



# State Historic Preservation Office

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## Historic Preservation News and Notes March 20, 2024

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### Welcome New SHPO Staff Member

The SHPO welcomes Amanda Lee to our staff as a Historic Architecture Consultant, focusing on the state historic tax credit for homeowners and the State Historic Preservation Grant Fund. Amanda is a graduate of the Public History Program at the University of South Carolina, and most recently worked for the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center. She has also worked for several years at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (SHPO), for a small cultural resources management firm, and as a preservation planner for Stafford County in Virginia. Amanda can be reached at 803-896-6174, [alee2@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:alee2@scdah.sc.gov).

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### 2024 SC Historic Preservation Awards Call for Nominations: Due April 1, 2024

Nominations for the 2024 South Carolina Historic Preservation Awards are **due April 1, 2024**. 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 previous recipients are at [this link](#). Questions? Contact Joanna Rothell, 803-944-9425 or [joanna@preservesc.org](mailto:joanna@preservesc.org).

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### Historic Preservation Conference April 26, 2024

Registration is currently open for the 2024 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference on Friday, April 26, 2024 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. Information about the conference agenda, speakers and registration is at [this link](#). **The early registration discount ends March 31, 2024.**

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### State Board of Review Meeting: March 22, 2024

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places will meet this 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 are available at [this link](#). Questions? 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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### 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](mailto:bsauls@scdah.sc.gov) to discuss your project before you apply.

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## SC African American Heritage Commission Historical Marker Funding Program

The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission is offering 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](mailto:agoines@scdah.sc.gov).

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## Economic Impact Study on Historic Preservation in Columbia

Historic Columbia recently completed a study on the economic impact of historic preservation programs in the City of Columbia. Prepared by PlaceEconomics, the study examined the impacts of local historic districts on housing prices, the local property tax special assessment program, and heritage tourism. The study found that "The economic impacts of preservation in Columbia, South Carolina, extend far beyond the realms of architecture and history, and extend to community, affordability, tourism, and economic prosperity." The report is available at [this link](#).

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## Webinar on the Use of Substitute Materials on Historic Buildings

Join the National Park Service Technical Preservation Services staff for a webinar on April 25, 2024 from 2 – 3:30 to learn more about the 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, [use this link to register](#).

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## Conferences / Workshops & Training / Events

**NEW Traditional Building Conference**, March 26-27, 2024, Charlottesville, VA. The event features seminars (eligible for AIA continuing education credits) and tours. More information and registration can be found at [this link](#).

**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](#).

**NEW Texas Historical Commission 2024 Historic Preservation Conference**, April 3-5, virtual and Austin, TX. The Real Places 2024 conference includes an all-virtual option. For more information about the sessions, speakers and registration 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](#).

**NEW Cemetery and Monument Headstone Preservation Workshop**, April 13, 2024, Louisburg, NC. Sponsored by the Louisburg Historic District, Inc./Olde Towne Louisburg, this hands on workshop will include demonstration, lecture, and hands-on minor repair techniques. Registration is limited to 20. More event details [at this link](#). Questions? Email [info@louisburghistoricdistrict.com](mailto:info@louisburghistoricdistrict.com), or call 919-435-4046.

**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. Information about the conference agenda, speakers and registration is at [this link](#). **Early registration discount ends March 31, 2024.**

**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. Registration is now open, visit [the conference webpage](#) for more information. Registration closes May 15, 2024.

**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](#).

**NEW SC Federation of Museums Conference**, September 16-18, 2024, Laurens. Information will be posted as it becomes available at [this link](#).

**NEW Georgia Statewide Preservation Conference**, September 18-20, 2024, Columbus, GA. The conference will feature tours, educational sessions, networking and a keynote address. **Proposals for speaker sessions are being accepted through April 1, 2024.** More information is available on the [conference website](#).

**NEW Slave Dwelling Project Conference**, October 3-5, 2024, Philadelphia, PA. A call for proposals is currently open, **proposals will be accepted until April 22, 2024.** More information about submitting a proposals and conference are 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](#). [Conference session proposals are due April 30, 2024.](#)

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

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**Grant Application Deadlines**

**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](mailto: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.

**NEW April 7, 2024** **Main Street America Backing Small Businesses Grants.** In partnership with American Express, this Main Street America grant program supports small businesses with \$10,000 grants for projects that grow or improve their businesses. For more information about eligible applicants and projects and the application process visit [this link](#).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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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