



# State Historic Preservation Office

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## Historic Preservation News and Notes

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### FY23 Federal Historic Preservation Fund Grant Applications: Due April 27

Applications and instructions for the FY 2023 federal Historic Preservation Fund subgrants are now available at <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/grants>. Administered by the SHPO, these matching grants can assist two types of projects:

- **Survey and Planning Projects**—eligible projects include surveys of historic properties, National Register nominations, preservation education, and preservation planning.
- **Stabilization Projects**—eligible projects include stabilizing historic buildings or protecting historic buildings from the adverse effects of the weather. Stabilization Projects are limited to projects located in South Carolina's [Certified Local Government \(CLG\) communities](#).

Any local government, non-profit, or institution in South Carolina may apply for a Survey and Planning Project. Local governments, non-profits and institutions located in a CLG community may also apply for a Stabilization Project. At least ten percent of the state's annual allocation from the National Park Service must be awarded to CLGs. Grant awards generally range from \$2,500 to \$35,000. **Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM, on Thursday, April 27, 2023.** Please contact Brad Sauls at 803-896-6172, or [bsauls@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:bsauls@scdah.sc.gov) to discuss your project before you apply.

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## State Board of Review Approves Six Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places met on March 24, 2023 at 10:30 am at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia and approved the following nominations:

- Culclasure-Geiger Farmstead, St. Matthews vicinity, Calhoun County
- Hutchinson House (Additional Documentation), Edisto Island, Charleston County
- Scott's Branch High School, Summerton vicinity, Clarendon County
- Walhalla High School, Walhalla, Oconee County
- Arial Mill, Easley vicinity, Pickens County
- York Graded School, York, York County

The nominations have been forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service in Washington, DC who makes the final decision about listing the property in the National Register. More information about the State Board of Review and the draft nominations are available at [this link](#). Questions? Contact Virginia Harness at [vharness@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:vharness@scdah.sc.gov), 803-896-6179, or Edwin Breeden at [ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov), 803-896-6182.

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## Job Openings at the South Carolina SHPO

The SC Department of Archives and History is currently accepting applications for the following positions in the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office. Each job posting link includes information about the job duties, qualifications, and application process. Please share this information with those who may be interested in applying.

**African American History Consultant:** [Click here to access the Job Posting](#) on the South Carolina state jobs website <https://careers.sc.gov>. This position provides support to the SC African American Heritage Commission and promotes the recognition of African American historic places using historic preservation programs.

**Review Coordinator for Transportation Projects (Archivist IV):** [Click here to access the Job Posting](#) on the South Carolina state jobs website <https://careers.sc.gov>. This position primarily works to review SC Department of Transportation projects for impacts to historic properties and provides important support for the state's cultural resources GIS system, SC ArchSite.

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## SC Office of Resilience Releases Draft Plan Documents

The South Carolina Office of Resilience is responsible for developing and implementing a Strategic Statewide Resilience and Risk Reduction Plan (Resilience Plan). The Plan identifies major flood risks around the state and potential losses that could occur as a result of extreme weather events, including historic sites and places. In addition to the recently published [Draft Introduction](#) and [Draft Hazard Chapter](#) of the forthcoming Resilience Plan, this month SCOR published the [Draft Planning Conditions](#) chapter. Updates have also been made to the [Draft Flood Vulnerability Assessment](#). All available draft documents are on the [Resilience Planning page](#). Stay tuned for additional draft documents to be posted by June 1. SCOR continually welcomes comments and questions from the public about the draft documents. Submit feedback [here](#), or send an email to [resilience@scor.sc.gov](mailto:resilience@scor.sc.gov).

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### **Congratulations to Downtown Florence Main Street on National Award**

Downtown Florence Main Street is one of three winners of the 2023 Great American Main Street Award from Main Street America. The award program recognizes communities for their excellence in comprehensive preservation-based commercial district revitalization. Sponsored by The Hartford and selected by a national jury of community preservation professionals and leaders in the fields of economic development. The award noted over \$300 million in public and private reinvestment since the program began in 2002. Read more about the award at [this link](#).

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### **May is Preservation Month**

Check out the [web](#) resources from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to help celebrate Preservation Month 2023, with the theme "People Saving Places". And watch for the May 9 announcement of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places.

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### **HistoriCorps Announces 2023 Projects**

HistoriCorps is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides volunteers of all skill levels with a hands-on experience preserving historic structures on public lands across America. Volunteers work with HistoriCorps field staff to learn preservation skills and put those skills to work saving historic places that have fallen into disrepair. Volunteer opportunities are at <https://historicorps.org/2023-upcoming-volunteer-projects/>.

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### **Nominate a Preservation Project for Best of the South Award**

Each year the Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH) selects a recipient for the Best of the South: Preserving Southern Architecture Award. Established in 2006, the Best of the South (BOTS) Award honors a project that preserves, rehabilitates, or restores a historic property – including a building, a structure, or a complex of buildings and/or structures – in an outstanding manner, and demonstrates excellence in research, design, and execution. Projects with a public interpretation component are encouraged, but not required. Eligible projects for the BOTS Award must be located in the twelve-state SESAH region. **The deadline for submitting nominations is June 1, 2023.** [Find more information here.](#)

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### **Conferences / Workshops & Training / Events**

The **Advisory Council on Historic Preservation** offers a wide range of training options from free online e-Learning Courses, to Section 106 webinars (registration required), and Classroom Training (currently digital classrooms). More information is available at <https://www.achp.gov/training>.

**South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference**, April 28, 2023, Columbia. This one day event will feature a range of educational sessions on preservation, history, and research topics. Please call the Archives and History Foundation's office for registration availability at 803-896-0339.

**NEW MidModSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Preservation Month Walking Tour**, Columbia, May 6, 2023. The tour will include Modernist buildings on the campus of the University of South Carolina, such as the Thomas Cooper Library, designed by Modernist “starchitect” Edward Durrell Stone and SC’s own Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle, & Wolff (LBC&W), as well as Capstone House, also designed by LBC&W. [Tickets](#) are \$10 (\$5 for students), Questions? Contact Caroline Wilson, MidModSC president at [Caroline.Wilson@ryan.com](mailto:Caroline.Wilson@ryan.com).

**Keeping History Above Water**, May 7-9, 2023, Portsmouth, NH. For more information, please visit <https://historyabovewater.org/>.

**Vernacular Architecture 2023 Annual Meeting**, May 18-20, 2023, Plymouth, MA. More information, including the schedule and costs, is available at <https://www.vafweb.org/conference>.

**Association for Gravestone Studies Conference and Annual Meeting**, June 20-25, 2023, University of Denver, CO. Additional details will be posted on the [AGS website](#) as they become available.

**Docomomo US 2023 National Symposium “Complexities of the Modern American City”**, June 21-24, 2023, New Haven, CT. The Docomomo US National Symposium is the primary event in the United States for those interested in the preservation of modern architecture. More information is available at <https://www.docomomo-us.org/events/national-symposium>.

**NEW American Association for State and Local History Conference**, September 6-9, 2023, Boise, ID. Click on [this link](#) for more information about the conference, based on the theme “I, Too, Am America”.

**NEW Georgia Statewide Historic Preservation Conference**, September 13-15, 2023, Augusta, GA. The conference will be presented by the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation and the Georgia Historic Preservation Division (HPD). More information will be posted on the [conference web page](#). **They are accepting session proposals until July 14, 2023.**

**NEW Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH) Conference**, September 27-30, 2023, Little Rock, AR. **SESAH is accepting proposals for paper sessions until May 4, 2023** from architectural, landscape, preservation, and urban historians; independent scholars and architects; architectural theorists; museum curators; and other scholars in related fields, as well as undergraduate and graduate students in these fields. Please submit paper and/or session proposals via email at [papers@sesah.org](mailto:papers@sesah.org). Grants are available to fund conference travel for undergraduate/graduate students and emerging professionals. Find more information [here](#).

**NEW Preservation North Carolina 2023 Annual Conference**, October 4-6, 2023, Durham, NC. More information about the program and registration will be posted on <https://www.presnc.org/experience/conference/>. **They are accepting session proposals until April 30, 2023.**

**NEW Window Preservation Summit V**, October 8-13, 2023, Bledsoe, KY. The Window Preservation Standards Collaborative (WPSC) is hosting Window Preservation Summit V on October 8-13 at the Pine Mountain Settlement School in Bledsoe, KY. Check out details at <https://windowstandards.org/>.

**NEW Commemoration and Memorialization of Historic Cemeteries Research Symposium**, October 9-10, 2023, Clemson. Sponsored by the Woodland Cemetery and African American Burial Ground Historic Preservation Project and Legacy Council at Clemson University, the conference is currently accepting proposals for panels or individual papers that address topics related to memorialization, community engagement, documentation, and

cemetery care (see full list of topics and instructions in the [Call for Papers](#)). **Proposals submitted by July 31, 2023 will receive full consideration.**

**NEW American Revolution Symposium**, November 18, 2023, Columbia, SC. Save the date for the annual symposium featuring programs and exhibits on the American Revolution in South Carolina. The complete schedule and registration will be available in July 2023.

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## Grant Application Deadlines

**April 27, 2023 FY23 Historic Preservation Fund Grants.** Applications and instructions for the FY23 Historic Preservation Grants are available at <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/grants>. Administered by the SHPO, the matching grants can assist two types of projects: Survey and Planning and Stabilization. Any local government, non-profit, or institution in South Carolina may apply for a Survey and Planning Project. Local governments, non-profits and institutions located in a CLG community may also apply for a Stabilization Project. At least 10% of the state's annual allocation from the National Park Service must be awarded to CLGs. Grant awards generally range from \$2,500 to \$35,000. For more information contact Brad Sauls at 803-896-6172, or [bsauls@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:bsauls@scdah.sc.gov).

**May 9, 2023** The **SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250)** is accepting applications for the FY 2022-2023 grants (see [SC250 Grants Overview](#)). This fiscal year, SC250 also officially launches the following competitive grant programs: (*click on the grant type for details*): [Museum Style Panel Grants](#), [Local Activities Grants](#), [County Asset Assessment & Tourism Plan Grants](#), [Research Grants](#), [Publication Grants](#), [Education Grants](#), [Signage & Marker Grants](#), [Site Grants: Planning, Acquisition, Development, and Renovation](#). Apply for grants through the [Discover SC WebGrants program portal](#). [Click here](#) for step-by-step registration instructions. Competitive grants will be reviewed quarterly. **Upcoming deadline:** Q4: 5/9/23 at 3:00 PM.

**NEW June 1, 2023 National Trust Preservation Funds.** Grants from the National Trust Preservation Funds encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects and are awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies, with the majority of funds awarded to planning and education programs. Grants are awarded annually in three competitive rounds. For more information and to learn how to apply visit <https://savingplaces.org/grants#.XcBeJVKjDA.4>.

**NEW July 11, 2023 History of Equal Rights Grants Program.** The National Park Service is now accepting applications for the [History of Equal Rights \(HER\) grant program](#). Congress has appropriated \$5 million for the FY 2023 grants. Grant projects fund physical preservation or pre-preservation of sites associated with efforts to achieve equal rights. The History of Equal Rights grants are not limited to any specific group and are intended to include the broadest possible interpretation of equal rights for any American.

**NEW July 18, 2023 Underrepresented Communities Grants.** The National Park Service's [Underrepresented Communities Grant Program](#) (URC) is now accepting applications for FY2023 competitive grants. The National Park Service's Underrepresented Communities Grant Program (URC) works towards diversifying the nominations submitted to the National Register of Historic Places. Projects include surveys and inventories of historic properties associated with communities underrepresented in the National Register, as well as the development of nominations to the National Register for specific sites. Congress has appropriated \$1.25 million for the 2023 URC Grant Program.

**NEW August 9, 2023 SC Humanities Major Grants.** Major Grants (\$2,000 - \$10,000) support public programs designed to be accessible by a broad audience, to serve citizens in urban, rural, and small-town settings, and to make possible humanities programs that illuminate and enrich the lives of both audiences and scholars. Drafts are strongly encouraged and will be accepted any time prior to the deadline. For more information visit <http://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply> or contact [tjwallace@schumanities.org](mailto:tjwallace@schumanities.org).

**Monthly, SC Humanities Council Mini Grants.** SC Humanities awards Mini Grants to support public humanities programs of modest cost, with awards of \$2,500 or less. Applications are reviewed monthly with deadlines on the first business day of the month. For more information, please visit <https://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply/#minigrants>.

**Monthly, SC Humanities Council Planning Grants.** SC Humanities awards Planning Grants to support preliminary work in designing a project that warrants detailed planning because of its length, scope, or cost. Awards are \$2,500 or less. Planning Grants are reviewed monthly with deadlines on the first business day of the month. For more information, please visit <https://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply/#planninggrants>.

#### Online sources of grant information:

[Historicfunding database](#)

[National Park Service State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division](#)

[National Trust for Historic Preservation Special Grant Funds](#)

[Preservation Directory Grants & Funding Resources](#)

[State Library Grants Research Assistance](#)

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