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Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Awards 50 Grants to Support Heritage Tourism

Nearly \$2.7 million awarded

CROWNSVILLE, MD – The Maryland Department of Planning today announced that 50 matching grants totaling \$2,695,655 were awarded to Maryland non-profits, local jurisdictions and other heritage tourism organizations including museums, historic preservation, natural resources, cultural and educational organizations by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA). These grant funds support heritage tourism projects and activities that draw visitors and expand economic development and tourism-related job creation throughout Maryland (a full listing of grants is attached).

“Heritage tourism fosters sustainable business development and job creation, while making our communities more attractive places to live in and visit,” said Governor Larry Hogan. “I congratulate Maryland’s 13 Certified Heritage Areas and their tourism partners on these grant awards that will contribute to our economy and improve quality of life for Marylanders all across our state.”

The MHAA oversees Maryland’s system of 13 locally-administered, State-certified Heritage Areas. Every Maryland county and Baltimore City have at least part of a Heritage Area within their boundaries. Heritage Areas foster broad public-private partnerships to preserve and enhance the best of Maryland’s historic sites and towns, unspoiled natural landscapes, and enduring traditions. These tangible links to both place and the past encourage residents to recognize they have a special piece of the American story to treasure and share with others, and that in doing so they are contributing to the economic well-being of Maryland’s communities.

Tourism is the 10th largest private sector employer in Maryland, providing more than 143,000 jobs and \$17 billion of visitor spending annually. Maryland’s Heritage Areas contribute to Maryland tourism by saving and enhancing the places that attract heritage tourists - people who focus their travels on historic sites, museums, cultural activities, or the natural beauty of Maryland’s Atlantic and Chesapeake Bay coastal areas and Mountain Maryland. Studies show that these tourists tend to stay longer and spend more money than other categories of tourists.

The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority is an independent unit in the Executive Branch of government administered by the Maryland Department of Planning. Since its creation in 1996, the MHAA has awarded more than \$31.7 million dollars in grants and helped to leverage \$110 million in non-state funding for heritage tourism projects and activities in Maryland’s 13 Certified Heritage Areas.

To learn more about the Maryland Heritage Areas Program and the state’s 13 certified Heritage Areas, please visit mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas_program.html.

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Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Awards for Fiscal Year 2018

Summary

Total Requested Funds: \$5,510,532

Funds Awarded: \$2,695,655

Total Match Leveraged: \$4,419,472

Anacostia Trails (Maryland Milestones) Heritage Area – Prince George’s County

Total Awarded: \$230,850

Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc.

FY 2018 Management Grant

\$100,000

City of Bowie - Historic Properties

Belair Stable Museum Replacement Interpretive Panels

\$9,350

Field of Firsts Foundation, Inc.

USPS Air Mail Centennial Exhibit

\$34,000

George A. and Carmel D. Aman Memorial Trust

Bostwick House Exterior Envelope Restoration

\$87,500

Four Rivers Heritage Area (Annapolis, London Town and South County) – Anne Arundel County

Total Awarded: \$219,000

Annapolis Maritime Museum, Inc.

"White Gold: The Lure & Legacy of the Maryland Oyster"

\$35,000

Annapolis, London Town and South County Heritage Area, Inc.

FY 2018 Management Grant

\$100,000

Historic Annapolis, Inc.

A History of Annapolis in 99 Objects: Exhibit Design Development

\$50,000

The Lost Towns Project, Inc.
A Multi-Media Enhancement of Four River's African-American Heritage Trail
\$34,000

Baltimore National Heritage Area – Baltimore City

Total Awarded: \$357,200

Baltimore Herb Festival (Committee for the Preservation of Winans Chapel in Leakin Park)
Preservation of Winans Chapel in Leakin Park
\$47,025

Baltimore Heritage Area Association, Inc.
FY 2018 Management Grant
\$100,000

Historic Ships in Baltimore
USS Constellation Hull Repairs
\$70,175

National Aquarium, Inc.
Model Urban Waterfront: An Inclusive Learning Landscape
\$50,000

Pride of Baltimore, Inc.
Pride of Baltimore II's 30 Year Refit
\$90,000

Canal Place Heritage Area – Allegany County

Total Awarded: \$109,900

Canal Place Preservation & Development Authority
FY 2018 Management Grant
\$100,000

Mayor and City Council of Cumberland
Cumberland History Trail
\$9,900

Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area – Dorchester County

Total Awarded: \$235,000

Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, Inc.
The Packing House, Smokestack Stabilization
\$90,000

Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area
FY 2018 Marketing Grant
\$45,000

Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area
FY 2018 Management Grant
\$100,000

Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area – Carroll, Frederick, and Washington Counties

Total Awarded: \$305,650

Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc.
Museum of the Ironworker Development Grant
\$90,000

Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area
FY 2018 Management Grant
\$100,000

Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area
FY 2018 Marketing Grant
\$45,000

Historical Society of Frederick County
History Activities Exhibit Room
\$10,095

National Road Heritage Foundation, Inc.
Phase-5 - National Road Museum; Specifications for Exhibit Production
\$50,000

The Washington County Historical Society, Incorporated
Vertical Platform Lift for Miller House Museum ADA Project
\$10,555

Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area – Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties

Total Awarded: \$259,938

Allen Historical Society, Inc.
Huffington-Pollitt Local Museum, & Cultural Center
\$30,088

The Crisfield Heritage Foundation, Inc.
Planning Documents for the Rehabilitation of the Crisfield Customs House
\$14,588

Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum, Inc.
Interpretation & Signage Project
\$41,287

Friends of Teackle Mansion, Inc.
Teackle Mansion Restoration
\$80,000

Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Committee, Inc.
FY 2018 Management Grant
\$71,275

Lower Shore Land Trust, Inc.
Lower Eastern Shore Conservation & Heritage Center
\$22,700

Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway – Cecil and Harford Counties

Total Awarded: \$155,500

Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc.
The Restoration of the Skipjack Martha Lewis
\$40,500

Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, Inc.
FY 2018 Management Grant
\$100,000

Town of Port Deposit
Historic Tome Steps - Phase 1
\$15,000

Montgomery County Heritage Area – Montgomery County

Total Awarded: \$169,628

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture
Glen Echo Park Carousel Project
\$59,628

Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County
FY 2018 Management Grant
\$100,000

Montgomery County Historical Society
Wayfinding and Access Project
\$10,000

Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area – Garrett County

Total Awarded: \$195,000

Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
FY 2018 Management Grant
\$100,000

Highland Festival of Garrett County, Maryland, Inc.
PILOT Chautauqua Event: Celtic Roots
\$5,000

Mayor and Town Council of Oakland, Maryland
Pedestrian Gateway
\$90,000

Patapsco Valley Heritage Area – Baltimore and Howard Counties

Total Awarded: \$160,600

Ellicott City Historic District Partnership
Aiming Higher...Helping Ellicott City Get Back On Its Street
\$15,000

Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks
Barnard Fort House Rehab/Reuse Project
\$30,000

Oella Historical Society, Incorporated
Oella Cemetery Survey and Signage
\$5,600

Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc.
FY 2018 Marketing Grant
\$10,000

Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc.
FY 2018 Management Grant
\$100,000

Southern Maryland Heritage Area– Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary’s Counties

Total Awarded: \$79,543

Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland
Signage at Thomas Stone NH Site, Leonardtown, & Newtowne Neck
\$23,543

Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland
FY 2018 Management Grant
\$56,000

Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area – Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne’s, and Talbot Counties

Total Awarded: \$217,846

The Avalon Foundation, Inc.
Avalon Theatre Repair
\$90,000

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum
Restoration of the Edna E. Lockwood
\$65,000

Eastern Shore Heritage Area, Inc.
FY 2018 Management Grant
\$49,250

Kent Narrows Development Foundation
The Kent Narrows Maritime Heritage Project
\$13,596