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Historic Preservation News and Notes

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Happy Holidays!

Please note that the Research Room of the SC Department of Archives and History will be closed December 24-26, 2024, and January 1, 2025.

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FY25 Federal Historic Preservation Fund Grants: Apply Now

Applications and instructions for the FY 2025 federal Historic Preservation Fund subgrants are now available at [this link](#). Administered by the SHPO, these matching grants can assist two types of projects:

- **Survey and Planning Projects:** eligible projects include surveys of historic properties, National Register nominations, preservation education, and preservation planning.
- **Stabilization Projects:** eligible projects include stabilizing historic buildings or protecting historic buildings from the adverse effects of the weather. Stabilization Projects are limited to projects located in South Carolina's [Certified Local Government \(CLG\) communities](#).

Any local government, non-profit, or institution in South Carolina may apply for a Survey and Planning Project. Local governments, non-profits and institutions located in a CLG community may also apply for a Stabilization Project. At least ten percent of the state's annual allocation from the National Park Service must be awarded to CLGs. Grant awards generally range from \$2,500 to \$35,000. **Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM, May 1, 2025.** Please contact Brad Sauls at 803-896-6172, or bsauls@scdah.sc.gov to discuss your project before you apply.

SC African American Heritage Commission Annual Conference



SC African American Heritage Commission

The SC African American Heritage Commission Conference will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. The conference will feature thematic panels related to African Americans in South Carolina including: Food and Foodways, Reconstruction, Gender and Resistance, Student Research, Place Making and Reclaiming Black Spaces, and a keynote by noted Civil Rights photographer Cecil Williams. Learn more about speakers and registration on the [conference brochure](#). For more information and to receive updates about the conference email Ayanna Goines, agoines@scdah.sc.gov.

2025 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference: Call for Proposals



SC Historic Preservation Conference 2025



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We are accepting proposals for Educational Sessions for the 2025 conference to be held on April 25, 2025 at the SC Archives & History Center. Educational Sessions can cover a variety of historic preservation topics and range in difficulty from "Preservation 101" to discussions of emerging issues. See the [Call for Proposals](#) for instructions on how to submit a proposal. **The deadline is December 16, 2024.**

State Board of Review Approves 8 Nominations

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places met Friday,

November 15, 2024 and approved the following 8 nominations:

- Commercial Hotel, Aiken, Aiken County (pictured below)
- Finley High School, Chester, Chester County
- Ruffin High and Elementary School, Ruffin, Colleton County
- Green's Funeral Home and Ambulance Service, Lake City, Florence County
- Edgewood School, Ninety Six, Greenwood County
- Atlantic Beach Historic District, Atlantic Beach, Horry County
- Bellevue-Newman's Field-Gracelynn Terrace Historic District
(Additional Documentation & Boundary Increase) Columbia, Richland County
- Bob Russell Realty Building, Columbia, Richland County

The SHPO forwards the nominations to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places at the National Park Service in Washington, DC who makes the final decision about listing the properties in the National Register. More information about the State Board of Review and the draft nominations are 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.



South Carolina Maritime History Symposium

South Carolina's significant maritime history covers wars, commerce, pirates, and adventure. Join the SC Archives & History Foundation on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia to be enlightened and entertained by a group of well-versed speakers discussing South Carolina's maritime history. The conference brochure and registration form are available on the Foundation's [Events webpage](#). **Register early for discounted registration.** Teachers and students receive a reduced registration cost. Questions, contact Donna Foster at dfoster@scdah.sc.gov.



National Preservation Awards Nominations

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is accepting nominations for the National Preservation Awards that honor individuals, projects, organizations, or historic sites open



to the public that have impacted their communities through historic preservation. **Nominations are due January 10, 2025**. Awards will be presented at the PastForward conference in Milwaukee, WI September 16-18, 2025. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Historical Marker Exhibit at SC Archives & History Center

The SC Department of Archives & History's newest exhibit highlights the story of the state historical marker program, "Know Your State and Make it Know: The South Carolina Historical Marker Program". The exhibit is located in the SC Archives & History Center, at 8301 Parklane Road in Columbia. It is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, except on official state holidays.



Tax Credit Project Spotlight



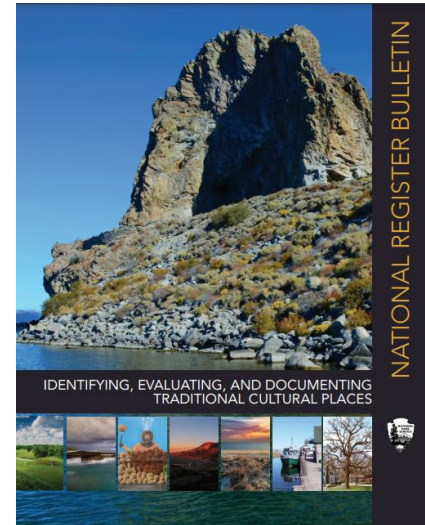
This month's spotlight features a c. 1909 Post Office built in the Beaux Arts style in Anderson. It served as a post office until 1938 and then was used as a funeral home in the early 1940s. With a private investment of \$3.6 million that earned the applicant nearly \$900,000 and over \$700,000 in State and Federal historic rehabilitation income tax credits, respectively, the historic building's exterior was repaired and rehabilitated; non-historic finishes and partitions were removed; the interior volume, finishes, and features of the lobby during the historic post office tenancy was restored (see above); and compatible site work was undertaken. Original architectural drawings substantiated the design of missing significant interior features, including the lobby counter, its partitions, and its woodwork. The project's preservation consultant states, "The Anderson Post Office is a local landmark that had suffered decades of unsympathetic alteration and neglect which left it a chopped-up shell of its former grandeur. This project was focused on bringing it back to life as a functional space for the 21st century while restoring its missing historic details. The state and federal historic tax incentives paired with the abandoned

building tax credit were critical to making the project's budget work. Without these incentives the building would likely continue to sit vacant for years to come." For more information on the tax credit for income-producing historic properties click below.

Historic Tax Credits

Updated National Register Bulletin on Traditional Cultural Places

After a years-long process, the National Park Service has released the updated National Register of Historic Places Bulletin "[Identifying, Evaluating, and Documenting Traditional Cultural Places](#)". In National Register practice, a "traditional cultural place"—"TCP," for short—is defined as a building, structure, object, site, or district that may be listed in (or determined eligible for listing in) the National Register for its significance to a living community because of its association with cultural beliefs, customs, or practices that are rooted in the community's history and that are important in maintaining the community's cultural identity.



Upcoming Conferences / Workshops & Training / Events

NEW **Preserve the Past, Build for the Future 2025 Webinar Series**, monthly, January - May, 2025, online. The Advisory Council for Historic Preservation offers these once a month, 75-minute Zoom sessions for anyone interested in learning more about the preservation field. Check the topics and register at [this link](#), which also includes links to webinars from 2021 to 2024.

South Carolina Maritime History Symposium, February 1, 2025, Columbia. Program topics and registration information are available on the Foundation's [Events webpage](#).

South Carolina African American Heritage Commission Annual Conference, February 22, 2025, Columbia. Learn more about speakers and registration from the [conference brochure](#). Questions? Contact Ayanna Goines at agoines@scdah.sc.gov.

NEW **South Carolina Historical Association Annual Meeting**, March 1, 2025, Francis Marion University, Florence. The theme of the annual meeting is "The Struggles for Democracy". For more information, please visit [this link](#).

NEW **2025 National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week**, March 3-6, 2025, Washington, DC. Hosted by Preservation Action and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, Advocacy Week features preservation policy training and briefings, tours, networking, and opportunities to connect with Congressional members and staff. For more information visit [this link](#).

Preserving the Recent Past 4, March 19-21, 2025, Boston, MA. The conference will include

sessions, plenary talks, workshops and tours focused on advocacy challenges and preservation strategies, history and context, and technical conservation issues and solutions for post-World War II resources. For additional information visit the [conference webpage](#).

NEW National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, March 26-29, 2025, Montreal, Canada. The preliminary program, registration and travel information are available on the [NCPH 2025 webpage](#).

Landmark Conference 2025, March 27-29, 2025, Sumter. The Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Societies will hold the next Landmark Conference in Sumter. **They are currently accepting session proposals**. For more information visit the [Landmark Conference](#) webpage or email sclocalhistory@gmail.com.

NEW Main Street Conference, April 7-9, 2025, Philadelphia, PA. Information about registration (opens in early December), travel, and conference events will be posted on the 2025 Main Street Now [conference webpage](#).

South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference, April 25, 2025, Columbia. This annual conference features educational sessions on a wide range of historic preservation related topics. **Proposals for educational sessions will be accepted until December 16, 2024**. See the [Call for Proposals](#) for more information and instructions on how to submit a proposal.

Society of Architectural Historians 78th Annual Conference, April 30-May 4, 2025, Atlanta, GA. The conference features educational sessions, discussions, and architectural tours. Registration and travel information are available on the [conference webpage](#).

Vernacular Architecture Forum, May 14-17, 2025, Wilmington, DE. The 46th Annual Meeting: *From New Castle to Sussex: Big Stories from a Small State*. More information will be posted on the [2025 conference webpage](#).

American Association for State and Local History Conference, September 10-13, 2024, Cincinnati, OH. The theme of the 2025 annual conference is "The American Experiment". **Proposals for conference sessions will be accepted until December 13, 2024**. Click on [this link](#) for additional information.

NEW PastForward 2025, September 16-18, 2025, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 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. **Session proposals will be accepted until January 10, 2025**. More information will be made available on the [conference website](#).

Upcoming Grant Application Deadlines

December 13, 2024 The SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250) is accepting applications for FY25 Major (\$15,001 - \$125,000) and Premier Project (\$125,001+) Grants. Information about specific grant programs and requirements can be found at <https://southcarolina250.com/sc250grants/> or email: info@southcarolina250.com.

NEW January 10, 2025 SC Humanities Major Grants. Major Grants (\$5,000 - \$15,000) support public programs designed to be accessible by a broad audience, to serve citizens in urban, rural, and small-town settings, and to make possible humanities programs that

illuminate and enrich the lives of both audiences and scholars. Drafts are strongly encouraged and are accepted any time prior to the deadline. For more information please visit [this webpage](#) or contact tjwallace@schumanities.org.

NEW January 28, 2025 The National Park Service's [Historically Black Colleges & Universities Grant Program](#) (HBCU) is now accepting applications for FY2024 competitive grants. HBCU grants are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), administered by the NPS, and fund a broad range of pre-preservation planning activities and physical preservation work for historic sites that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or as a National Historic Landmark. Congress appropriated \$11 million for the HBCU Grant Program in FY2024. For more information and to apply for the HBCU Grant Program visit [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov):[P24AS00547](https://grants.gov). Any accredited Historically Black Colleges & Universities are eligible to apply for funding. For a list of eligible institutions, please visit the [National Center for Education Statistics College Navigator database](#).

February 1, 2025 Richland County Conservation Commission (RCCC) Historic Preservation Grants: The RCCC is offering grants of up to \$50,000 (20% match required) to help non-profit organizations, governmental agencies, educational institutions, and commercial entities preserve and protect historic buildings and sites in Richland County. Applications are due February 1, 2025. For more information and eligibility criteria, [visit this webpage](#).

February 28, 2025 Unity Cemetery Preservation Fund. The Fund supports preservation of historic African American cemeteries (dating from circa 1800 to 1942) in the southeastern United States. An annual award of up to \$50,000 will be made each year. For more information about eligible activities and the application please visit the Fund's website at <https://www.theunitycemeteryfund.org/>.

NEW May 1, 2025 Historic Preservation Fund Grants. Applications and instructions for the FY25 Historic Preservation Grants are available at [this link](#). Administered by the SHPO, the matching grants can assist two types of projects: Survey and Planning and Stabilization. Any local government, non-profit, or institution in South Carolina may apply for a Survey and Planning Project. Local governments, non-profits and institutions located in a CLG community may also apply for a Stabilization Project. At least 10% of the state's annual allocation from the National Park Service must be awarded to CLGs. Grant awards generally range from \$2,500 to \$35,000. For more information, contact Brad Sauls at 803-896-6172, or bsauls@scdah.sc.gov.

Monthly, The SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250) is accepting applications for FY25 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.

Monthly, SC Humanities Council Mini Grants. SC Humanities awards Mini Grants to support public humanities programs of modest cost, with awards of \$5,000 or less. Applications are reviewed monthly, with deadlines on the first business day of the month. For more information, please visit the [mini grant webpage](#).

Monthly, SC Humanities Council Planning Grants. SC Humanities awards Planning Grants to support preliminary work in designing a project that warrants detailed planning because of its length, scope, or cost. Awards are \$5,000 or less. Planning Grants are reviewed monthly, with deadlines on the first business day of the month. For more information, please visit [this webpage](#).

Online sources of grant information:

[Historicfunding database](#)

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

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

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