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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 to discuss your project before you apply.

2023 Historic Preservation Conference: Registration Open

The statewide historic preservation conference will be held at the Archives & History Center in Columbia on Friday, April 28 2023. The conference brochure and online registration are now available on the SC Archives & History Foundation's website at <https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/category/news-events/> Direct link to [Conference Brochure](#). Direct link to [Conference Registration Form](#). Questions? Contact Donna Foster at dfoster@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-0339 or Elizabeth Johnson at ejohnson@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6168.

2023 SC Historic Preservation Awards Call for Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2023 South Carolina Historic Preservation Awards. Sponsored by Preservation South Carolina, the SC Department of Archives and History, and the Office of the Governor, the Historic Preservation Awards recognize exceptional accomplishments in the preservation, rehabilitation, and interpretation of South Carolina's architectural and cultural heritage. The six award categories are: Honor Awards, Stewardship Awards, Preservation Service Awards, Heritage Tourism Award, Elected Official Honor Award, and Governor's Award. The 2023 nomination form and a list of all previous recipients are available at <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/resources/preservation-awards> . Questions? Contact Joanna Rothell, 803-944-9425 or joanna@preservesc.org. **The submission deadline is April 1, 2023.**

Dan Elswick Retires from SHPO

Dan Elswick, who served as senior historic architecture consultant with the State Historic Preservation Office since 1986 has recently retired. During his career Dan had a significant impact influence on the rehabilitation of hundreds of historic buildings as well as the state's preservation policies and programs. Dan facilitated hundreds of federal historic income tax credit projects from historic downtown commercial buildings to historic schools and historic textile mills, representing over \$1 billion invested in successfully completed rehabilitation projects. He also generously shared his knowledge with countless property owners, architects, contractors, students, and design review board members and staff, perhaps most memorably as the "Building Doctor" donning white coat and making "house calls" to offer advice to property owners. Dan was recognized with the 2012 National Historic Preservation Award in the State Historic Preservation Office category by the Secretary of the Interior, and more recently with a Lifetime Achievement Award from Historic Columbia in 2020.

Historic Architecture Consultant Job Opening at SHPO

The SC Department of Archives and History is currently accepting applications for a Historic Architecture Consultant position. [Click here to access the Job Posting](#) on the South Carolina state jobs website <https://careers.sc.gov/>. The job posting includes information about the job duties, qualifications, and application process. The position will manage the state historic tax credit program for homeowners, the new Historic Preservation State Grant Fund, and conduct reviews of historic buildings projects for compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for a range of SHPO programs. Please share this information with those who may be interested in applying.

Review Coordinator for Transportation Projects Job Opening at SHPO

The South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office is currently accepting applications for the Review Coordinator for Transportation Projects (Archivist IV). The position primarily works to review SC Department of Transportation projects for impacts to historic properties, and also provides important support for the state's cultural resources GIS system, SC ArchSite. [Click here to access the Job Posting on https://careers.sc.gov](https://careers.sc.gov) for more information about the position and how to apply. Please share this information with those who may be interested in applying.

Sign Up for Federal Preservation Grant Announcements from NPS

The State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants (STLPG) Division of the National Park Service manages eleven competitive and formula grant programs funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF). These grant programs assist with a variety of historic preservation projects through partnerships with State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, local communities, and preservation organizations across the 50 states, the District of Columbia, 5 territories, and the 3 Freely Associated States. To receive notices about funding opportunities sign up for their bulletin, details are found [here](#).

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 Historical Association Annual Meeting, March 4, 2023, Newberry College, Newberry. For more information, please visit <https://www.scha1931.org/>.

National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week, March 6-8, 2023, Washington, DC. The event includes preservation advocacy, legislative visits, networking, tours, and meetings with preservation partners.

Illicit Pleasures: Colorful Stories of South Carolina's Sometimes Scandalous Past, Saturday, March 18, 2023, Columbia. Join the SC Archives & History Foundation for an afternoon of entertaining and informative stories from our past. This fundraiser for the Foundation ends with a happy hour where you can discuss the program and share your own stories with friends both old and new. Please visit the Foundation website at [this link](#) for the complete program and registration. Space is limited and pre-registration is highly recommended. \$75 per person until March 1, 2023, \$95 per person beginning March 2 through March 18, 2023.

State Board of Review Meeting for the National Register of Historic Places, March 24, 2023, Archives & History Center, Columbia. For more information, please visit <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/national-register/state-review-board>. The draft nominations will be posted online two weeks prior to the meeting.

Main Street NOW Conference, March 27-29, 2023, Boston, MA. Join commercial district revitalization leaders from across the country for three days of educational sessions, special events, field sessions, and tours. For more information, please visit <https://www.mainstreet.org/howwecanhelp/mainstreetnow>.

National Council on Public History, April 12-15, 2023, Atlanta, GA. For more information, please visit the [2023 conference webpage](#).

Landmark Conference 2023, April 13-15, 2023, Florence. Save the date for the next Landmark Conference, sponsored by the Confederation of SC Local Historical Societies. More information will be made available through the [CSCLHS website](#) and through periodic emails, <http://www.csclhs.org/contact.html>.

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. Registration information will be posted on the [SC Archives and History Foundation News & Events webpage](#) by late February.

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>.

Johns Island Preservation Field School, May 22-June 9, 2023, Johns Island. The field school will focus on researching and documenting late 19th and early 20th century public buildings and their role within the African American community on Johns Island. Participants will learn from archivists, scholars, and local community educators about life in the community during the Jim Crow and Civil Rights periods and how to document the physical fabric and cultural narratives associated with historic buildings and landscapes. For more information visit <https://jifieldschool.org/>.

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>.

Grant Application Deadlines

February 28, 2023 Preservation Technology and Training Grants (PTT Grants). The PTT Grants are administered by the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT), the National Park Service's innovation center for the preservation community. The competitive grants program provides funding to federal agencies, states, tribes, local governments, and non-profit organizations to support the following activities: Innovative research that develops new technologies or adapts existing technologies to preserve cultural resources (typically \$20,000) Specialized workshops or symposia that identify and address national preservation needs (typically \$15,000 to \$20,000) How-to videos, mobile applications, podcasts, best practices publications, or webinars that disseminate practical preservation methods or provide better tools for preservation practice (typically \$5,000 to \$15,000). The maximum grant award is \$20,000. The actual grant award amount is dependent on the scope of the proposed activity. NCPTT does not fund "brick and mortar" grants. More information on the grant can be found in the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

March 31, 2023 Hometown Grants. T-Mobile has created a grant program to award up to \$50,000 to grantees to building, rebuild or refresh community spaces. In the most recent round, Myrtle Beach received a grant to replace and install 24 new interpretive signs at Bathsheba Bowens Memorial Park, educating visitors about the local African American culture, history, and environment. For information, please visit <https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants>.

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.

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>.

Open for Applications, USDA - Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grants. This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area. [Learn more & apply here.](#)

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](#)
[SC Grantmakers Network](#)
[Federal grants](#) Grants.gov

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The South Carolina Department of Archives and History is an independent state agency whose mission is to preserve and promote the documentary and cultural heritage of the Palmetto State. The department houses one of the most comprehensive state archival collections in the nation, spanning more than 325 years of South Carolina history. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), a program of the SCDAH, encourages and facilitates the responsible stewardship of South Carolina's irreplaceable historic and prehistoric places.

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