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Happy Holidays!

Please note that the Research Room of the SC Department of Archives and History will be closed December 22-26, 2023, for the Christmas holiday and January 1, 2024, for the New Year's Day holiday.

Historic Preservation State Grant Fund: Applications Due December 31, 2023

The South Carolina Department of Archives & History is pleased to announce that the Historic Preservation State Grant Fund is accepting applications. 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. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, local governments, and federal or state recognized Native American tribes.

Grants ranging from \$40,000 to \$200,000 will be awarded to stabilization and weatherization projects 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, 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 application deadline is December 31, 2023.** The application and additional information about grant requirements are [available here](#).

SC African American Heritage Commission Conference

Registration is now open for the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission conference which will be held February 22, 2024 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. More information is posted on the [Commission's website](#) including the conference program and link to register online. To receive emails about the conference, please contact Ayanna Goines at agoines@scdah.sc.gov.

[Subscribe to the SC African American Commission Newsletter!](#) In it you will find updates from the Commission about activities and events pertaining to African American History in South Carolina.

History Makers: South Carolina Women Who Persevered

Be inspired by women who used their skills, their talents, and their grit to overcome the challenges set before them as they strove to succeed. Registration is now open for this February 24 2024 informative and entertaining program, sponsored by the SC Archives & History Foundation, on the lives of women who came from different backgrounds but all had a drive to accomplish their goals. Lunch is included in the registration fee. Register and view the complete schedule [here](#). The event will be at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. **Register early for discounted registration.** Questions, contact Donna Foster at dfoster@scdah.sc.gov.

FY24 Federal Historic Preservation Fund Grant Applications Now Available

Applications and instructions for the FY 2024 federal Historic Preservation Fund subgrants are now available at [this link](#). 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 Tuesday, April 30, 2024.** Please contact Brad Sauls at 803-896-6172, or bsauls@scdah.sc.gov to discuss your project before you apply.

Tax Credit Spotlight

Constructed in 1961, this three-story masonry office building in the Columbia Commercial Historic District was recently rehabilitated into apartments. The building was heavily altered in the late-20th century with inappropriate windows in historically blank walls, wholesale coverage of historic granite panels, removal of the storefront system, and significant interior changes. In 2022, the owners completed a historic rehabilitation of the building valued at \$9.36 million, earning them State and Federal income tax credits. The rehabilitation

project included compatible replacement granite on the façade, windows, and storefront; compatible repairs to the brickwork; compatible interior treatments to the layout, flooring, walls, ceilings, and doors; retention of the existing stairs and elevator; and a minimally visible, new construction rooftop addition. Describing how the tax credits assisted the rehabilitation, the property owner stated, "Without historic rehabilitation tax incentives, this project never would have happened. Period. Converting an office building to apartments is a difficult and expensive endeavor that would not have been possible without historic rehab incentives." For more information about tax incentives for historic properties visit this [link](#). (Images courtesy of the applicant)



National Preservation Awards Nominations

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is accepting nominations for the National Preservation Awards that honor individuals, projects, organizations, or historic sites open to the public that have impacted their communities through historic preservation. **Submissions are due January 12, 2024.** Awards will be presented at the PastForward conference in New Orleans October 28-30, 2024. [Click here](#) to learn more.

The Living New Deal Project

Check out this [interactive map](#) showing every New Deal project in the country. To learn more, visit the [Living New Deal website](#) for information about New Deal-era history, art, and more.

Conferences / Workshops & Training / Events

National Trust for Historic Preservation Forum training webinars on historic preservation related topics are available for free at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLk9GN_xSQe41PtmvLRrKuPPWW_oDS-DJy. Topics include preservation architecture, preservation law, grants & development, historic gravesites, state tax credits, preservation planning, advocacy, and more.

NEW SC Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, January 22, 2024, Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Join the SC Hall of Fame as they induct Rudy Mancke, "Smokin' Joe" Frazier, and Francis Salvador. More information is at the [Official South Carolina Hall of Fame website](#).

2024 SC African American Heritage Commission Conference, February 22, 2024, at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. The conference program and registration link are on the [Commission's website](#). For more information contact Ayanna Goines at agoines@scdah.sc.gov.

NEW History Makers: South Carolina Women Who Persevered, Saturday, February 24, 2024, Columbia. Registration is now open for this informative and entertaining program, sponsored by the SC Archives & History Foundation, on the lives of women who came from different backgrounds but all had a drive to accomplish their goals. Lunch is included in the registration fee. View the complete schedule at <https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/category/news-events/>. Contact Donna Foster at dfoster@scdah.sc.gov if you have any questions.

NEW Landmark Conference 2024, March 21-23, 2024, Orangeburg. Sponsored by the Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Societies with local support from the Cecil Williams Civil Rights Museum and other Orangeburg organizations. Information will be available at <http://www.csclhs.org/landmark-conference.html>. To receive the Confederation's bi-monthly newsletter email sclocalhistory@gmail.com.

NEW 2024 Historic Preservation Advocacy Week, March 4-7, 2024, Washington, DC. Sponsored by the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, Advocacy Week features preservation policy training and briefings, tours, networking, and opportunities to connect with Congressional members and staff. For more information visit <https://preservationaction.org/advocacyweek/>.

South Carolina Historical Association Annual Meeting, March 30, 2024, Florence. The theme of the annual meeting is "History Teaches". For more information, please visit [this link](#). A call for papers is currently open until **December 31, 2023**.

National Council on Public History, April 10-13, 2024, Salt Lake City, UT. The theme of this year's conference is "Historical Urgency". For more information, please visit the [2024 conference webpage](#).

South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference, April 26, 2024, Columbia. This one-day event will feature a range of educational sessions on preservation, history, and research topics. Program and registration information will be available on the SC Archives and History Foundation's [events webpage](#) by mid-February.

Main Street NOW Conference, May 6-8, Birmingham, AL. Join commercial district revitalization leaders from across the country for three days of educational sessions, special events, field sessions, and tours. For more information visit <https://www.mainstreet.org/howwecanhelp/mainstreetnow>.

Vernacular Architecture 2024 Annual Meeting, June 12-16, 2024. More information is available at <https://www.vafweb.org/conference>.

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions FORUM, July 31 – August 4, 2024, West Palm Beach, FL. FORUM is the only national conference that focuses on issues facing local historic preservation boards and commissions. For more information visit <https://www.napcommissions.org/forum>.

NEW PastForward National Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Conference, October 28-30, 2024, New Orleans. **Conference programming proposals and nominations for National Preservation Awards due January 12, 2024**. More details at <https://savingplaces.org/conference>.

Grant Application Deadlines

December 19, 2023, Save America's Treasures Grants. The National Park Service is accepting applications for the [Save America's Treasures](#) (SAT) grant program. The SAT program provides preservation and conservation assistance to nationally significant historic sites and collections. \$26.5 million will be competitively awarded. A dollar-for-dollar, non-Federal match, is required, which can be either cash or documented in-kind services. SAT is administered by the National Park Service (NPS) in partnership with the [National Endowment for the Arts](#) (NEA), the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) (NEH), and the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) (IMLS). Preservation projects fund physical preservation of historic buildings, sites, structures, and objects. Collection projects include conservation of artifacts, museum collections, documents, sculptures, and works of art. To apply for funding for preservation projects go to opportunity number P23AS00499. To apply for funding for collections projects go to opportunity number is P23AS00500.

December 31, 2023, Historic Preservation State Grant Fund. Administered by the SC Department of Archives and History, the state-funded grant program will award grants ranging from \$40,000 to \$200,000 for the stabilization and weatherization of historic buildings in South Carolina. Eligible applications are nonprofit organizations, local governments, and federal or state recognized Native American tribes. 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 the National Register, or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Project work must meet the [Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation](#). For more information and to access the grant application (a fillable PDF) visit <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/grants/state-grants>.

NEW January 10, 2024, SC Humanities Major Grants. Major Grants (up to \$15,000) 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.

NEW January 16, 2024 Preservation Technology & Training Grants. Administered by the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT), the grants focus projects that will create better tools, better materials, and better approaches to conserving buildings, landscapes, and cultural resources. [Click here](#) for more information from grants.gov.

January 17, 2024, The National Park Service's [Historically Black Colleges & Universities Grant Program](#) (HBCU) is now accepting applications for FY2023 competitive grants. HBCU grants are funded by the Historic

Preservation Fund (HPF), administered by the NPS, and fund a broad range of pre-preservation planning activities and physical preservation work for historic sites that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or as a National Historic Landmark. Congress has appropriated \$11 million for the HBCU Grant Program. For more information and to apply for the HBCU Grant Program visit [Grants.gov: P23AS00501](https://www.grants.gov). Any accredited Historically Black Colleges & Universities are eligible to apply for funding. For a list of eligible institutions, please visit the [National Center for Education Statistics College Navigator database](#).

NEW February 1, 2024, Richland County Historic Preservation and Natural Resource Grants. Beginning Friday, December 1, nonprofits, neighborhood organizations, governmental agencies, commercial entities and other institutions can apply for Historic Preservation and Natural Resource Grants through the Richland County Conservation Commission. Both grants require a 20 percent match by the grantee.

- [Historic Preservation Grant](#): Up to \$50,000 to help preserve or restore historic buildings and cemeteries, or for educational and research projects promoting Richland County history
- [Natural Resource Grant](#): Up to \$20,000 for building trails, water quality improvement projects, green infrastructure and environmental education programs

Find grant criteria and applications [online](#).

March 26, 2024, The **SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250)** is accepting applications for FY 24 grants (see [SC250 Grants Overview](#)). Information about specific grant programs and requirements is [available here](#) or by email at info@SouthCarolina250.com.

NEW April 30, 2024, FY24 Historic Preservation Fund Grants. Applications and instructions for the FY24 Historic Preservation Grants are available at [this link](#). 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.

Monthly, SC Humanities Council Mini Grants. SC Humanities awards Mini Grants to support public humanities programs of modest cost, with awards of \$5,000 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 \$5,000 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 Grant Funds](#)

[Preservation Directory Grants & Funding Resources](#)

[State Library Grants Research Assistance including online webinars](#)

[SC Grantmakers Network](#)

[Federal grants Grants.gov](#)

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