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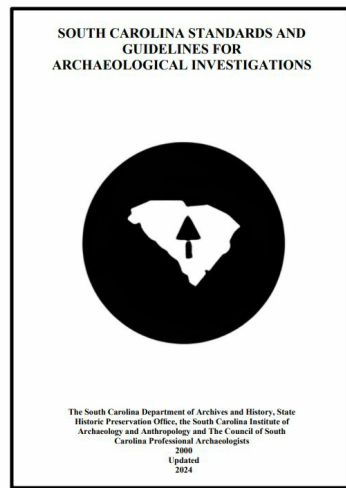
The SC Department of Archives and History, including the Reference Room, will be closed on Saturday, January 18 and Monday, January 20, 2025, in observance of the state holiday on January 20, 2025

Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology Updated

The [South Carolina Standards and Guidelines for Archaeological Investigations](#) were recently updated and now include guidance on:

- Archaeological Reconnaissance Surveys
- Archaeological Metal Detecting
- Remote Sensing in Archaeological Contexts
- Archaeological Probability Models

References to state and federal laws have been updated and includes a section on the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGRAPA).



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.

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

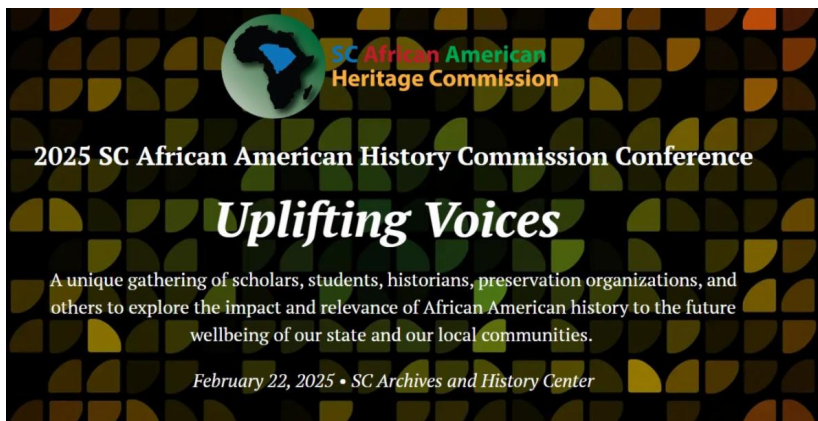
- **Stabilization Projects:** eligible projects include stabilizing historic buildings or protecting historic buildings from the adverse effects of the weather. Stabilization Projects are limited to projects located in South Carolina's [Certified Local Government \(CLG\) communities](#).

discuss your project before you apply.

FY 2025 HPF Grant

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.

SC African American Heritage Commission Conference: February 22, 2025



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 webpage](#). For more information and to receive updates about the conference email Ayanna Goines, agoines@scdah.sc.gov.

2025 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference: Save the Date



The 2025 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference will be held Friday, April 25,

2025 at the SC Archives and History Center in Columbia. Information about the program and registration will be available next month on the SC Archives & History Foundation [events webpage](#).

New National Historic Landmark in SC



On December 16, 2024 the Secretary of the Interior announced 19 new National Historic Landmarks (NHLs). One of the newly designated NHLs is the Charleston Cigar Factory, originally built in 1882. It was recognized as the site of a historic strike in 1945-46 led by African American women to improve pay, working conditions and job treatment. The strike was "highly illustrative of the post-World War II national strike wave, which was the largest in the history of the labor movement in the United States." Read more about the property's significance [here](#). The building is currently used as a commercial and educational facility.

**New NHL
Listings**

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, 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 recordings of 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.

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. 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](#).

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. For more information visit the [Landmark Conference](#) webpage or email sclocalhistory@gmail.com. **They are currently accepting awards nominations (due February 1, 2025)** for the Awards Luncheon to be held on March 28.

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 will be available next month on the SC Archives & History Foundation [events webpage](#).

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](#).

NEW Association for Gravestone Studies Annual Conference, June 17-22, 2025, York, Pennsylvania. Registration will open February 5, 2025 on the [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". Click on [this link](#) for additional information.

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. Information will be available on the

Upcoming Grant Application Deadlines

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:[P24AS00547](#). 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 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.

NEW 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 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](#).

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](#)

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

[SC Grantmakers Network](#)

[Federal grants](#) Grants.gov

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