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SC African American Heritage Commission Historical Marker Funding Program

The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission is pleased to announce a new program to fund state historical markers that focus on African American historic places during state fiscal year FY23-24. Between 15 and 20 applications will be eligible to have the cost of the marker paid for by the SC African American Heritage Commission. The Commission will be listed as a co-sponsor of the marker along with the sponsoring organization. More information about the program and how to apply can be found in [the program announcement](#). **The deadline to apply for the funding program is April 30, 2024.** Questions? Contact Ayanna Goines, 803-896-8256, agoines@scdah.sc.gov.

2024 SC Historic Preservation Awards Call for Nominations

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2024 South Carolina Historic Preservation Awards. Sponsored by Preservation South Carolina, the SC Department of Archives and History, and the Office of the Governor, the Historic Preservation Awards recognize exceptional accomplishments in the preservation, rehabilitation, and interpretation of South Carolina's architectural and cultural heritage. There are six award categories:

- Honor Awards (up to 5 each year)
- Stewardship Awards (up to 5 each year)

- Preservation Service Awards (up to 5 each year)
- Heritage Tourism Award (1 per year)
- Elected Official Honor Award (1 per year)
- Governor's Award (for lifetime achievement, 1 per year)

The 2024 nomination form and a list of all previous recipients are available at [this link](#). Questions? Contact Joanna Rothell, 803-944-9425 or joanna@preservesc.org. The submission deadline is April 1, 2024.

SC African American Heritage Commission Conference: February 22, 2024

Registration is open for the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission conference on February 22, 2024 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. After a day filled with informative sessions, join two of South Carolina's most distinguished historians, Dr. Vernon Burton and Dr. Walter Edgar for a conversation on the state of African American history in South Carolina. The conference program and link to register online are on the [Commission's website](#). To receive emails about the conference, please contact Ayanna Goines at agoines@scdah.sc.gov.

[Subscribe to the SC African American Commission Newsletter!](#) It includes updates from the Commission about activities and events pertaining to African American History in South Carolina.

Historic Preservation Conference April 26, 2024

Please remember to save the date for the 2024 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference on Friday, April 26, 2024 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. The brochure and agenda are available at [this link](#). Registration will be available after February 24 on the SC Archives & History Foundation events [website](#).

State Board of Review Meeting: March 22, 2024

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places will meet on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 10:30 am at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. The Board will consider the following nominations:

- Ocean Grove School, Aiken County
- Darlington Theatre, Darlington, Darlington County
- Latimer High and Elementary School, Latta, Dillon County
- Holy Cross Faith Memorial School, Pawleys Island, Georgetown County
- State Theatre, Greenwood, Greenwood County

The public is welcome to attend the meeting. Draft nominations will be posted two weeks prior to the meeting at this [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.

FY24 Federal Historic Preservation Fund Grant Applications

Applications and instructions for the FY 2024 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, on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.** Please contact Brad Sauls at 803-896-6172, or bsauls@scdah.sc.gov to discuss your project before you apply.

Tax Credit Spotlight

This month's spotlight features a c. 1884, 2-story masonry commercial building in the Camden Historic District. The project provided retail and office space on the first floor and four apartments on the second floor. New compatible windows were installed in previously brick-infilled 2nd story window openings based on historic documentation. The tax credit applicant invested \$1.1 million in rehabilitation expenditures, earning \$275,000 in federal tax credits and \$220,000 in state income tax credits. A representative of the tax credit applicant stated, "SHPO worked closely with us for the Part II design approval and made some good suggestions. Once the project was complete, Part III was approved by SHPO and immediately at the National level. The State Historic Preservation office is so thorough that the National department approves their work with little or no questions or comments. As owner developers SHPO made this project as seamless as possible and their dedication to Historical Restoration in our state is very much appreciated" For more information about tax incentives for income-producing historic properties visit this [link](#). (Images courtesy of the owner.)



Pre-rehabilitation photograph, dated November 2021.



Post-rehabilitation photograph, dated April 2023.

Confederation of SC Local Historical Societies Seeks Award Nominations

The Confederation of SC Local Historical Societies is accepting nominations for awards in four categories:

- Robert N. Pryor Volunteer Service Award
- Alexander S. Salley Professional Service Award
- Awards of Merit
- Margaret Watson History Award (college student papers related to SC history)

More information about the awards and the nomination form is on the [awards web page](#). Applications are due **February 25, 2024**.

National Park Service Seeks Nominations for WWII Heritage City

The National Park Service is seeking nominations from several states, including South Carolina, from local government jurisdictions to receive designation as an American World War II Heritage City. The program recognizes contributions by a city and its environs to the World War II home-front war effort and achievements by the city and its environs to preserving the heritage and legacy of the city's contributions to the war effort and preserving World War II history. More information about the criteria and application is available at [this NPS link](#). The nomination period is open from January 1 – May 31, 2024. Two online information sessions are scheduled: February 27, 2024 at 2 pm Eastern Time, and April 16, 2 pm Eastern time.

National Park Services Seeks Comments

The National Park Service is [seeking comments](#) on the revised draft of the National Register Bulletin #38: Identifying, Evaluating, and Documenting Traditional Cultural Places.

Conferences / Workshops & Training / Events

2024 SC African American Heritage Commission Conference, February 22, 2024, at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. The conference program and registration link are on the [Commission's website](#). For more information, contact Ayanna Goines at agoines@scdah.sc.gov.

NEW International Gullah Geechee and African Diaspora Conference, February 22-24, 2024, Conway. Sponsored by the Joyner Institute for Gullah and African Diaspora Studies, the 4th annual conference focuses on the theme "Speaking with an Unbroken Tongue: Exploring and Celebrating the Language and Culture of Gullah Geechee People and the African American Diaspora." For more information and to register, [visit this link](#).

History Makers: South Carolina Women Who Persevered, Saturday, February 24, 2024, Columbia. Registration is now open for this informative and entertaining program, sponsored by the SC Archives & History Foundation, on the lives of women who came from different backgrounds but all had a drive to accomplish their goals. Lunch is included in the registration fee. View the complete schedule at <https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/category/news-events/>. Contact Donna Foster at dfoster@scdah.sc.gov if you have any questions.

NEW National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Webinar, February 29, 2024, 1 PM Eastern Time. The topic is "Incorporating Art into Historic Districts." Speakers will share how their cities incorporated art within historic neighborhoods to help with revitalization efforts, tell community stories, and highlight the architecture. Register information is available on [the NAPC website](#).

Landmark Conference 2024, March 21-23, 2024, Orangeburg. The conference is sponsored by the Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Societies, with local support from the Cecil Williams Civil Rights Museum and other Orangeburg organizations. Information about the program and registration is available at <http://www.csclhs.org/landmark-conference.html>. To receive the Confederation's bi-monthly newsletter, which includes information from a variety of history organizations in the state, send an email to sclocalhistory@gmail.com.

2024 Historic Preservation Advocacy Week, March 4-7, 2024, Washington, DC. Sponsored by 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 <https://preservationaction.org/advocacyweek/>.

South Carolina Historical Association Annual Meeting, March 30, 2024, Florence. The theme of the annual meeting is "History Teaches". For more information, please visit [this link](#).

National Council on Public History, April 10-13, 2024, Salt Lake City, UT. The theme of this year's conference is "Historical Urgency". For more information, please visit the [2024 conference webpage](#).

South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference, April 26, 2024, Columbia. This one-day event will feature a range of educational sessions on preservation, history, and research topics. Program and registration information will be available on the SC Archives and History Foundation's [events webpage](#) by late February.

Main Street NOW Conference, May 6-8, Birmingham, AL. Join commercial district revitalization leaders from across the country for three days of educational sessions, special events, field sessions, and tours. For more information visit <https://www.mainstreet.org/howwecanhelp/mainstreetnow>.

Vernacular Architecture 2024 Annual Meeting, June 12-16, 2024, Michigan Upper Peninsula. More information will be posted at <https://www.vafweb.org/conference>. Both in person and a virtual option will be available.

Association for Gravestone Studies Conference, June 18-23, 2024, Atlanta, GA. More information will be included in upcoming e-newsletters (a link to sign up is on the AGS website) and on the [AGS website](#).

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions FORUM, July 31-August 4, 2024, West Palm Beach, FL. FORUM is the only national conference that focuses on issues facing local historic preservation boards and commissions. For more information visit <https://www.napcommissions.org/forum>.

National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, August 12-16, 2024, Wisconsin Dells, WI. Registration and program information is posted on the [NATHPO webpage](#).

American Association for State and Local History Conference, September 11-14, 2024, Mobile, AL. More information will be available on the [conference webpage](#).

Preservation North Carolina 2024 Annual Conference, October 16-18, 2024, Rocky Mount and Tarboro, NC. More details can be found on the [conference webpage](#).

PastForward National Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Conference, October 28-30, 2024, New Orleans, LA. More details at <https://savingplaces.org/conference>.

Grant Application Deadlines

February 29, 2024 National Fund for Sacred Spaces is accepting Letters of Intent for the 2024 cohort of the National Fund. The National Fund offers selected congregations technical and financial support for significant capital projects at historic sacred places. For more information about the program including eligibility and application process visit. <https://www.fundforsacredplaces.org/>.

March 5, 2024 Semiquincentennial Grant Opportunity. The National Park Service is accepting applications for this grant that supports the preservation of sites and structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places that commemorate the founding of the nation. Projects can include pre-preservation plans, studies, and reports as well as physical preservation. Eligible properties may be owned by the state, local governments, non-profits, tribes and other applicant types. Congress appropriated \$10 million in funding for this round of grants. For more information go to <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/semiquincentennial-grant-opportunity.htm>.

March 26, 2024 The SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250) is accepting applications for FY24 Major Grants (\$15,001 - \$125,000) and Premier Project Grants (\$125,001+). Information about specific grant programs and requirements can be found at <https://southcarolina250.com/sc250grants/grant-programs/> or email info@southcarolina250.com.

March 31, 2024 (Q1 2024 deadline) T-Mobile Hometown Grants. T-Mobile awards up to \$50,000 for shovel-ready projects in small towns that foster connections, including outdoor spaces, the arts, community centers, local libraries, revitalizing historic buildings, and more. Proposals must include plans, budget, timeline, anticipated impact, and up to five letters of support. Elected officials, town managers/employees, tribal leaders, or nonprofit community leaders from small towns with population less than 50,000 can apply. Applications are accepted quarterly. Visit the [Hometown Grants webpage](#) for more information.

April 30, 2024 FY24 Historic Preservation Fund Grants. Applications and instructions for the FY24 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.

NEW April 17/June 28, 2024 SC State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) Grant. SHRAB, with assistance from SCDAH, has been awarded \$80,000 in federal grant funds to conduct a historical records regant project. Local governments, historical records repositories, and non-profits in SC that preserve and/or provide access to SC's historical records or support the state's archival community in education and training can apply for grant funding with special consideration to traditionally underserved institutions and collections, especially those focusing on SC African American and Native American history and rural areas of the state. The SHRAB is accepting Letters of Intent by April 17, 2024, and grant applications until June 28, 2024. Grant applicants are also required to attend a virtual Information Session. The grant guidelines, application and further information is available on the SCDAH [website](#).

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 <https://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply/#minigrants>.

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 <https://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply/#planninggrants>.

Monthly, The SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250) is accepting applications for FY24 Patriot Grants (up to \$15,000). Information about specific grant programs and requirements can be found at <https://southcarolina250.com/sc250grants/grant-programs/sc-american-revolution-patriot-grants/> 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](#)
[Preservation Directory](#) Grants & Funding Resources
[State Library](#) Grants Research Assistance including online webinars
[SC Grantmakers Network](#)
[Federal grants](#) Grants.gov

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