**Grant Funding Opportunities**

**in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area**

This is a list of grant funding opportunities that may be used to match Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area grants. Note that all information is subject to change, especially deadlines and total available funding. Please contact each organization for additional information.

**Ausherman Family Foundation: General Grants**

* Award amount(s): $2,500+ | Total available: Variable
* Deadline: Rolling basis; organizations can only be awarded one General Grant in a 12 month period.
* Eligible organizations: Nonprofit organizations located/working in Frederick County
* Matching requirement: Not required but preferred
* Focus: Education, Arts & Culture, Public/Society Benefit (among others)
* More info: http://www.aushermanfamilyfoundation.org/grant-opportunities/general
* Contact: Leigh Adams, Director, ladams@aushermanfamilyfoundation.org, (301) 620-4443

**Ausherman Family Foundation: Capacity Building Grants**

* Award amount(s): $2,500-$25,000 | Total available: Variable
* Deadline: Letters of Inquiry are due January 15 and July 15.
* Eligible organizations: Nonprofit organizations located/working in Frederick County. Organizations can only be awarded one Capacity Grant in a 12 month period.
* Matching requirement: Not required but preferred
* Focus: Education, Arts & Culture, Public/Society Benefit (among others)
* More info: http://www.aushermanfamilyfoundation.org/grant-opportunities/general
* Contact: Leigh Adams, Director, ladams@aushermanfamilyfoundation.org, (301) 620-4443

**Community Foundation of Frederick County: Impact Grants**

* Award amount(s): Variable | Total available: $217,000 (FY17)
* Deadline: September 15, 2016
* Eligible organizations: Nonprofits and government agencies for programs in Frederick County
* Matching requirement: Not required but preferred
* Focus: Programs that impact historic preservation, the arts, agriculture, civic causes, education, youth programs, in Frederick County
* More info: http://www.cffredco.org/receive/grants
* Contact: Pilar Olivo, Director of Community Impact, p.olivo@FrederickCountyGives.org, (301) 695-7660

**Community Foundation of Washington County: Mary K. Bowman Fine Arts Fund**

* Award amount(s): Max (2016): $10,700 | Total available: $63,133 (2016)
* Deadline: April 1
* Eligible organizations: Nonprofit organizations based in or impacting Washington County
* Matching requirement: Not required but preferred
* Focus: financial support for current charitable and educational initiatives that preserve and maintain historical and cultural properties in Washington County. It also promotes the fine arts, remembrances in history, and historic preservation.
* More info: http://www.cfwcmd.org/grants/mary-k-bowman-fine-arts-fund/
* Contact: Kristy Smith, Programs and Donor Relations Manager, kristys@cfwcmd.org, (301) 745-5210

**Delaplaine Foundation: Grants**

* Award amount(s): $500+ | Total available: Variable
* Deadline: November 1
* Eligible organizations: Qualified nonprofit organizations with a preference towards activities in Frederick County
* Matching requirement: not required but preferred
* Focus: Historical Documentation, Exhibition and Preservation (among other aspects in support of community enrichment)
* More info: http://delaplainefoundation.org/html/eligibility.htm
* Contact: Marlene Young, President, myoung@delaplainefoundation.org, (301) 662-2753

**Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area: Mini-Grants**

* Award amount(s): $500-$2,500 | Total available: $10,000/year
* Deadline: October 21, 2016
* Eligible organizations: Nonprofits and government units for projects in Heritage Area (portions of Carroll, Frederick, and Washington Counties)
* Matching requirement: 1:1 with non-state funds; at least 75% cash
* Focus: Heritage tourism in relation to HCWHA Management Plan
* More info: http://www.heartofthecivilwar.org/stakeholders/mini-grants
* Contact: Auni Gelles, Assistant Director, agelles@fredco-md.net, (301) 600-4031

**Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area: Project Grants**

* Award amount(s): Max: $50,000 (non-capital); $100,000 (capital) | Total available: $2.6 million/year
* Deadline: ITA due in January; application due in late February
* Eligible organizations: Nonprofits and government units for projects in Heritage Area (portions of Carroll, Frederick, and Washington Counties)
* Matching requirement: 1:1 with non-state funds; at least 75% cash
* Focus: Heritage tourism in relation to HCWHA Management Plan
* More info: http://www.heartofthecivilwar.org/stakeholders/project-grants
* Contact: Auni Gelles, Assistant Director, agelles@fredco-md.net, (301) 600-4031

**Maryland Humanities: Mini-Grants**

* Award amount(s): Max: $1,200 | Total available: $6,000 (FY15)
* Deadline: March 1, July 1, and November 1
* Eligible organizations: Nonprofits and government entities for projects in Maryland
* Matching requirement: 1:1 (cash or in-kind)
* Focus: Public humanities projects, documentary film, and civic education initiatives.
* More info: http://www.mdhumanities.org/grants/grant-programs/
* Contact: Marilyn Hatza, Program Officer for Grants and Strategic Partnerships, mhatza@mdhumanities.org, (410) 685-4187

**Maryland Humanities: Major Grants**

* Award amount(s): Max: $10,000 | Total available: $81,600 (FY15)
* Deadline: LOIs due March 1 and September 1; proposals due April 15 and October 15
* Eligible organizations: Nonprofits and government entities for projects in Maryland
* Matching requirement: 1:1 (cash or in-kind)
* Focus: Use the humanities as the central resource to engage diverse groups and individuals through programming like exhibits, community dialogues, and documentary films, etc.
* More info: http://www.mdhumanities.org/grants/grant-programs/
* Contact: Marilyn Hatza, Program Officer for Grants and Strategic Partnerships, mhatza@mdhumanities.org, (410) 685-4187

**Maryland State Highway Administration: Recreational Trails Program**

* Award amount(s): Max: $40,000 | Total available: $1,000,000/year
* Deadline: July 1
* Eligible organizations: Nonprofit organizations and government agencies
* Matching requirement: At least 20%
* Focus: Recreational trails (biking, hiking, equestrian, etc.)
* More info: http://www.sha.state.md.us/Index.aspx?PageId=98
* Contact: Terry Maxwell, Maryland Scenic Byways/Recreational Trails Program, tmaxwell@sha.state.md.us, (410) 545-8637

**Preservation Maryland: Heritage Fund**

* Award amount(s): $1,000-$10,000 | Total available: $70,000-$80,000 annually
* Deadline: August and February
* Eligible organizations: Nonprofit organizations and local jurisdictions
* Matching requirement: At least 10% (cash or in-kind)
* Focus: Protection of endangered cultural resources through the support of bricks & mortar, planning & feasibility and education & research projects
* More info: http://preservationmaryland.org/programs/heritage-fund-grants/
* Contact: Margaret De Arcangelis, Preservation Services Director, mdearc@presmd.org, (410) 685-2886 x 302

**Rural Maryland Council: Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance**

**Fund (MAERDAF)**

* Award amount(s): Max: $30,000 | Total available: $555,917 (FY17)
* Deadline: July 15
* Eligible organizations: Rural-serving nonprofit organizations
* Matching requirement: Not required but preferred
* Focus: Planning, economic and community development, and agricultural
* and forestry education
* More info: http://rural.maryland.gov/maerdaf/
* Contact: Charlotte Davis, Executive Director, rmc.mda@maryland.gov, (410) 841-5772

**Rural Maryland Council: Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF)**

* Award amount(s): No maximum | Total available: $944,612 (FY17)
* Deadline: August 15
* Eligible organizations: Regional councils, local government agencies, nonprofits, community colleges, colleges/universities
* Matching requirement: Required – Entrepreneurship - 50%; Health Care - 50%; Infrastructure - 75% or more
* Focus: Regional Planning and Development Councils, Regional Infrastructure Projects, Rural Entrepreneurship, and Rural Health Care Organizations
* More info: http://rural.maryland.gov/maerdaf/
* Contact: Charlotte Davis, Executive Director, rmc.mda@maryland.gov, (410) 841-5772

**Tourism Council of Frederick County: Tourism Reinvestment in Promotion & Product (TRIPP) Advertising Grant**

* Award amount(s): $1,500-$20,000 | Total available: $126,000 (FY17)
* Deadline: March 31 *\*FY17 grants have been made. FY18 round will open in winter\**
* Eligible organizations: Nonprofit organizations promoting tourism in Frederick County
* Matching requirement: 1:1 cash
* Focus: Advertising for programs/projects that bring overnight visitors to Frederick Co.
* More info: http://www.visitfrederick.org/tripp
* Contact: Patsy Ensminger, Operations Director, pensminger@fredco-md.net, (301) 600-4043

**Tourism Council of Frederick County: Tourism Reinvestment in Promotion & Product (TRIPP) Development Grant**

* Award amount(s): $1,500-$15,000 | Total available: $54,000 (FY17)
* Deadline: March 31 *\*FY17 grants have been made. FY18 round will open in winter\**
* Eligible organizations: Nonprofit organizations promoting tourism in Frederick Co.
* Matching requirement: 1:1, can be up to 25% in-kind
* Focus: Create new reasons for visitors to want to overnight in Frederick Co.
* More info: http://www.visitfrederick.org/tripp
* Contact: Patsy Ensminger, Operations Director, pensminger@fredco-md.net, (301) 600-4043

**The Grant Seeker’s Resource Center of Frederick County Public Libraries**
The Grant Seeker's Resource Center (GSRC) is a member of the Foundation Center’s Funding Information Network, through the generosity of the Ausherman Family Foundation.  Grant seekers have the opportunity to search the Foundation Center’s comprehensive electronic databases of grant makers and grants from the public computer workstations at the C. Burr Artz Public Library. Additionally, the GSRC offers both reference and circulating materials, free workshops and webinars, and aid to finding and navigating related Web resources. The GSRC collects information in subject areas concerning the world of philanthropy, nonprofit management and board development, grant seeking, fundraising and proposal writing and is available during regular library hours.  For more information or to schedule individual appointments with the Grants Librarian, Marian Currens, email mcurrens@frederickcountymd.gov or call 301-600-3769.

*Note: You may also wish to discuss project funding with the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership, a multi-state national heritage area and scenic byway which includes all of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area. Contact President/CEO Bill Sellers, bill@jthg.org, (540) 882-4929.*