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## Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area announces MHAA Project Grant opportunities

**Frederick, MD** - The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA), a certified heritage area encompassing parts of Carroll, Frederick and Washington counties, announces a grant opportunity for FY17 projects through the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA).

MHAA offers nonprofit organizations and government entities grants of up to \$50,000 for non-capital projects (including planning, interpretation, and programming) and up to \$100,000 for capital projects (including acquisition, pre-development, development, rehabilitation, and restoration) within the boundaries of the Heritage Area.

HCWHA will host three workshops for prospective applicants in January:

- Frederick County: Wednesday, January 6 at 10:00 AM – Winchester Room, Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church Street, Frederick. Local contact: Denis Superczynski, Principal Planner, Frederick Co. Community Dev. Division, [dsuperczynski@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:dsuperczynski@frederickcountymd.gov) or 301.600.1142.
- Carroll County: Tuesday, January 12 at 3:00 PM – Westminster Branch Library, 50 E. Main Street, Westminster. Local contact: Andrea Gerhard, Comprehensive Planner, Carroll County Bureau of Comp. Planning, [agerhard@ccg.carr.org](mailto:agerhard@ccg.carr.org) or 410.386.2145.
- Washington County: Wednesday, January 13 at 10:30 AM – Boonsboro Branch Library, 401 Potomac Street, Boonsboro. Local contact: Rachel Nichols, Washington County Heritage Area Assistant, [rbknichols@gmail.com](mailto:rbknichols@gmail.com) or 240.308.1740.

At each workshop, we will review eligibility, the application process, and tips for creating a competitive application. Consider bringing your laptop if you would like to log onto the online application portal. Please RSVP to [agelles@fredco-md.net](mailto:agelles@fredco-md.net). Attendance is encouraged but not required. Additional regional workshops and webinars will be offered through MHAA.

The grant application process will be posted online at [mht.maryland.gov/grants.shtml](http://mht.maryland.gov/grants.shtml). The intent to apply form is due on January 29. Applicants are encouraged to submit drafts to their local grant contacts and HCWHA staff by February 9 in order to make revisions to the application due on February 26.

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