

FY 2023  
Historic Preservation State Grant Fund Awardees

The purpose of the State Grant Fund is to support historic preservation projects that benefit local communities through the physical repair and rehabilitation of South Carolina's historic buildings. \$915,000 in state funding was available for the 2023 grant application cycle. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations and institutions, local governments, and federal or state recognized Native American tribes. Grants up to \$200,000 were awarded for the stabilization and weatherization of historic buildings. A minimum 20% cash match of the Total Project Cost is required. Buildings must be listed as a contributing resource in a National Register of Historic Places historic district or individually listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Project work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

The projects listed below were selected to receive funding.

**Bull Swamp School Roof and Masonry Pier Repair** **\$200,000**

(Orangeburg, Orangeburg County)

Grant recipient: Bull Swamp Baptist Church of Orangeburg, Inc.

The Bull Swamp Colored School is one of the oldest remaining African American educational structures in Orangeburg County. Built with funds through the Works Progress Administration during Franklin Delano Roosevelt's administration, construction of this rural Orangeburg County school by local farm hands began in February 1936. Grant funds will be used to repair and weatherproof the building's exterior envelope and replace deteriorated masonry piers that support the building's floor.

**Gifford Rosenwald School Structural and Roof Repair** **\$200,000**

(Gifford, Hampton County)

Grant recipient: Town of Gifford

Historically significant due to its use in educating African American children in Hampton County during Segregation, the Gifford Rosenwald school grant funds will be used to structurally stabilize the building and weatherize it. In 1915, Sears and Roebuck President, Julius Rosenwald, established a matching grant fund in his name to construct better quality black schools throughout the South. Between 1917 and 1932, his fund assisted in the construction of over 5,000 school buildings of which nearly 500 were constructed in South Carolina.

**Manning City Hall, 16-18 N Mill Street Structural Repair** **\$115,000**

(Manning, Clarendon County)

Grant recipient: Town of Manning

As part of the larger, ongoing efforts to revitalize Manning's Commercial Historic District these grant funds will be used to stabilize the two properties for use by City Hall. Plans include roof and masonry repairs while preserving the original staircase (ca. 1905) of the Manning Hotel that once occupied the space. The building is a contributing property in the Manning Commercial Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

**Taveau Church****\$200,000**

(Cordesville, Berkeley County)

Grant recipient: Preservation South Carolina

Funds will be used to stabilize and reinforce foundations, walls, and main sill of this ca. 1835 church noted for its Classic Revival architecture. Located near Mepkin Abbey and Strawberry Chapel, the building was originally financed by Martha Caroline Swinton Ball Taveau for use as a Presbyterian church. A local black Methodist congregation used the church after her death in 1847. The building's roof will also receive a temporary covering while the doors and windows will be also protected.

**Walnut Grove Historic Site – Manor House****\$200,000**

(Roebuck, Spartanburg County)

Grant Recipient: Spartanburg County Foundation

The Spartanburg County Foundation will use the funds to reinforce damaged floor joists, sill support, and chimney repointing/repair for the ca. 1756 home of Charles and Mary Moore, operated as Walnut Grove Historic since the 1960s. Stone piers installed in the 1960s supporting the flooring system have settled unevenly and will be replaced with more historically accurate brick piers and new concrete footings.