



South Carolina African American Heritage Commission FY 23-24 Historical Marker Funding Program

The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission is pleased to announce a new program to fund state historical markers that focus on African American historic places during state fiscal year FY23-24.

State historical markers mark and interpret places important to an understanding of South Carolina's past, either as the sites of significant events, or at historic properties such as buildings, sites, structures, or other resources significant for their design, as examples of a type, or for their association with institutions or individuals significant in local, state, or national history.

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.

To be considered for funding, send a South Carolina [Historical Marker Application](#), a cover letter stating interest in this program, and all required supplementary materials to the SC Department of Archives and History Marker Program by April 30, 2024. Proposed marker topics must meet the marker Program Criteria and Guidelines listed in the application to be eligible for funding. (Please include a check for the \$250 Marker Research Fee with the application. Applications selected for funding will have their check returned as the fee will be paid on behalf of the applicant by the SC African American Heritage Commission. Applications not selected for funding will be notified and given the option to continue to have the application reviewed or request its return.)

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all available funding has been committed.

A sponsoring organization will be eligible for the cost of ONE historical marker in FY23-24. Additional costs such as paying for marker installation or holding a dedication event are not covered. Please note that individuals are not eligible to be a sponsoring organization.

Sponsoring organizations will be responsible for proposing and securing a location for the marker and installing the marker. If a dedication event is held, the SC African American Heritage Commission will be notified and invited to participate.

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