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Historic Preservation State Grant Fund Applications Due January 31, 2023

The South Carolina Department of Archives & History is accepting applications for the new Historic Preservation State Grant Fund. 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 and institutions, local governments, and federal or state recognized Native American tribes.

Grants ranging from \$40,000 to \$200,000 will be awarded for the stabilization and weatherization 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 in 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 for the 2023 applications is 5:00 PM on January 31, 2023.** To access the application and for additional information about the grant's requirements please visit <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/grants/state-grants>.

FY23 Federal Historic Preservation Fund Grant Applications Now Available

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.

Tax Credit Spotlight

This month's spotlight features a c. 1920 two-story, Colonial Revival residence in Greenville that is individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for its locally significant Rustic architecture and construction method of facing the exterior with undressed rock. From 2020 to 2021, a historic rehabilitation project was completed which earned the homeowners a state income tax credit equal to 25% of eligible expenses. The rehabilitation of the property included sensitively cleaning the stonework using the gentlest means possible; replacing the electrical wiring and HVAC system, wood siding deteriorated beyond repair with matching siding, non-historic windows with more appropriate lite-patterns, and the deteriorated roof with a material compatible with the visual character of historic slate; repairing plaster wall finishes and historic windows and doors; restoring hardwood flooring, the east entry portico, the historic kitchen footprint, and fireplaces; and compatible site work. For more information about the homeowner tax credit program, please visit <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/tax-incentives/homeowner>.



Pre-rehabilitation photograph of the residence. Image courtesy of Preservation South, Inc.



Post-rehabilitation photograph of the residence. Image courtesy of Preservation South, Inc.

FY 2021-2022 Report on the Use of Historic Tax Incentives in South Carolina

The State Historic Preservation Office recently released the annual report on the use and administration of the federal historic tax credit and the state historic tax credit in South Carolina. The report is available [here](#).

National Trust for Historic Preservation Accepting Award Nominations

The National Preservation Awards, presented annually are given to individuals, nonprofit organizations, public agencies and corporations for a wide range of contributions to the preservation of architectural and cultural heritage. Awards are given in several categories. For more information visit <https://savingplaces.org/awards>.
Nominations are due February 24, 2023.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Training and Workshops

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, several are scheduled for February 2023), and Classroom Training (currently digital classrooms). More information is available at <https://www.achp.gov/training>.

Conferences / Workshops & Training / Events

NEW National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, Webinar Series, February 2, 2023, online. Join the National Alliance for Preservation Commissions for a free webinar on "Design Review with Limited Resources: Working Without Preservation Staff." To learn more about the webinar and to register, please visit <https://www.napcommissions.org/webinar-series>.

23rd Annual NATHPO Conference, February 13-17, 2023, Cherokee, NC. The theme of National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO) conference is "Voices of Truth: Our Knowledge, Our Power."

Registration, which is limited to 300, is currently open. For more information about the program and to register visit <https://www.nathpo.org/23rd-annual-nathpo-conference/>.

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.

NEW 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.

NEW 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/>.

NEW 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

January 31, 2023 Historic Preservation State Grant Fund. Administered by the SC Department of Archives and History, this new 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 and institutions, 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 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), please visit <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/grants/state-grants>.

NEW February 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. The majority of funds are awarded to planning and education programs. Grants are awarded annually in three competitive rounds. For more information and to apply, please visit <https://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/preservation-funds>.

NEW February 1, 2023 Richland County Historic Preservation Grants. Administered by the Richland County Conservation Commission, grants up to \$50,000 will be awarded to help restore historic buildings and cemeteries, as well as educational and research projects promoting Richland County history. A 20% match is required. Apply at [this webpage](#). For more information, call John McKenzie at 803-576-2083 or email mckenzie.john@richlandcountysc.gov.

February 7, 2023 Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program. The National Park Service is accepting applications for the FY2022 [Paul Bruhn Revitalization Grants Program](#). The Bruhn program provides recipients (referred to as prime grantees) with a single grant that is then regranted in smaller amounts to individual projects (subgrants) in rural communities. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, Certified Local Governments, State Historic Preservation Offices, and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices. Eligible subgrant properties must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places or determined eligible for listing, and must be located within rural (non-urban) communities with populations less than 50,000 according to the 2020 U.S. Census. Click on [this link](#) for more information.

February 9, 2023 The **SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250)** is now 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. All grants must be applied for through the [Discover SC WebGrants program portal](#). [Click here](#) for step-by-step registration instructions. Competitive grants will be reviewed quarterly. **Upcoming deadlines:** Q3: 2/9/23 at 3:00 PM, Q4: 5/9/23 at 3:00 PM.

NEW 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](#).

NEW 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>.

NEW 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
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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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