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## Record-Breaking Grant Awards from MD Heritage Areas Authority to Benefit Local Organizations

**Frederick, MD--** On July 11, 2019 the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) approved \$5 million in funding for heritage tourism projects across Maryland's 13 certified heritage areas. In the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, eighteen local heritage tourism projects in Carroll, Frederick, and Washington Counties received grant awards totaling \$796,063.

Executive Director Elizabeth Scott Shatto, said, "We've come a long way since the first year MHAA grant funding was available to us. In July 2006, six grants supported efforts of five organizations in our three counties, totaling \$262,640 in grant funds. This year, 18 grants will support work by 16 different organizations, ranging from small all-volunteer non-profits such as the Historic Rocky Springs Chapel and School House, to municipalities such as Emmitsburg and New Market, to National Park Service projects benefiting Antietam National Battlefield and the C & O Canal National Historic Park." She went on to note that, "this year's round includes funding for major theater improvement projects in Westminster and Frederick—a recognition that heritage travelers do not live by history alone, but seek destinations with a diverse array of visitor experiences." A brick wall restoration for a historically African American church and a second phase of the Hagerstown Cultural Trail are also among the projects that will benefit from heritage area grants.

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The 18 projects in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area receiving funding are the following:

- Antietam National Battlefield for new Visitor Center exhibits, \$50,000
- Asbury United Methodist (UM) church for Asbury brick restoration, \$9,473
- Carroll County Arts Council for theatre renovation, \$60,000
- Catoctin Furnace Historical Society for the Collier Log House rehabilitation project, \$17,600 and "Forged in Bone: Facial Reconstructions of Catoctin Furnace's Enslaved Workers," \$38,540
- Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park for Education & Interpretive Plan in Williamsport, \$50,000 and for Williamsport C&O Canal Visitor Center engineering and design, \$100,000
- Civil War Preservation for Joseph Gaber Farm, \$10,000
- Town of Emmitsburg for Emmitsburg historical wayside exhibits, \$12,062
- Friends of Cunningham Falls State Park and Gambrill State Park for Catoctin Furnace Iron Master's House ruins stabilization Phase IV, \$15,000
- City of Hagerstown for Hagerstown Cultural Trail Phase II: Extension and Wayfinding, \$100,000

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- Historic Rocky Springs Chapel for stabilization of Rocky Springs School House (built 1839), \$13,455
- Historical Society of Frederick County for Faces of Frederick County, \$10,236
- Main Street Middletown for rehabilitation of 19-21 West Main Street, \$15,525
- Town of Thurmont for two gateway signs for two of the entrances into the Town of Thurmont, \$12,259
- Town of New Market for Visitor Experience Plan, Town of New Market, \$6,895
- Washington County Historical Society for Miller House Museum Military Exhibit Enhancement, \$25,018
- Weinberg Center for the Arts for the Weinberg Center for the Arts Marquee, \$100,000

In addition to the project grants listed above, the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area was awarded grants of \$100,000 for management of the heritage area, \$25,000 for marketing the heritage area, and \$25,000 to be distributed as mini-grants to stakeholders in the region.

For each of these MHAA grants, state support is matched dollar for dollar with other funding. The total investment leveraged by these MHAA grants is more than \$2.2 million in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area alone.

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