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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](#).

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.**

Save the Date: 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 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.

State Board of Review Approves 5 Nominations

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places met on Friday, July 28, 2023 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. The Board approved the following nominations:

- Maude Callen Clinic, Pineville, Berkeley County
- Pleasant Grove School, Alcolu, Clarendon County
- Borden Ice Cream Factory, Greenville, Greenville County
- Greenville Pepsi-Cola Bottling Plant, Greenville vicinity, Greenville County
- Sims High School, Union, Union County

The SHPO has forwarded 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, 803-896-6179, or Edwin Breeden at ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6182.

Phillips Community Listed in the National Register of Historic Places

The Phillips Community Historic District in Mount Pleasant was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on September 7, 2023. This is the first place in South Carolina to be listed as a Traditional Cultural Place (TCP), with Phillips being listed for its association with Gullah Geechee culture. The 415 acre district is a remarkable example of an intact postbellum rural freedmen's community, retaining settlement patterns, historic landscape features, and original plat lines that have defined the community for over a century. It represents the self-sufficiency and self-reliance of Black rural communities in the wake of the Civil War and their efforts to maintain autonomy and freedom through agricultural practices. Today, approximately 85% of the residents within the Phillips Community descend from the original Black farmers who occupied and purchased the lots during the Reconstruction era and maintain core aspects of regional Gullah culture through agriculture, commerce, and social and religious customs.

Job Opening at the South Carolina SHPO

The South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office is 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 provides important support for the state's cultural resources GIS

system, SC ArchSite, and the statewide survey program. 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.

Report on the Impact of the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF)

A new report prepared by PlaceEconomics for the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers examines the impact of the past 20 years of the Historic Preservation Fund. The HPF is an important source of funding for programs administered by state preservation offices and tribal historic preservation offices as well as competitive grants. Click [here](#) to read *The Cumulative Impact of the Historic Preservation Fund*.

Conferences / Workshops & Training / Events

2nd Annual Preserving Historic Cemeteries Workshop, September 21, 2023, Columbia. Information about the program and registration is available on the SC Archives & History [Foundation events webpage](#).

Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH) Conference, September 27-30, 2023, Little Rock, AR. Find more information [here](#).

Preservation North Carolina 2023 Annual Conference, October 4-6, 2023, Durham, NC. Please visit <https://www.presnc.org/experience/conference/> for more information.

Window Preservation Summit V, October 8-13, 2023, Bledsoe, KY. The Window Preservation Standards Collaborative (WPSC) is hosting Window Preservation Summit V at the Pine Mountain Settlement School in Bledsoe, KY. Check out details at <https://windowstandards.org/>.

Commemoration and Memorialization of Historic Cemeteries Research Symposium, October 9-10, 2023, Clemson. Sponsored by the Woodland Cemetery and African American Burial Ground Historic Preservation Project and Legacy Council at Clemson University, the conference will include panels, workshops, and individual papers related to memorialization, community engagement, documentation, and cemetery care. More information is available at [this link](#), including a virtual (online) registration option.

Association for Preservation Technology International Annual Conference, October 9-14, 2023, Seattle, WA. The conference sessions are organized into three tracks – technology in historic preservation, environment (resilience and natural disasters), and cultural heritage. More information about the schedule and registration is on the [conference webpage](#).

NEW Novogradac Historic Tax Credit Conference, October 12-13, 2023, Charlotte, NC. More information is at [this link](#). Please contact events@novoco.com or 415-356-7970 if you have further questions or need assistance.

Southeastern Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting, October 25-28, 2023, Chattanooga, TN. Meeting details and registration information is available at [this link](#).

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 or 803-896-6182.

NEW 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/>.

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

NEW 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.

NEW 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 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. **They are currently accepting proposals for educational sessions, panels, and roundtables, with a deadline of October 9, 2023.** For more information and to submit a proposal visit <https://www.napcommissions.org/forum>.

Grant Application Deadlines

October 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 learn how to apply visit <https://savingplaces.org/grants#.XcBeJVKjDA.4>.

October 10, 2023 African American Civil Rights Grants Program. The [African American Civil Rights Grant Program](#) (AACR) assists projects that document, interpret, and preserve sites and stories telling the full story of African American civil rights. There are two separate grant funding opportunities, the AACR History Grants and AACR Preservation Grants. AACR Grants are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), administered by the

NPS, and will fund a broad range of preservation projects including survey and inventory, National Register nominations, oral histories and more. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and do not require non-Federal funding match. Congress has appropriated \$24 million in FY2023 funding for History and Preservation projects. Please see the [Grant Announcement](#) for more information.

NEW 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>.

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>.

NEW 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.

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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