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Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grants Fund Local Heritage Tourism Projects Over \$630,000 in funding to go to Carroll, Frederick, and Washington Counties

Frederick, MD - The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority has announced the results of its latest project grant round, with awards totaling more than \$5 million across the state's thirteen certified Heritage Areas. Applicants located within the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, encompassing parts of Carroll, Frederick, and Washington Counties were awarded a total of \$636,899.37 to support heritage tourism projects that support local economies, drive tourism, and share the unique history of our region.

"We are very pleased to be announcing these grants for our Heritage Area communities," said Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area Board President Kristen McMasters. "So much work is represented in all the high-quality applications from organizations located within the Heritage Area. There's a high level of competition for this grant funding from the State, and it is gratifying to see so many strong organizations working towards preserving, interpreting and promoting our significant historical sites."

CARROLL COUNTY

Hampstead
Manchester
Mount Airy
New Windsor
Sykesville
Taneytown
Union Bridge
Westminster

FREDERICK COUNTY

Brunswick
Burkittsville
Emmitsburg
Frederick
Middletown
Mount Airy
Myersville
New Market
Rosemont
Thurmont
Woodsboro

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Boonsboro
Clear Spring
Funkstown
Hagerstown
Hancock
Keedysville
Sharpsburg
Smithsburg
Williamsport

Projects in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area receiving funding are as follows:

- Catocin Furnace Historical Society: \$80,000 for stabilization for the future interpretation of the ironmaster's mansion
- Civil War Preservation Inc.: \$90,000 for Acquisition of the Jacob Avery Tract at Antietam National Battlefield
- Friends of Cunningham Falls State Park and Gambrill State Park, Inc.: \$5,675.37 Civilian Conservation Corps Exhibit at Gambrill State Park
- Friends of Halfway African American Cemetery: \$13,000 for public access and fencing at Halfway African American Cemetery
- Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau, \$25,000 for legal rights and production materials for the House on Jonathan Street documentary
- Main Street Middletown, MD, Inc.: \$25,800 for implementing recommendations from the Visitor Experience Plan for the Welcome Center at 19 W. Main Street
- African American Resources – Cultural and Heritage Society: \$47,500 for fabrication and installation of the Amaze project
- City of Westminster: \$90,000 for Phase II interior environment stabilization at the historic Durbin House
- Washington County Free Library: \$17,424 for Preservation Microfilm of rare historic newspapers
- Tourism Council of Frederick County: \$47,500 for Frederick County Visitor Center Exhibit Redesign
- Westminster Cemetery Company: \$20,000 for digital enablement of the Historic Westminster Cemetery Records

In addition to the project grants listed above, the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area was awarded grants of \$100,000 for management of the heritage area, \$50,000 for marketing the heritage area, and \$25,000 to be distributed as mini-grants to stakeholders in the region.

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