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2026 SC Historic Preservation Conference: Call for Session Proposals



SC Historic Preservation
Conference 2026



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We are accepting proposals for Educational Sessions for the 2026 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference to be held on April 24, 2026 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. Educational Sessions can cover a variety of historic preservation topics and range in difficulty from "Preservation 101" to discussions of emerging issues. Visit the [Call for Proposals](#) for instructions on how to submit a proposal. **The deadline is December 16, 2025.**

State Board of Review Meeting: November 21, 2025

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

- St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Charleston, Charleston County
- Wehaken, Charleston, Charleston County
- Fairfield County Memorial Hospital, Winnsboro, Fairfield County
- Church of the Heavenly Rest, Hampton County
- Bracknell's Store Complex, Plum Branch, McCormick County
- Eau Claire Municipal Complex, Columbia, Richland County
- Romer Building, Columbia, Richland County
- St. James Rosenwald School, York County



The public is invited to attend the meeting. Draft nominations are posted at [this link](#). Questions? Contact Virginia Harness at vharness@scdah.sc.gov 803-896-6179 or Edwin Breeden at ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6182.

SC African American Heritage Commission 2026 Annual Conference

Annual Uplifting Voices 2026 Conference Registration Open!

February 28, 2026

SC Archives & History Center
Columbia, SC

Registration for the 2026 SCAAHC Annual Conference is officially open! Spaces fill quickly so reserve your spot sooner rather than later. The current schedule of events and registration link can be found on the [conference webpage](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Ayanna Goines, agoines@scdah.sc.gov.

November Is Native American Heritage Month

Here are several opportunities happening around the state.

Native American Studies at USC Lancaster is offering several events in November, check out the schedule at www.nativeamericanstudies.org. The Center is also hosting the 12th Annual Winter Native American Art & Craft Festival on December 6, and a Lunch and Learn lecture on December 19.

SCETV will present programming throughout November honoring the history, culture and contributions of Indigenous peoples. Links to programs can be [found here](#).

Yap Ye Iswa Festival, November 22, 2025, Catawba Cultural Center . A free event, the Festival features dancing, drumming, guided trail walks, vendor displays, and hands-on kids activities with SCDNR Archaeology. For more information follow on <https://www.facebook.com/officialcatawba>.

Annual Native American Celebration, November 15, 2025, Hagood Mill Historic Site near Pickens. The event celebrates the rich history, culture and living traditions of Native American peoples. For more information visit the Hagood Mill Historic Site website <https://visithagoodmill.com/event/native-american-celebration/>.

Charleston Church Receives Grant from the National Fund for Sacred Places

[St. Patrick Catholic Church](#) in Charleston, the city's only remaining Black Catholic parish and site of a new African American Heritage Center, is one of 30 congregations nationwide selected for funding through the National Fund for Sacred Places. The Fund is a program of Partners for Sacred Places in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. [Click here](#) to learn more about the program and the 2025 cohort of 30 congregations. The [next grant cycle](#) will launch on January 13, 2026.

Upcoming Conferences/Workshops & Training/Events

NEW **Accessing the Past: Accessibility in Historic Buildings and Facilities** , online. [This webinar](#) provides an overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Architecture Barriers Act (ABA) accessibility requirements for historic buildings and facilities.

State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places , November 21, 2025, SC Archives & History Center, Columbia. The board will consider eight nominations for the National Register of Historic Places. The public is invited to attend the meeting. Draft nominations are posted two weeks prior to the meeting at [this link](#).

NEW **Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Conference**, January 7-10, 2026, Detroit, MI. More information, including the preliminary program, is available at the [SHA conference website](#).

NEW **South Carolina Foodways: The Culture, The History, The Taste**, February 21, 2026, SC Archives & History Center, Columbia. Join the SC Archives & History Foundation for a day of enlightening information, entertaining anecdotes, and delicious food. Details will be available in early December on the [Foundation's events webpage](#).

SC African American Heritage Commission Annual Conference, February 28, 2026, SC Archives & History Center, Columbia. Contact [Ayanna Goines](#) for more information or visit the [conference webpage](#). Registration is now open.

SC Interpreters Mini-Conference, March 5-7, 2026, Columbia. The SC Interpreters Mini-Conference welcomes interpreters from across the state to come together to learn through interactive sessions, Certified Interpreter led excursions, and networking events. The Call for Proposals can be found at [this link](#), the **deadline for submissions is November 30, 2025**.

Landmark Conference 2026, March 19-21, 2026, York County. The Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Societies will hold the next Landmark Conference in York County. To receive more information about the Conference and other South Carolina history events send an email to sclocalhistory@gmail.com to be added to their e-group.

Southern Garden History Society Annual Meeting, April 10-26, 2026, Williamsburg, VA. More information is available on the [conference webpage](#).

Main Street Now, April 13-15, 2026, Tulsa, OK. Sponsored by Main Street America, the conference offers education sessions, special events, mobile workshops, and networking. More information will be available on the [conference webpage](#).

SC Historic Preservation Conference, April 24, 2026, SC Archives & History Center, Columbia. The annual conference features educational sessions on a wide range of historic preservation related topics. [Proposals for educational sessions](#) **will be accepted thru December 16, 2025**.

Vernacular Architecture Forum, May 27-30, 2026, Walla Walla, WA. The Vernacular Architecture Forum invites paper and poster proposals for its 47th Annual Meeting, "Columbia River Plateau: Atomic Space. Native Soil. Geologic Time." **The deadline for proposals is December 1, 2025**. More information can be found in the [Call for Proposals](#).

FORUM 2026: Preservation Currents, July 22-26, 2026 Minneapolis, MN. FORUM is sponsored by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions and is the only national conference focused on local historic preservation district boards and commissions. Visit the [conference webpage](#) for more information.

9th Annual Slave Dwelling Project Conference, October 1-3, 2026, North Charleston. The theme of the conference is "250 Years and Counting: Reckoning, Resilience, and Remembrance." The call for session proposals on themes surrounding the Revolutionary Era is currently open, with a **submittal deadline of November 21, 2025**. For more information visit [this link](#).

Upcoming Grant Application Deadlines

Monthly, The SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250) is accepting applications for FY26 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. SC250 also offers Major Grants (\$15,001 to \$125,000) and Premier Project Grants (\$125,001) with quarterly deadlines. Deadlines are posted on the [Grant Details](#) webpage.

December 1, 2025 SC SHRAB Microgrants Program. Using funding from the National

Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), the SC SHRAB will award up to \$1,000 each to 15 microgrant projects to provide non-competitive funding for capital support and/or essential needs purchases to benefit an archival program of South Carolina institutions housing historical records. SC SHRAB will provide funding for projects that support researcher access to their collections, including: Archival Supplies, Equipment, Furniture, and Software. There is no cost share for these microgrants. Eligible Institutions include: SC Historical Records Repositories, Local Governments, Professional Organizations, and Federally-acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups. Microgrant Guidelines and Funding Request Document are available at <https://scdah.sc.gov/sc-shrab-microgrants-program>. Questions: Erin Lowry, SHRAB Coordinator, SCSHRAB@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6128.

December 1, 2025 State Energy Office Mini-Grants Program. The US Department of Energy awarded funding to the Energy Office to fund several high-impact demonstration projects in the areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation. Eligible applicants include state agencies, local governments, public colleges/universities/technical colleges, K-12 public schools, and non-profit organizations. The maximum award value will be \$50,000. Cost sharing is not required, but leveraging of funds is encouraged in order to maximize the energy-related benefits of a project. For more information visit the [Mini-Grant Program website](#).

NEW December 10, 2025 Lighthouse Preservation Grants. The U.S. Lighthouse Society is accepting letters of interest for projects to be considered for one of the 2026 Lighthouse Preservation Grants. More information about this competitive grants program can be found on the [Grants Program webpage](#).

NEW March 3, 2026 National Fund for Sacred Places. The National Fund for Sacred Places provides technical and final support for congregations to build capacity to use and preserve historic houses of worship. The National Fund administers monies through planning grants, wrap-around training and technical assistance, and matching capital grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000. **The 2026 application will open January 13, 2026.** For more information about eligibility, resources, past recipients, and how to apply visit the [fund website](#).

NEW Partners for Sacred Places Intervention Fund, an emergency grant under the umbrella of the National Fund for Sacred Places that supports historic sacred places with building repair and recovery funds after an unanticipated emergency from extreme weather, property destruction, or urgent health and safety hazards. To learn more about the program and its grantees, please refer to the [Intervention Fund information flyer](#) or contact the Fund Director, Rachel Galton at rgalton@sacredplaces.org.

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

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