



# State Historic Preservation Office

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### 2021 Historic Preservation Award Nominations Due March 26, 2021

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2021 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 nomination form is available at <https://preservesc.org/nominations-historic-preservation-awards/>. A PDF list of all previous recipients is available <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/resources/preservation-awards>. Questions? Contact Amy Fluetter, 803-944-9425 or [info@preservesc.org](mailto:info@preservesc.org). **The submission deadline is March 26, 2021.**

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### State Board of Review Approves Nominations to the National Register

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places met online Friday, March 19, 2021 and approved the following nominations.

- Fort Fremont Battery (Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation), St. Helena Island, Beaufort County

- James Stocker Simmons House, Charleston, Charleston County
- US Highway 25, Edgefield, Greenville and Travelers Rest vicinities, Edgefield and Greenville Counties
- Poe Hardware and Supply Company, Greenville, Greenville County
- Beverly Apartments, Columbia, Richland County

The nominations will be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service in Washington, DC who makes the final decision about listing the property in the National Register. For more information about the State Board of Review and the draft nominations visit <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/national-register/state-review-board> or contact Virginia Harness at [vharness@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:vharness@scdah.sc.gov), 803-896-6179 or Edwin Breeden at [ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov), 803-896-6182.

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**Welcome New SHPO Staff Member**

**Roberto G. Muñoz-Pando** recently joined the SHPO staff as our Archaeologist, providing reviews of projects in the Review and Compliance program for federal and state agencies. Roberto is pursuing his Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Florida, and holds a master’s degree in Archaeology of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean from the Center for Advanced Studies of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean and a bachelor’s degree in Psychology from the University of Puerto Rico.

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**FY21 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Applications Available**

Applications and instructions for the FY 2021 federal Historic Preservation Fund subgrants are available at <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/grants>. 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 Thursday, April 29, 2021.** Please contact Brad Sauls at 803-896-6172, or [bsauls@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:bsauls@scdah.sc.gov) to discuss your project before you apply.

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**Four South Carolina Sites Added to the African American Civil Rights Network**

The National Park Service (NPS) [recently announced the addition of sites](#) to [The African American Civil Rights Network](#) (AACRN) including four representing South Carolina: Harden Street Substation, South Carolina Equalization Schools, St. George Rosenwald School, and Waverly Historic District. The AACRN currently includes 45 properties, facilities, and programs, including 18 national parks. The NPS accepts applications on a rolling

basis from individuals and organizations for sites associated with the African American Civil Rights Movement. Details about the application and review process are available [online](#).

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### **Report on Federal Historic Tax Credit for Fiscal Year 2020**

The National Park Service (NPS) recently published the Federal Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020. Program activity remained high, with estimated rehabilitation costs of \$7.72 billion for preliminary certifications (Part 2s) and \$6.54 billion for final certifications (Part 3s). South Carolina ranked in the top ten in the number of Part 1 applications and in the top fifteen in the number of Part 2 (preliminary certifications) for proposed projects. The report is available at <https://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives/taxdocs/tax-incentives-2020annual.pdf>.

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### **NPS Issues New Historic Tax Credit Application Forms**

Technical Preservation Services, NPS, issued revised Historic Preservation Certification Application forms in January 2021. Each form is labeled "Rev. 2019" in the top left corner. Beginning March 1, 2021, all certification applications received in State Historic Preservation Offices must use these forms. The forms are online at <https://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives/application.htm>. Please follow the instructions to download the forms successfully.

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### **Advisory Council Report on Federal Historic Property Management**

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) recently published [\*In a Spirit of Stewardship: A Report on Federal Historic Property Management 2021\*](#). This triennial report was prepared in accordance with Section 3(c) of Executive Order 13287, "Preserve America", that requires agencies to advance the identification, protection and productive use of historic properties owned by the federal government. The report summarizes the state of the federal government's inventory of historic properties based on 22 federal agency progress reports submitted to the ACHP and the Secretary of the Interior last fall.

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### **Conferences / Workshops / Events**

Organizations continue to offer virtual programming on history and historic preservation topics including:

The **SC Archives & History Foundation** will host the last program in the **Virtual Spring Speakers Series 2021** on **April 20, noon to 1:00 pm**. Dawn Dawson House, of SC African American Heritage Commission, will present on "The Green Book." The original Green Book was an African American travel guide to safe harbors and welcoming establishments across the United States, printed until the mid-1960s. And now the first mobile travel guide to African American cultural sites across South Carolina. Created by the [SC African American Heritage Commission](#), it provides residents and visitors from around the world a user-friendly guide to discovering and celebrating enriching cultural experiences across the state of South Carolina. It is enhancing other programs like Black Carolinians Speak and the South Carolina Family Reunion Toolkit. The programs are free for SCAHF Members and \$5 for non members. Register at <https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/2021/01/25/virtual-spring-speaker-series-2021//>.

**Professional Development Webinars for South Carolina Educators.** The WeGOJA Foundation and the SC African American Heritage Commission are hosting a series of free professional development webinars for educators to help enhance their classroom instruction. The webinars provide easy-to-follow, curriculum based lesson plans, activities and resources for 3rd and 8th grade art and social studies. The material incorporates African American history and heritage into lesson plans and, through modeling, demonstrates how to address complex historical subjects in the classroom, like slavery and Civil Rights. To register visit <https://www.wegoja.org/teachers-webinars>.

**National Preservation Institute Online Training Courses.** The National Preservation Institute has launched a series of online training courses on a wide range of topics ranging from Section 106 to GIS to Historic Wood Windows to Streetscape Designs. Visit <https://training.npi.org/> for more information and listings, including several free offerings.

**NEW Rhode Island's Virtual Preservation Conference,** April 21-23, 2021, online. The Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission and partners will present Come Back to the Future, featuring two keynote speakers - George Smart (USModernist) on discovering, documenting, and preserving Modernist houses; and Kofi Boone, FASLA, on "Black Landscapes Matter" and over a dozen breakout sessions View full schedule and register (\$25) at [preservationconferenceri.com](http://preservationconferenceri.com). Student rates available.

**Vernacular Architecture Forum,** May 21-22, 2021, online. The Vernacular Architecture Forum focuses on the appreciation and study of ordinary buildings and landscapes in North America. More information about the virtual conference will be posted at <http://vernaculararchitectureforum.org/event-4046405>.

**NEW Association for Gravestone Studies Virtual Conference and Annual Meeting,** June 18-27, 2021. The Association is accepting paper submissions on all types of research related to the study of gravestones, cemeteries, or closely related topics: preservation and management issues, carver studies, marker styles and motifs, interpretative programming, burial practices, historic surveys, cemetery histories, etc. The proposal form and additional information is available at <https://www.gravestonestudies.org/conferences/annual-conference>. Due April 15, 2021.

**2021 Keeping History Above Water: Charleston Communities in Action,** Charleston. Originally scheduled for March 2021, the organizing committee plans to reschedule the conference to the Summer or Fall of 2021. For more information visit <http://historyabovewater.org/2021-charleston/>.

**Past Forward National Preservation Conference,** November 2-6, 2021. Visit <https://savingplaces.org/conference#.YANAAuhKiF4> for more information and to sign up for conference updates.

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### Grant Application Deadlines

**Monthly, SC Humanities Council Mini Grants.** The SC Humanities Council awards Mini Grants to support public humanities programs of modest cost, with awards of \$2,000 or less. Mini Grants are reviewed monthly with deadlines on the first business day of the month. For more information visit <https://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply/#minigrants>.

**Monthly, SC Humanities Council Planning Grants.** The SC Humanities Council awards Planning Grants to support preliminary work in designing a project that warrants detailed planning because of its length, scope, or cost.

Awards are \$2,000 or less. Planning Grants are reviewed monthly with deadlines on the first business day of the month. For more information visit <https://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply/#planninggrants>.

**March 31, 2021 Underrepresented Community Grant Program.** The National Park Service's Underrepresented Community Grant Program (URC) is now accepting applications for projects that contribute to diversifying the nominations submitted to the National Register of Historic Places. URC grants are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), and are administered by the NPS. Projects include surveys and inventories of historic properties associated with communities underrepresented in the National Register, as well as the development of nominations to the National Register for specific sites. Congress has appropriated \$750,000 in URC funding for FY2020. For more information on the application process, read the [funding notice](#) for P21AS00262 at Grants.Gov.

**March 31, 2021 Historically Black Colleges and Universities Grant Program.** The National Park Service's Historically Black Colleges and Universities Grant Program (HBCU) is now accepting applications for projects to fund physical preservation of National Register listed historic sites on accredited HBCU campuses. HBCU grants are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), and are administered by the NPS. Projects include pre-preservation studies, architectural plans and specifications, historic structure reports, and the repair and rehabilitation of historic properties according to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation. Congress has appropriated \$10 million in HBCU funding for FY2020. For more information on the application process, read the [funding notice](#) for P21AS00241 at Grants.gov.

**April 29, 2021 FY21 Historic Preservation Fund Grants.** Applications and instructions for the FY21 Historic Preservation Grants are available at <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/grants>. 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 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. For more information contact Brad Sauls at 803-896-6172, or [bsauls@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:bsauls@scdah.sc.gov).

**May 5, 2021 Battlefield Interpretation Grants.** The National Park Service invites applications for the new Battlefield Interpretation Grant program, created to fund "projects and programs that deploy technology to modernize battlefield interpretation and education" at eligible Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefield sites ([54 USC §3081](#)). For more information about eligible applicants, eligible projects, and the application process visit <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/battlefields/battlefield-interpretation-grants.htm>.

#### Online sources of grant information:

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

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

[Preservation Directory Grants & Funding Resources](#)

[State Library Grants Research Assistance](#)

[SC Grantmakers Network](#)

[Federal grants Grants.gov](#)

[Foundation Center Foundation Directory Online](#)

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The South Carolina Department of Archives and History is an independent state agency whose mission is to preserve and promote the documentary and cultural heritage of the Palmetto State. The department houses one of the most comprehensive state archival collections in the nation, spanning more than 325 years of South Carolina history. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), a program of the SCDAH, encourages and facilitates the responsible stewardship of South Carolina's irreplaceable historic and prehistoric places.

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