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South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference: Registration Now Open



Registration is now open for the 2025 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference to be held **Friday, April 25, 2025** at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia.

The conference features ten educational sessions, an optional tour of the archives, lunch, and networking opportunities.

Information about the conference agenda and registration is available at [this link](#). Register early as space is limited. **The early registration discount ends March 31, 2025.**

2025 SC Historic Preservation Awards: Call for Nominations



[Awards Information](#)

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2025 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. The six award categories are: Honor Awards, Stewardship Awards, Preservation Service Awards, Heritage Tourism Award, Elected Official Honor Award, and Governor's Award. The 2025 nomination form and a list of all previous recipients are available on the [Awards Information webpage](#). Questions? Contact Joanna Rothell, 803-944-9425 or joanna@preservesc.org.

The submission deadline is April 1, 2025.

FY25 Federal Historic Preservation Fund Grant Applications

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.

FY 2025 HPF Grant

Victorian Society in America Summer School Programs

The Victorian Society in America is a national non-profit organization dedicated to the historic preservation, protection, understanding, education and enjoyment of our nineteenth-century heritage. The VSA offers summer school programs based in Newport, Rhode Island, Chicago, Illinois, and London, focused on 19th- and early 20th-century architecture, design and the arts. The programs are open to graduate students, academics, architects, preservation professionals, and enthusiasts. Full and partial scholarships are offered for all three programs. More information about the summer programs and online applications can be found at <https://victoriansociety.org/summer-schools/>. All application materials are due by March 10, 2025 .

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.

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

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. Registration is now closed.

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](#).

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. Registration is now closed.

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 Traditional Building Conference, March 25-26, 2025, St. Augustine, FL. The event features two days of seminars, architectural tours, and networking. For more information please visit <https://www.traditionalbuildingshow.com/>.

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

Landmark Conference 2025, March 27-29, 2025, Sumter. The theme of this year's annual conference hosted by the Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Societies Landmark Conference is "Shaping History." For more information visit the [Landmark Conference](#) webpage or email sclocalhistory@gmail.com.

Main Street Conference, April 7-9, 2025, Philadelphia, PA. Information about registration, travel, and conference events is 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. Information about the program and registration is on the SC Archives & History Foundation [events webpage](#). Register early as space is limited.

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 theme of the 46th Annual Meeting is *From New Castle to Sussex: Big Stories from a Small State*. More information will be posted on the [2025 conference webpage](#).

Association for Gravestone Studies Annual Conference, June 17-22, 2025, York, PA. Registration will open February 5, 2025 on the [conference webpage](#).

NEW National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers Annual Conference, September 8-12, 2025, Reno, NV. More information will be 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](#).

NEW 2025 International Preservation Trades Workshop, September 11-13, 2025, St. Paul, MN. The 27th annual workshop will feature hands-on demonstrations from experts in the traditional building arts, including carpentry, timber framing, stone and brick masonry, plastering, and roofing. More information will be available on the [IPTW 2025 conference website](#).

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 will be available on the [conference website](#).

NEW 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. **Proposals for speaker sessions and speakers nominations are due April 15, 2025**. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information, and how to submit a session proposal.

NEW 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 more information visit the [conference website](#).

Upcoming Grant Application Deadlines

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/>.

March 3, 2025 National Fund for Sacred Spaces is accepting Letters of Intent for the 2025 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/>.

NEW March 4, 2025 Preservation Technology and Training (PTT) Grants. Administered by the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT), the 2025 PTT cooperative agreements are intended for projects which will create better tools, materials, and approaches to conserving buildings, landscapes, and cultural resources. The goal of the PTT Grants is to fund projects that advance the field of preservation. Applications should be innovative in nature and on the cutting edge of preservation practice. This funding opportunity is limited to cooperative agreements with Federal, State, local, and tribal governments, Native Hawaiian organizations, educational institutions, and other public entities in accordance with 54 U.S.C. § 305305(b). Click [here](#) for more information about Grant Opportunity P25AS00212.

March 18, 2025 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 (defined as ending in 1815). 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 \$7 million in funding for this round of grants, which do not require a match. For more information review the grant opportunity [P24AS00546](#).

March 31, 2025 (Q1 2025 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 and up to 25 grants are awarded each quarter. Visit the [Hometown Grants webpage](#) for more information and to apply.

April 25, 2025 NEH Disaster Recovery Grants for Humanities Collections. The Chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities has issued an open call for applications for Chair's Disaster Recovery Grants for Humanities Collections, to humanities organizations that steward collections affected by Hurricane and Tropical Storm Helene and Hurricane Milton. Emergency response and recovery activities may include salvaging humanities collections such as rare books, documents, photographs, artwork, sculptures, historical objects, audiovisual media, and digital collections. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until **April 25, 2025**. Learn more at [this link](#).

May 1, 2025 Historic Preservation Fund Grants. The application and instructions for the FY25 Historic Preservation Grants are available at [this link](#). Administered by the SHPO, the

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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](#)

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

[SC Grantmakers Network](#)

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