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**Local Organizations to Receive Grants from Maryland Heritage Areas Authority**

**Frederick, MD** – On July 9, the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority voted to approve \$2.6 million in funding for heritage tourism projects across the state. Of the 52 projects funded in this competitive state program, five organizations in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area will receive grants for the 2016 fiscal year. The Heart of the Civil War is one of 13 designated Heritage Areas in the state.

- The **National Road Heritage Foundation** will receive \$50,000 to plan, write and design interpretive exhibits for a new National Road Museum in Boonsboro. The museum will narrate the importance of the story of the National Road to Boonsboro, Washington County and the Civil War in Maryland.
- The **Historical Society of Carroll County** will receive \$23,116 to restore the facades of the Kimmey House (built c. 1800) and the Shellman House (1807)—two of the oldest surviving brick structures in the city of Westminster. The Kimmey facade restoration will include painting as well as the installation of interior storm windows and reproduction shutters and hardware. The focus at Shellman will be shutters.
- The **Catoctin Furnace Historical Society** will receive \$14,000 for their Catoctin Furnace African American Cemetery Commemoration Project. The two-part project includes forensic analysis and archival research to identify the familial relationships, geographical origins, and living conditions of enslaved laborers who were buried at the Catoctin Furnace African American Cemetery between 1790 and 1840, as well as exhibit development and programming at the new Catoctin Furnace Museum of the Ironworker.
- The **C&O Canal Trust** will receive \$7,500 to develop the final phase of their Plan Your Visit mobile app. The Plan Your Visit app will include information about the C&O Canal National Historical Park, nine Canal Towns, three Heritage Areas, and Maryland Scenic Byways.

In addition to the project grants listed above, the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area was awarded a \$40,000 marketing grant for promotion of the Carroll, Frederick and Washington counties as a destination for Civil War travelers, and a \$100,000 grant for management of the heritage area. For each of these projects, state support is matched dollar for dollar with other funding. The total investment leveraged by MHAA project, marketing and management grants awarded to Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area exceeds \$400,000.

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