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## MD Heritage Areas Authority Awards Provide Key Funding for Local Heritage Tourism Projects

**Frederick, MD** - The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority has announced the results of its latest project grant round, with awards totaling more than \$5.1 million across the state's thirteen certified Heritage Areas. Applicants located within the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, encompassing parts of Carroll, Frederick, and Washington Counties were awarded a total of \$630,495 to support heritage tourism projects that support local economies, drive tourism, and share the unique history of our region.

"Competition for heritage grants is stiff at the state level; but our competitors proved among the best," said Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area Board President Dennis Frye. "Organizations in our heritage area deserve praise for their thoughtful and articulate persuasive projects that sway state officials to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars in our heritage partners."

Projects in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area receiving funding are as follows:

- The African American Resources- Cultural and Heritage Society (AARCH): \$50,000 for an African American Heritage Center in Frederick
- Battle of Falling Waters 1863 Foundation: \$45,000 for a parking area and bus pull-off area
- Brunswick Potomac Foundation: \$8,000 for Brunswick Red Men's Hall façade restoration, architecture and design project
- Catoctin Furnace Historical Society: \$25,000 for the restoration/renovation of the Museum of the Ironworker and \$50,000 for exhibit design, production, and installation
- Department of Natural Resources- Maryland Park Service: \$50,000 for Fort Frederick Visitor Center exhibit construction
- Douglas G. Bast Museum of History and Preservation: \$10,436 for the rehabilitation of the Douglas G. Bast Museum of History
- Town of Emmitsburg: \$12,054 for historical wayside exhibits



- H&F Trolley Trail Association: \$29,680 for the extension of the H&F Trolley Trail
- Historical Society of Frederick County: \$62,733 for the Heritage Frederick preservation project
- Hood College: \$15,927 for the adaptive reuse of the historic Williams Observatory as a museum
- Town of Mount Airy: \$17,980 for the historic Train Station's roof replacement
- Town of Sharpsburg: \$19,685 for the historic Antietam Station's roof replacement
- Washington County Historical Society: \$10,000 for the Seibert Collection
- City of Westminster: \$25,000 for the Durbin House Historic Structure Assessment
- Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Association (multi-Heritage Area grant): \$15,000 for the 2021 World Canals Conference
- Chesapeake Conservancy (multi-Heritage Area grant): \$50,000 to enhance the park experience through bilingual interpreters

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, \$8,000 for marketing the heritage area, and \$25,000 to be distributed as mini-grants to stakeholders in the region.

Each MHAA grant requires that state funds are matched dollar for dollar, with cash or in-kind support, by other sources. The total investment leveraged by these MHAA grants is more than \$1 million in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area alone.

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