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Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area announces FY17 mini-grant program

Frederick, MD - The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA), a certified heritage area encompassing parts of Carroll, Frederick and Washington counties, announces its FY17 mini-grant program.

The Heart of the Civil War is offering competitive mini-grants between $500 and $2,500 to heritage sites, nonprofit organizations, and government units to develop new and innovative programs, partnerships, exhibits, tours, events, and other heritage tourism-related initiatives that are consistent with the goals and priorities stated in the HCWHA management plan (available at heartofthecivilwar.org). Grant-funded projects must take place within the geographic boundaries of the heritage area.

A grant workshop will be held in conjunction with the Grant Seeker’s Resource Center at Frederick County Public Libraries on Thursday, September 8, at the Thurmont Regional Library. This workshop is free and open to anyone interested in grant funding opportunities. Participants may opt in to any of the skill building sessions between 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. For a complete schedule or to RSVP, email Auni Gelles at agelles@fredco-md.net. Attendance is encouraged but not required for applicants to both of the Heritage Area’s grant programs—mini-grants due on Friday, October 21, 2016, as well as the larger state Project Grants, with a winter deadline.

The mini-grant guidelines and application form are available online at heartofthecivilwar.org. Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact Auni Gelles, HCWHA Assistant Director, at agelles@fredco-md.net or (301) 600-4031 to discuss grant projects or application questions.

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