



# State Historic Preservation Office

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### In Memoriam

News from the SC Battleground Preservation Trust: [Doug Bostick's Enduring Legacy](#)

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### Job Opening at the South Carolina SHPO

The SC Department of Archives and History is currently accepting applications for a Historic Architecture Consultant in the State Historic Preservation Office. The position will manage the state historic tax credit program for homeowners, the Historic Preservation State Grant Fund, and conduct reviews of historic building projects for compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for a range of SHPO programs. Click on [this job link](#) for more information about the position and application process. Please forward the information about the job opening to those who might be interested in applying. Applications will be accepted until the closing date of October 29, 2023, after which the job may be re-posted as needed until filled.

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### Historic Preservation State Grant Fund Now Accepting Applications

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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### **Call for Proposals for the 2024 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference**

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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### **SC African American Heritage Commission Updates**

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 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).

[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 Meeting: November 17, 2023**

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places will meet on Friday, November 17, 2023 at 10:30 am at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. The Board will consider the following 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 public is welcome to attend the meeting. Draft nominations will be posted two weeks prior to the meeting at this [this link](#). Questions? Contact Virginia Harness at [vharness@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:vharness@scdah.sc.gov), 803-896-6179 or Edwin Breedon at [ebreedon@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:ebreedon@scdah.sc.gov), 803-896-6182.

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### **Vernacular Architecture Forum Seeks Award Nominations**

The Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF) offers a number of awards and fellowships to promote and support vernacular architectural fieldwork and scholarship, as well as the dissemination of research. Prizes are awarded to recognize the contributions to the study of vernacular architecture. Information about applying and past winners can be found on the VAF website at: <https://www.vafweb.org/awards>. The deadline for these award nominations is November 15, 2023. The 2024 awards, prizes and fellowships will be presented at the 45th annual VAF conference in Keweenaw, Michigan, June 12-15, 2024.

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### **National Park Service Issues New Guidance on the Use of Substitute Materials**

*Preservation Brief 16: The Use of Substitute Materials on Historic Building Exteriors* has been updated and revised to address additional instances when the use of substitute materials may be appropriate and provides a path for decision-making in their use. The Brief also includes an expanded and updated list of various building features and potential substitute materials which may be considered for use as possible replacement materials, consistent with the Standards.

The Planning Successful Rehabilitation Projects related guidance, *Evaluating Substitute Materials in Historic Buildings*, has been similarly updated and revised.

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

**PastForward National Preservation Conference**, November 8-10, 2023, Washington, DC. Information about the program and registration is available on the [conference webpage](#).

**Southern Historical Association (SHA) 2023 Annual Conference and Public Square**, November 9-12, 2023, Charlotte, NC. Registration is now open for the 89th Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association (SHA). For more details please visit <https://www.thesha.org/meeting>. This year's conference will also include the SHA's second annual Public Square, where attendees can engage publically oriented historical and cultural institutions based in the Charlotte area and other parts of North Carolina. Please visit <https://www.thesha.org/public> to see the full Public Square schedule. For more information on the Square, please contact Edwin Breeden at [ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov) or 803-896-6182.

**State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places Meeting**, November 17, 2023, Columbia. For more information visit <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/national-register/state-review-board>. Draft nominations are posted online two weeks prior to the meeting.

**American Revolution Symposium**, November 18, 2023, Columbia. Registration is now open for this annual event featuring programs and exhibits on the American Revolution in South Carolina. The program and registration are available at <https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/2023/01/31/2023-5th-annual-american-revolution-symposium/>.

**National Council on Public History**, April 10-13, 2024, Salt Lake City, UT. For more information visit the [2024 conference webpage](#).

**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).

**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.

**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

**NEW 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, this 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 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: [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](#).

**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 \$5,00 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>.

**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).

**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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Past issues are [available on the SHPO website](#).

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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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