carolina Department of Archives and History are hosting the 4th *Preserving Historic Cemeteries Workshop* on Thursday, September 18, 2025 in Columbia. The workshop provides attendees with information on technical, legal, and firsthand perspectives that contribute to successful cemetery preservation projects. Speakers will share a variety of experiences on research and preservation. Registration and program details will be available on the [Foundation's Events webpage](#). Lunch is included with the registration fee.

2026 SCAAHC Annual Conference Call for Proposals



The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission is now accepting proposals for panel sessions their 2026 Annual Conference, which will be held Saturday, February 28, 2026 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. Please [click here](#) for this year's thematic panels and information about how to submit a proposal.

The deadline for submissions is **September 29, 2025**. Please email agoines@scdah.sc.gov if you have any questions.

Main Street Disaster and Resilience Toolkit



Main Street America has created [a guide](#) to help Main Street and commercial historic district organizations prepare for and respond to disasters. The free publication is organized around steps to plan, prepare, respond and recover.

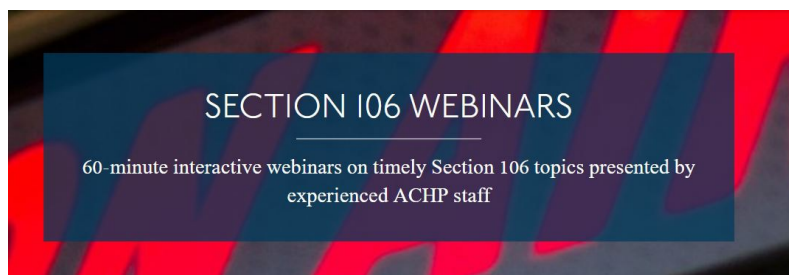
Call for Session Proposals for FORUM 2026

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions is seeking session proposals for FORUM 2026: Preservation Currents, to be held in Minneapolis, MN July 22-26, 2026. FORUM is the only national conference focused on local historic preservation boards and commissions and includes dozens of educational sessions, discussion panels and roundtables, mobile workshops, and tours. To learn more about proposing a session visit [this link](#).

The deadline for proposals is October 6, 2025.



September Section 106 Webinars



The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is offering Section 106 training webinars online via Zoom in September, presented by Office of Federal Agency Programs staff. For more information and to register visit [this link](#).

- **Innovative Approaches to Section 106 Mitigation:** Thursday, September 11, 3-4 p.m. EDT
- **Section 106 & Section 110(k): Responding to Anticipatory Demolition Concerns:** Tuesday, September 16, 3-4 p.m. EDT
- **Resolving Disputes in Section 106:** Tuesday, September 30, 3-4 p.m. EDT

Upcoming Conferences/Workshops & Training/Events

SC Historical Marker Program Exhibit - "Know Your State and Make it Known: The South Carolina Historical Marker Program". The [exhibit is on display](#) at the SC Archives & History Center, 8301 Parklane Road in Columbia. It is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM, except on official state holidays.

NEW Rutgers University is offering three continuing education courses in Historic Preservation this fall. Check out [this link](#) for course dates, topics, instruction, and registration information. Register early as space is limited.

NAPC Virtual Summer Short Course (VSSC), August 20-21, 2025, online. This 2-day online training offered by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions will focus on emerging topics and preservation fundamentals. For more information about the VSSC visit [this link](#).

SC Federation of Museums, September 10-12, 2025, Belton. The annual conference "Stronger Together: Museums in a Changing World" will be hosted by the Belton Area Museum Association. Information will be posted on the [SCFM conference website](#).

National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers Annual Conference, September 8-12, 2025, Reno, NV. Information is posted on the [NATHPO conference website](#).

American Association for State and Local History Conference, September 10-13, 2025, Cincinnati, OH. The theme of the 2025 annual conference is "The American Experiment". More information is on the [conference website](#).

American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA) Annual Conference, September 11-14, 2025, Raleigh, NC. Information about the conference is at [this link](#).

PastForward 2025, September 16-18, 2025, Milwaukee, WI. Sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the conference will celebrate 75 years of the National Trust by exploring cutting-edge innovation, ground-breaking creativity, and experimentation in the dynamic field of preservation. Information is now available on the [conference website](#).

Preserving Historic Cemeteries Workshop, September 18, 2025, Columbia. The SC Archives & History Foundation is hosting the 4th annual workshop with presentations on a variety of topics related to historic cemeteries. Registration and full details are available on the [SC Archives and History Foundation website](#). Questions? Contact Donna Foster at 803-896-0339 or dfoster@scdah.sc.gov.

SE Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH) Conference, September 23-26, 2025, Asheville, NC. More information is on the [2025 conference webpage](#).

ASALH 110th Annual Conference, September 24-28, 2025, Atlanta, GA. Sponsored by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, the conference will feature panels, workshops, roundtables, papers, posters and more. Visit the [conference webpage](#) for more information.

North Carolina Preservation Conference, October 5-7, 2025, Asheville, NC. The program, speakers and registration information is on the [conference webpage](#).

NEW 2025 SC Humanities Festival, October 17-19, 2025, Lancaster. Sponsored by SC Humanities and hosted by the Lancaster County Council of the Arts the festival will feature lectures, tours, workshops, and other events celebrating local history and culture. Learn more [here](#).

NEW National Preservation Law Conference, November 5, 2025, Washington DC and virtual. The conference will bring together a roster of national experts as they share timely insights, a broad range of perspectives, and provide strategies for advancing preservation law in a changing landscape. More information is on [the conference link](#).

Georgia Statewide Historic Preservation Conference, November 5-7, 2025, Athens,

GA. The conference is hosted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Historic Preservation Division and the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

Southeastern Archaeological Conference 81st Annual Meeting, November 5-8, 2025, Baton Rouge, LA. Meeting details and registration information is available at [this link](#).

APT Annual Conference, November 11-15, 2025, Providence, RI. The Association for Preservation Technology International conference includes workshops, field sessions, exhibits, awards, and educational sessions. For information visit the [conference website](#).

NEW State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places, November 21, 2025, SC Archives & History Center, Columbia. More information will be available at [this link](#).

7th Annual American Revolution Symposium, November 15, 2025, Columbia. Sponsored by the SC Archives & History Foundation, the event features a wide range of topics related to the Revolution in South Carolina. The program brochure and registration link is available on the Foundation's [Events webpage](#).

NEW SC African American Heritage Commission Annual Conference, February 28, 2026, Columbia. The Commission is currently accepting proposals for panel sessions, [click here](#) for information about how to submit a proposal.

Upcoming Grant Application Deadlines

NEW August 21, 2025 Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program The National Park Service is accepting applications for the FY2024 Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program. Recipients will fund programs that support the rehabilitation of historic properties (listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places) and foster economic development in rural communities (populations less than 50,000 in the 2020 U.S. Census). Eligible applicants are States, Tribes, Certified Local Governments, special district governments, and non-profits, who will select, fund, and manage preservation projects for historic properties to include architectural/engineering services and physical preservation. The Notice of Funding Opportunity is available on grants.gov under opportunity [number P24AS00548](#).

NEW September 12, 2025 Preserving Black Churches Grant The African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund is accepting applications for grants (between \$50,000 - \$500,000) to preserve historic houses of worship (those with active congregations or that are being repurposed for new uses within the community) and advance preservation activities including capital projects, programming and interpretation, capacity building, project planning, and endowment and financial sustainability. For more information visit <https://savingplaces.org/black-churches>.

September 24, 2025 Historic Preservation State Grant Fund. Administered by the SC State Historic Preservation Office, the purpose of the State Grant Fund is to support historic preservation projects that benefit local communities through the physical repair and rehabilitation of South Carolina's historic buildings. This year applicants may apply for either a **Planning Grant** to develop "bid-ready" plans and specifications OR a **Stabilization Grant** to assist with historic building stabilization and weatherization projects. The instructions and application, and Frequently Asked Questions are available at [this link](#). Questions? Please email Amanda Lee at alee2@scdah.sc.gov.

NEW September 26, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. The SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250) is accepting applications for FY26 Major Grants (\$15,000-\$125,000) and Premier Projects (\$125,001+). Information about specific grant programs and requirements can be found at <https://southcarolina250.com/sc250grants/> or email: info@southcarolina250.com.

September 30, 2025 T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program. Main Street America and Smart Growth America have partnered with T-Mobile to help build stronger, more prosperous small towns and rural communities. T-Mobile's Hometown Grant program awards up to 100 towns a year with project funding for a wide range of community development projects like upgrading tech at local libraries, building new hiking trails and revitalizing historic buildings. Applications for grants up to \$50,000 each are reviewed quarterly. More information about the program and the application process is on the [T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program website](#).

Monthly, The SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250) is accepting applications for FY26 Monthly Grants (up to \$15,000). Information about specific grant programs and requirements can be found at <https://southcarolina250.com/sc250grants/> or email: info@southcarolina250.com.

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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