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Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grants Fund 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 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 \$562,991 to support heritage tourism projects that support local economies, drive tourism, and share the unique history of our region.

"We are very pleased to be announcing these grants for our Heritage Area communities," said Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area Board President Kristen McMasters. "So much work is represented in all the high-quality applications from organizations located within the Heritage Area. There's a high level of competition for this grant funding from the State, and it is gratifying to see so many strong organizations working towards preserving, interpreting and promoting our significant historical sites."

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

- City of Westminster: \$95,000 for the repair and renovation of the Historic Durbin House
- The Delaplaine Arts Center, Inc.: \$80,861 for the replacement of the Delaplaine Arts Center's roof and restoration of the windows
- Main Street Middletown, MD, Inc.: \$44,463 for renovation of 19 West Main Street
- City of Hagerstown: \$25,000 for architectural, exhibit and panel design for the Hager House Museum Visitor Center
- Mount St. Mary's University: \$10,737 for the consultation and development of a visitor experience plan for the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes
- Washington County Historical Trust, Inc.: \$30,849 for the continued restoration of the Saylor House



- The African American Resource-Cultural and Heritage Society Incorporated (AARCH): \$95,000 for the renovation of the African American Heritage Center
- The Carroll County Farm Museum: \$23,000 for an exhibit highlighting quilts, including the purchase of display cases, archival storage supplies, and research
- Hagerstown Aviation Museum, Inc.: \$8,081 for the development of a visitor experience plan for the Hagerstown Aviation Museum

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.

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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