



## State Historic Preservation Office

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### Historic Preservation News and Notes

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## SC Historic Preservation Conference: Early Registration Ends March 31



Registration is 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



Nominations are 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](mailto:joanna@preservesc.org).

**The submission deadline is April 1, 2025.**

## FY25 Federal Historic Preservation Fund Grant Applications Due May 1

Applications and instructions for the FY 2025 federal Historic Preservation Fund subgrants are now available at [this link](#). Administered by the State Historic Preservation Office, 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

**Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM, May 1, 2025.**

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.

**FY 2025 HPF Grant**

awards generally range from \$2,500 to \$35,000.

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## State Board of Review Meets March 21



The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places will meet this Friday, March 21, 2025 at 10:30 AM at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. The Board will consider the following nominations:

- Hebron Presbyterian Church, Johns Island, Charleston County
- St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Greenville, Greenville County
- Conway Downtown Historic District, Boundary Increase II and Additional Documentation, Conway, Horry County
- Marlboro County Training School, Bennettsville, Marlboro County
- Gallman High School, Newberry, Newberry County
- Middleburg Park Historic District, Columbia, Richland County
- Fort Mill Manufacturing Company Mill No. 2, Fort Mill, York 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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## African American Genealogy Workshop

The South Carolina Department of Archives and History is hosting an African American Genealogy Workshop on Saturday, May 17, 2025, 10:00 AM - Noon, at the SC Archives & History Center, located at 8301 Parklane Road in Columbia. The workshop will focus on pre and post emancipation government sources in the collections including census records, vital records, military records, state records, county records, and online sources. Join South Carolina Department of Archives & History Deputy Director for Archives and Records Management Patrick McCawley and Lahnice Hollister, author of "Unveiling Family Secrets: My Journey Through Archives and the Power of Historical Records" for a discussion highlighting resources and methods of genealogy research. Learn about the information available at the archives as they guide you through the process of accessing various records. The Research Room will be open with staff available to assist attendees.

This event is free but pre-registration is required. Register on line at <https://form.jotform.com/250704236785965> or email [DFoster@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:DFoster@scdah.sc.gov) or call Donna Foster at 803-896-0339.

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## 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.

**NEW May 2025: ACHP Section 106 Webinars.** The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is hosting a series of three training webinars on Section 106 in May 2025. For information on course content and registration visit <https://www.achp.gov/training/webinars>.

**Traditional Building Conference**, March 25-26, 2025, St. Augustine, FL. The event features two days of seminars, architectural tours, and networking. For more information 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](#).

**NEW National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Webinar**, March 27, 2025, 1:00 PM online. The webinar "Deconstruction vs. Demolition: Protecting Heritage and the Environment," will explore the environmental, economic and preservation benefits of deconstruction vs. demolition of historic buildings. Continuing education credits available. To register visit the [NAPC webinar website](#).

**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](mailto: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 78<sup>th</sup> 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 VAF conference webpage](#).

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**Association for Gravestone Studies Annual Conference**, June 17-22, 2025, York, PA. Registration closes on May 10, 2025, for more information visit the [conference webpage](#).

**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](#).

**2025 International Preservation Trades Workshop**, September 11-13, 2025, St. Paul, MN. The 27<sup>th</sup> 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 ASALH 110th Annual Conference**, September 24-28, 2025, Atlanta, GA. Sponsored by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, the conference will feature panels, workshops, roundtables, papers, posters and more. Information about the conference and proposals for conference sessions and posters, is on the [conference webpage](#).

**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.

**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 information visit the [conference website](#).

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## Upcoming Grant Application Deadlines

**State Library Grant Workshops:** The State Library offers workshops on grant writing and research. Visit their [Events webpage](#) for the schedule and to register.

**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 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).

**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](mailto: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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