



# State Historic Preservation Office

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### **2024 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference: Proposals Due December 15, 2023**

We are accepting proposals for Educational Sessions for the 2024 conference to be held on April 26, 2024 at the SC Archives & History Center. Educational Sessions can cover a variety of historic preservation topics and range in difficulty from "Preservation 101" to discussions of emerging issues. See the [Call for Proposals](#) for instructions on how to submit a proposal. **Deadline is December 15, 2023.**

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### **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 [501(c)(3)], 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. To access the application and for additional information about grant requirements visit [this link](#).

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### **Welcome New SHPO Staff Member**

The SHPO welcomes Mary Sherrer to our staff as the Review Coordinator for Transportation Projects, focusing on reviews of projects from the SC Department of Transportation, the statewide survey of historic properties, and SC ArchSite. Mary is a graduate of the Public History program at USC with a focus in Historic Preservation. She previously worked with the History Department at USC on the Pinckney papers editorial and digitization projects. Prior to that, she was the Director for the Scarborough-Hamer Foundation at the Kensington Plantation, and a historian with TRC, where she completed countywide survey projects, National Register nominations, and 106 reviews. Mary can be reached at [msherrer@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:msherrer@scdah.sc.gov), 803-896-6184.

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### **2024 SC African American Heritage Commission Conference**

The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission is planning a conference for February 22, 2024 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. More information is posted on the [Commission's website](#). If you would like to receive emails about the conference, please contact Ayanna Goines at [agoines@scdah.sc.gov](mailto: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.

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### **State Board of Review Approves 4 Nominations**

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places met on Friday, November 17, 2023 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia and approved the following four nominations:

- McGhee Block, Aiken, Aiken County
- McCormick County Office Building, McCormick, McCormick County
- Holly Hill Downtown Historic District, Holly Hill, Orangeburg County
- Augustus Belton and Margaret Wheeler Groce House, Lyman, Spartanburg County

The SHPO will forward the nominations to the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service in Washington, DC who makes the final decision about listing the properties 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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### **Tax Credit Spotlight**

This month's spotlight features a c. 1920 two-story, Colonial Revival residence in Greenville that is individually eligible for listing on 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, the homeowners completed a historic rehabilitation project that earned a state income tax credit equal to 25% of eligible expenses. The rehabilitation of the property included:

- gently cleaning the stonework;
- replacing the electrical wiring and HVAC system, wood siding deteriorated beyond repair in-kind, 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 this [link](#). (Before and after images courtesy of Preservation South, Inc.)

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### **Input Sought on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation**

The National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) has launched a [survey](#) to assess how stakeholders interact with and perceive the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. NCSHPO developed the survey as part of the ongoing national discussion of the efficacy of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. If you have experience working with the Standards, you are encouraged to submit a response to the [survey](#). **The deadline to complete the survey is December 15, 2023.**

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

**2024 SC African American Heritage Commission Conference**, February 22, 2024 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. More information will be posted soon on the [Commission's website](#). If you would like to receive emails about the conference, please contact Ayanna Goines at [agoines@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:agoines@scdah.sc.gov).

**NEW 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. The [Call for Proposals for educational sessions is now open with a deadline of December 15, 2023](#).

**NEW 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>.

**NEW 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>.

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### Grant Application Deadlines

The National Preservation Institute offers a free online web course “Finding New Sources of Funding in Challenging Times: An Introduction.” Click on [this link](#) for more information.

**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. For more information about the SAT grant program: <http://go.nps.gov/sat>.

**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>.

**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](https://www.grants.gov): [P23AS00501](#). 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](#).

**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](mailto:info@SouthCarolina250.com).

**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](#).

**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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