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

Frederick, MD - The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA), a certified heritage area encompassing parts of Carroll, Frederick and Washington counties, announces $10,000 in mini-grant awards to nine local nonprofit organizations:

- **C&O Canal Trust**: $928 for a brochure to encourage visits to the historic Canal Towns and C&O Canal NHP
- **City of Hagerstown**: $500 for a brochure on Hagerstown's role in World War I
- **City of Westminster**: $1,425 for a brochure highlighting Carroll County's railroad history
- **Community Fund of Carroll County - Corbit’s Charge Anniversary Committee**: $1,267 for Corbit's Charge commemorations
- **Francis Scott Key Memorial Foundation**: $1,500 for interpretive wayside panel on Barbara Fritchie at Mount Olivet Cemetery
- **Historical Society of Frederick County**: $1,280 for Hands on History program cards for children
- **The Tourism Council of Frederick County**: $1,500 for *Maryland's Heart of the Civil War* DVDs and accompanying programs
- **Washington County Historical Society**: $1,100 for evaluating interpretation at Miller House Museum
- **Weinberg Center for the Arts**: $500 for rack card promoting 90th anniversary

The grants range between $500 and $2,500 and are intended 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. The total investment in these projects is $32,539.

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