

Prince George's County Planning Board & Historic Preservation Commission Award \$500,000 in Grants to Protect Historic and Cultural Resources Throughout the County

(Upper Marlboro, MD) – The Prince George's County Planning Board and the Historic Preservation Commission announced that \$500,000 in Historic Property Grant Program funds have been awarded to 16 organizations and individuals in Prince George's County to support preservation projects. Grants have been awarded for the rehabilitation, restoration, and preservation of historic properties and range from \$8,300 to \$50,000.

Grants from the Prince George's County Historic Property Grant Program are designed to preserve, protect and enhance historic properties, encourage others to preserve, protect and enhance historic properties and to promote interest in and the study of historic properties. Applicants may be individuals, nonprofit organizations or political subdivisions. Eligible properties must be located in Prince George's County and must be a designated Historic Site or eligible to become one.

The recipients of the Prince George's County Historic Property Grant Program awards are:



Oaklands, Laurel Grant Award: \$50,000

Donald C. Lady was awarded a grant of \$50,000 to assist in the restoration of the Historic Site Oaklands. Built in 1790, a fine example of Federal-style architecture and a prominent local landmark, Oaklands was saved from demolition in 2002 by Mr. Lady. It was at that time extensively deteriorated. Total project costs for the current phase of work are \$90,900. Grant funds will be used to help restore the slate mansard roof, complete the window restoration, repair joists in the southeast corner, and install a new furnace.



McEwen House, Hyattsville Grant Award: \$35,000

Jamie and Amira Aycock were awarded a grant of \$35,000 to assist in the rehabilitation of the windows in the McEwen House, a Historic Site. Built in 1887, The McEwen House has paneled gables, fishscale shingles and windows with colored border lights. It was one of the early houses in the subdivision of Hyattsville. The house is a fine example of Queen Anne style architecture. Total project costs are \$75,250. Grant funds will be used to help restore the windows.



Hitching Post Hill, Hyattsville Grant Award: \$22,000

Randy and Rose Fletcher were awarded a grant of \$22,000 to help fund their preservation efforts at Hitching Post Hill, which is individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is also a Historic Site. Built in 1840, Hitching Post Hill is a unique example of a large Greek Revival house in the county. Presidents Cleveland and Grant were entertained there. Total project costs are \$48,760. Grant funds will be used to repair the masonry and roof.



Elwood J. Taylor House, Berwyn Heights
Grant Award: \$8,300

Darald and Sarah Lofgren were awarded a grant of \$8,300 to help rehabilitate the exterior of their residence. A Historic Site, the house was built for electrician Elwood Taylor in 1909 and was one of the first buildings in Berwyn Heights. Mr. Taylor later raised prize chickens in several buildings built behind the house, and the property remained in the family until 1966. The house is an early important historic feature in the town of Berwyn Heights. Total project costs are \$9,600. Grant funds will be used to restore the front porch, siding and decorative roof ornaments.



Taliaferro House, College Park
Grant Award: \$47,420

Katherine Bryant has been awarded a grant of \$47,420 to assist in the preservation of the Taliaferro House. The 1893 Taliaferro House is a Historic Site and a contributing structure within the local College Park Historic District. The house was the home of Emily Taliaferro, daughter of John Oliver Johnson, who developed the College Park subdivision in 1889. Total project costs are \$52,700. Grant funds will be used to repair the roof and gutters.



Cheverly United Methodist Church, Cheverly
Grant Award: \$45,000

The Cheverly United Methodist Church was awarded a grant of \$45,000 to assist in the restoration of the church building. The church is an excellent example of a 20th-century Gothic Revival-style church and was constructed from 1944-1968. A landmark in Cheverly, it is hoped that its designation as a Historic Site and restoration of exterior elements will spur more designation and preservation activity in the immediate neighborhood. Total project costs are \$171,048. Grant funds will be used for restoration of the stained glass, steel casement windows and oak doors.



Bostwick Stable, Bladensburg
Grant Award: \$10,000

The Town of Bladensburg was awarded a grant of \$10,000 to install a new roof on the stable building behind Bostwick. The stable is part of the outbuildings of Bostwick, which is individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a Historic Site. Bostwick was originally constructed in 1742, with 20th century with colonial revival additions. Both the house and its outbuildings represent an important cultural landscape. The stable is used as classroom and lab space for University of Maryland historic preservation students. Total project costs are \$97,000. Grant funds will be used to replace the asphalt roof with a historically correct wood shingle roof.



Isaac Brown House, Fairmount Heights
Grant Award: \$25,000

Kristin Mouchette Leftwich was awarded a grant of \$25,000 to assist in the rehabilitation of the Isaac Brown House in Fairmount Heights. Although simple in plan and style, the house is a good example of the type of dwelling popular among African-Americans in developing suburbs like Fairmount Heights in the early 20th century. The house was determined eligible for listing as a Historic Site by the Historic Preservation Commission in November 2008. Total project costs are \$126,100. Grant funds will be used for the restoration of the exterior and the front porch.



Fairmount Heights School, Fairmount Heights
Grant Award: \$40,000

The Saint Mark African Orthodox Church was awarded a grant of \$40,000 to assist in the rehabilitation of the Fairmount Heights School, a Historic Site. The Fairmount Heights School is significant for its association with its architect W. Sidney Pittman and operated as a school from 1912-1934. It served for 70 years as the Mount Zion Apostolic Faith church. It is a landmark in the Fairmount Heights community. Total project costs are \$124,000. Grant funds will be used for the restoration of the original windows.



Sidney Pittman House, Fairmount Heights
Grant Award: \$26,820

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Upshur were awarded a grant of \$26,820 to assist in the preservation of the Pittman House, built for Sidney Pittman in 1907. The house is significant because it was designed and occupied by one of the area's first and most prominent black architects. The Pittman House was determined eligible for listing as a Historic Site by the Historic Preservation Commission in November 2008. Total project costs are \$28,900. Grant funds will be used to stabilize the foundation.



St. John's Episcopal Church, Broad Creek
Grant Award: \$49,000

St. John's Church was awarded a grant of \$49,000 to assist in the preservation and rehabilitation of their church building. Individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the property is a Historic Site. Constructed in 1766-1768, the church is one of the earliest buildings in the county with a high degree of integrity. Total project costs are \$65,000. Grant funds will be used to create replicas of the original windows and restore and reinstall the original doors.



Black Swamp School, Brandywine
Grant Award: \$49,000

Joanne Flynn was awarded a grant of \$49,000 to assist in the rehabilitation of the Black Swamp School. The school was one of the first public schools built for the education of African-Americans in the county and retains its character-defining form, exterior appearance, and plan. The School has been determined eligible by the Historic Preservation Commission for designation as a Historic Site. Total project costs are \$159,815. Grant funds will be used for the overall rehabilitation of the building.



Villa de Sales Stable, Aquasco
Grant Award: \$25,000

Angel Forbes Simmons was awarded a grant of \$25,000 to assist in the rehabilitation of the high Victorian Gothic stable at Villa de Sales, a Historic Site and National Register property. The stable is unique in the county because of its elaborate design which compliments that of the villa. After rehabilitation the building will once again be able to be used as a stable. Total project costs are \$138,020. Grant fund will be used to create a new foundation for the building.



Chapel of the Incarnation, Brandywine
Grant Award: \$35,000

St. Thomas' Parish, Croom, has been awarded a grant of \$35,000 for the exterior rehabilitation of its mission church, the Chapel of the Incarnation. The chapel is individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a Historic Site. Constructed in 1916 in the distinctive Mission style unusual in the county, the church represents a high-style, although modest in scale and materials, example of a mission church. It is a landmark in the county. Total project costs are \$94,229. Grant funds will be used for the rehabilitation of the concrete building walls.



Kingston, Upper Marlboro
Grant Award: \$24,000

Matthew Claggett has been awarded a grant of \$24,000 to assist in the rehabilitation of Kingston. Individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places and a Historic Site, Kingston was built circa 1730 and renovated in 1859. It is notable for its Gothic Revival trim, which includes board-and-batten siding and highly decorated vergeboards. It is a local landmark and an important example of architectural evolution. Total project costs are \$65,180. Grant funds will be used for the restoration of the chimneys.



St. Thomas' Church, Croom (Upper Marlboro)
Grant Award: \$8,460

St. Thomas' Parish has been awarded a grant of \$8,460 to assist in the restoration of the parish's church building in Croom. St. Thomas' Church is both individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a Historic Site. Originally built in 1742, it was remodeled in the Victorian Gothic Revival style in 1852-1862. Total project costs are \$9,400. Grant funds will be used to recreate the Gothic Revival style railing which originally adorned the bell tower.