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Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area announces FY18 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 FY18 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.

Two free grant workshops will be held in September for prospective applicants to mini-grants and larger Maryland Heritage Area Authority <u>Project Grants</u>. Workshops will be held Monday, September 11 at the Boonsboro Free Library and Wednesday, September 13 at the Thurmont Regional Library. Both workshop days cover the same material and participants are welcome to attend all or some of the sessions. For a complete schedule or to RSVP, email Emily Huebner at <u>emily@heartofthecivilwar.org</u>. Attendance is encouraged but not required for applicants to both of the Heritage Area's grant programs. Mini-grant applications are due by Friday, October 20, 2017, and MHAA <u>Project Grants</u> will have a winter deadline.

The mini-grant guidelines and <u>application form</u> are available online at <u>heartofthecivilwar.org</u>. Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact Emily Huebner, HCWHA Assistant Director, at <u>emily@heartofthecivilwar.org</u> or (301) 600-4031 to discuss grant projects or application questions.

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