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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. Look for details about the program and registration in next month's newsletter. The early registration rate of \$50 will be available until March 31.

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!](#) In it you will find updates from the Commission about activities and events pertaining to African American History in South Carolina.

FY24 Federal Historic Preservation Fund Grant Applications

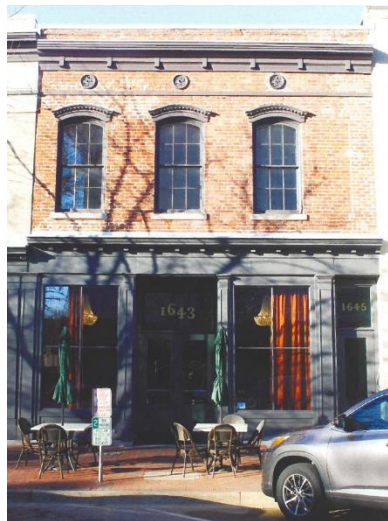
Applications and instructions for the FY 2024 federal Historic Preservation Fund subgrants are now available at [this link](#). Administered by the SHPO, these matching grants can assist two types of projects:

- ***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. 1872, 2-story masonry commercial building in the Columbia Downtown Historic District. The building was altered in the mid-20th century with a slipcover and modern storefront that obscured its historic facade. In 2022, tax credit applicants invested \$4.3 million in rehabilitation expenditures, earning \$1 million and \$860,000 in state and federal income tax credits, respectively. The project provided restaurant and apartment space. The front façade (storefront, windows, medallions, and cornice) was reconstructed using historic photographs and documentation. The project also included masonry repointing, including microscopic mortar analysis; rehabilitation of historic wood flooring; compatible new interior flooring, walls, ceiling, signage, interior plan layouts; and upgrades to the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. A representative of the tax credit applicant stated, "Working with SHPO as a liaison to NPS ensured the Standards were followed throughout the process and made it as seamless as possible for such a complex project. The tax credits were vital to making this rehabilitation work financially and retain an integral part of the city's built environment." For more information about tax incentives for historic properties visit this [link](#).



Before and after photos of 1645 Main Street, Columbia, images courtesy of the applicant.

Use of Substitute Materials on Historic Buildings

Join the National Park Service Technical Preservation Services staff for a webinar to learn more about updated guidance on the use of substitute materials on historic building exteriors (See [Preservation Brief 16](#)). The guidance takes into account factors such as availability, performance, location/visibility, code requirements, and sustainability/resilience of the proposed new and historic materials or features. NPS is offering the same webinar on two different dates. Registration is free and open to the public – please select one of the dates and use the registration links below.

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 | 2-3:30pm ET Registration link: [PB16: The Use of Substitute Materials on Historic Building Exteriors](#)

Thursday, February 22, 2024 | 2-3:30pm ET Registration link: [PB16: The Use of Substitute Materials on Historic Building Exteriors](#)

Guidance on Housing and Historic Preservation

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation recently adopted a [Policy Statement on Housing and Historic Preservation](#). The publication encourages the rehabilitation of historic buildings for housing, and seeks to harmonize historic preservation and housing goals. The policy statement provides guidance for all levels of government, community groups, nonprofit organizations, developers, and others in the private sector on the role historic buildings can play in alleviating America's housing shortage.

Latinx Preservation Toolkit Released

[Latinos in Heritage Conservation](#), a national nonprofit dedication to promoting Latinx leadership and engagement in historic preservation recently published the online [Latinx Preservation Toolkit](#).

Conferences / Workshops & Training / Events

The **National Preservation Institute** recently announced the 2024 schedule for in-person seminars, ranging from Archaeological Curation and Collections Management (Charleston, SC) to Section 106 training (Atlanta, GA, Tallahassee, FL), and Section 4(f) compliance (Nashville, TN). Click on [this link](#) for the full schedule of in-person training. Other training is available through [on-demand courses and webinars](#).

National Trust for Historic Preservation Forum training webinars on historic preservation related topics are available at no cost at [this link](#). Topics include preservation architecture, preservation law, grants & development, historic gravesites, state tax credits, preservation planning, advocacy, and more.

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.

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.

Landmark Conference 2024, March 21-23, 2024, Orangeburg. 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 will be available at <http://www.cslchs.org/landmark-conference.html>. To receive the Confederation's bi-monthly newsletter email 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 mid-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.

NEW 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>.

NEW National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, August 12-16, 2024, Wisconsin Dells, WI. More information will be posted on the [NATHPO webpage](#).

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

NEW 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

NEW February 1, 2024 African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund grants administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation provide funding for projects in four categories: Capital Projects, Organizational Capacity Building, Project Planning, and Programming and Interpretation. Grants range from \$50,000 to \$150,000. For more information visit <https://savingplaces.org/action-fund-guidelines>.

February 1, 2024, Richland County Historic Preservation and Natural Resource Grants. Nonprofits, neighborhood organizations, governmental agencies, commercial entities and other institutions can apply for Historic Preservation and Natural Resource Grants through the Richland County Conservation Commission. Both grants require a 20 percent match by the grantee.

- [Historic Preservation Grant](#): Up to \$50,000 to help preserve or restore historic buildings and cemeteries, or for educational and research projects promoting Richland County history
- [Natural Resource Grant](#): Up to \$20,000 for building trails, water quality improvement projects, green infrastructure and environmental education programs

Find grant criteria and applications [online](#).

NEW 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/>. An online 2024 Information Session will be held February 1, 2024.

NEW 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 FY 24 grants (see [SC250 Grants Overview](#)). Information about specific grant programs and requirements is [available here](#) or by email at info@SouthCarolina250.com.

NEW 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.

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>.

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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