



PRESERVATION MARYLAND

Safeguarding Maryland's Rich History

INVESTING IN OUR HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS

Why Is This Funding Necessary?

In 2016, a Joint Chairmen's Report, produced by the Maryland Historical Trust and the Department of Budget and Management, identified *millions* of dollars in funding needs for historic resources across the state, particularly in rural Maryland.

Projects such as bricks-and-mortar repairs to historic structures, archaeological studies, and museum exhibits were once funded by the Maryland Historical Trust's Preservation Grant Fund, comprised of three distinct programs outlined below. After going unfunded since 2010, the Capital and Non-Capital grants programs received funding in FY18. The Museum Assistance program remains unfunded. *Current funding is still at starvation level.* We must do more to support those safe-guarding our state's rich and unique history.

Current Preservation Grant Fund: \$800k ■ Total FY19 Request: \$1.5M

Capital Grant Program

Current Funding: \$600k ■ FY19 Capital Request: \$600k

This program funded capital upgrades and repairs to certified historic structures owned by non-profits and local governments. It operated as a competitively awarded program with statewide reach and impact.

Planning & Research (non-capital grants)

Current Funding: \$300k ■ FY19 Operating Request: \$450k

This program was previously funded via the state operating budget. This program awarded competitive grants for architectural and archeological research, survey and documentation, public education, and planning projects. The program directly supported local governments' efforts to preserve places important to their constituents.

Museum Assistance Program

Current Funding: \$0 ■ FY19 Operating Request: \$450k

As Maryland is without a true 'state museum,' the tradition has been to provide support to the state's network of small, community focused museums and larger institutions via the Museum Assistance grant program. The program was used to enhance museum exhibits, visitor facilities and provide educational programming across the state.