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### **Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Provides 52 Grants to Heritage Tourism Sites, Activities, and Organizations Across Maryland**

*Nearly \$2.7 million awarded by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority*

CROWNSVILLE, MD – The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) today announced 52 matching grants totaling more than \$2.6 million to Maryland non-profits, local jurisdictions and other heritage tourism organizations including museums, historic preservation, natural resources, cultural and educational organizations. These grant funds support heritage tourism projects and activities that draw visitors and expand economic development and tourism-related job creation throughout Maryland (see listing below).

“Tourism is the 10th largest private sector employer in Maryland, providing over 138,000 jobs and more than \$15 billion of visitor spending each year,” said Governor Hogan. “I congratulate Maryland’s 13 Certified Heritage Areas and their tourism partners who help support Maryland’s economic development by attracting tourists who focus their travels on the history, culture and the natural beauty our great state has to offer.”

MHAA oversees Maryland’s system of 13 locally-administered, state-certified Heritage Areas. Today, all Maryland counties and Baltimore City have all or part of a Heritage Area within their boundaries. These certified areas foster broad public-private partnerships to preserve and enhance the best of Maryland’s historic sites and towns, unspoiled natural landscapes and enduring traditions. These tangible links to both place and the past encourage residents to recognize they have a special piece of the American story to treasure and share with others, and that in doing so they are contributing to the economic well-being of Maryland’s communities.

MHAA is an independent unit in the executive branch of government and is administered by the Maryland Department of Planning. Since its creation in 1996, it has awarded more than \$30.2 million in grants and helped to leverage \$95.5 million in non-state funding for heritage tourism projects and activities in the 13 Certified Heritage Areas.

To learn more about Maryland’s Heritage Areas Program and the certified Heritage Areas, visit [mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas.shtml](http://mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas.shtml).

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# Maryland Heritage Areas Program

FY 2016 Grants Awarded

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
<b><u>Anacostia Trails</u></b>		
Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc www.marylandmilestones.org Prince George's	<b>FY 2016 Management Grant</b>	\$100,000.00
Pyramid Atlantic, Inc. www.pyramidatlantic.org Prince George's	<b>Hyattsville Arcade Development</b>	\$90,000.00
<i>Total Anacostia Trails (2 items)</i>		\$190,000.00
<b><u>Annapolis, London Town and South County</u></b>		
Annapolis, London Town and South County Heritage Area, Inc www.fourriversheritage.org Anne Arundel	<b>FY 2016 Management Grant</b>	\$100,000.00
Historic Annapolis, Inc. www.annapolis.org Anne Arundel	<b>Renovation of 1 Martin Street: Construction Phase</b>	\$90,000.00
London Town Foundation www.historiclondontown.org Anne Arundel	<b>Accessibility Planning in the Historic Area</b>	\$5,000.00
Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Inc. www.marylandhall.org Anne Arundel	<b>Metal Stairwell Window Restoration</b>	\$81,737.00
<i>Total Annapolis, London Town and South County (4 items)</i>		\$276,737.00
<b><u>Baltimore National</u></b>		
B & O Railroad Museum, Inc. www.borail.org Baltimore City	<b>Repairing the West Side of the B&amp;O's North Passenger Carshop</b>	\$35,000.00
Baltimore Heritage Area Association, Inc www.explorebaltimore.org Baltimore City	<b>FY 2016 Management Grant</b>	\$100,000.00
Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts www.promotionandarts.com Baltimore City	<b>Bromo Seltzer Arts Tower Phase 2A Restoration</b>	\$90,000.00
Carroll Museums Inc www.carrollmuseum.org Baltimore City	<b>Phoenix Shot Tower Stairs and Lighting Capital Improvement Project</b>	\$90,000.00

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Jewish Museum of Maryland, Inc. www.jewishmuseummd.org Baltimore City	<b>Planning a New Core Exhibit at Jewish Museum of Maryland</b>	\$25,000.00
Maryland Historical Society www.mdhs.org Baltimore City	<b>Enoch Pratt House Design Plan</b>	\$50,000.00
Parks & People Foundation www.parksandpeople.org Baltimore City	<b>Interpretive and Wayfinding Signs for Auchentoroly Terrace</b>	\$25,000.00
<i>Total Baltimore National (7 items)</i>		\$415,000.00
<b><u>Canal Place</u></b>		
Canal Place Preservation & Development Authority www.canalplace.org Allegany	<b>FY 2016 Management Grant</b>	\$100,000.00
Mayor and City Council of Cumberland www.ci.cumberland.md.us Allegany	<b>Canal Place Heritage Area Cultural Programming</b>	\$13,300.00
WESTERN MARYLAND SCENIC RAILROAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION www.wmsrf.com Allegany	<b>Return-to-service Rehabilitation of Former C&amp;O Locomotive No. 1309</b>	\$50,000.00
<i>Total Canal Place (3 items)</i>		\$163,300.00
<b><u>Heart of Chesapeake Country</u></b>		
Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area www.tourchesapeakecountry.com Dorchester	<b>Water Moves Us Exhibit Installation at Dorchester Visitor Center</b>	\$6,700.00
Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area www.tourchesapeakecountry.com Dorchester	<b>FY 2016 Management Grant</b>	\$100,000.00
Nanticoke Historic Preservation Alliance, Inc. (NHPA) www.restorehandsell.org Dorchester	<b>Handsell House Brickwork Preservation</b>	\$15,000.00
<i>Total Heart of Chesapeake Country (3 items)</i>		\$121,700.00

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
<b><u>Heart of the Civil War</u></b>		
Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc. www.catoctinfurnace.org Frederick	<b>Catoctin Furnace African American Cemetery Commemoration Project</b>	\$14,000.00
Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area www.heartofthecivilwar.org Carroll,Frederick,Washington	<b>FY 2016 Marketing Grant</b>	\$40,000.00
Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area www.heartofthecivilwar.org Carroll,Frederick,Washington	<b>FY 2016 Management Grant</b>	\$100,000.00
Historical Society of Carroll County www.HSCCmd.org Carroll	<b>Restore House Facades</b>	\$23,116.00
National Road Heritage Foundation, Inc. www.nationalrfdfoundation.com Washington	<b>Plan/Write/Design Interpretive Exhibits for a National Road Museum</b>	\$50,000.00
<i>Total Heart of the Civil War (5 items)</i>		\$227,116.00
<b><u>Lower Eastern Shore</u></b>		
Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum, Inc. www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org Worcester	<b>River Otter Exhibit</b>	\$90,000.00
Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Committee, Inc. www.lowershoreheritage.org Somerset,Wicomico,Worcester	<b>FY 2016 Management Grant</b>	\$82,500.00
<i>Total Lower Eastern Shore (2 items)</i>		\$172,500.00
<b><u>Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway</u></b>		
Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, Inc. www.upperbaytrails.com Cecil,Harford	<b>FY 2016 Management Grant</b>	\$100,000.00
Town of Port Deposit www.portdeposit.org Cecil	<b>Tome Gas House Project Phase III</b>	\$90,000.00
Steppingstone Museum Association, Inc. www.steppingstonemuseum.org Harford	<b>Historic Land of Promise Farm Restoration and Access</b>	\$30,000.00
<i>Total Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway (3 items)</i>		\$220,000.00

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
<b><u>Montgomery County</u></b>		
Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture www.glenechopark.org Montgomery	<b>Carousel Band Organ Room Renovation Plans</b>	\$15,753.00
Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County www.heritagemontgomery.org Montgomery	<b>Heritage Montgomery Humanities Fair</b>	\$14,000.00
Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County www.heritagemontgomery.org Montgomery	<b>FY 2016 Management Grant</b>	\$100,000.00
<i>Total Montgomery County (3 items)</i>		\$129,753.00
<b><u>Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West</u></b>		
Department of Natural Resources - Forest Service dnr2.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/publiclands/western_savageriverforest.aspx Garrett	<b>Meadow Mountain Trail Overlook</b>	\$3,670.00
Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, Inc. www.visitdeepcreek.com Garrett	<b>Visitor Center Heritage Photo Display Project</b>	\$3,000.00
Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, Inc. www.visitdeepcreek.com Garrett	<b>FY 2016 Management Grant</b>	\$96,239.00
<i>Total Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West (3 items)</i>		\$102,909.00
<b><u>Multi-Heritage Area</u></b>		
C & O Canal Trust, Inc. www.CanalTrust.org Frederick, Montgomery, Allegany	<b>Creating a C&amp;O Canal "Plan Your Visit" Mobile App</b>	\$7,500.00
<i>Total Multi-Heritage Area (1 item)</i>		\$7,500.00
<b><u>Patapsco</u></b>		
Howard County Office of Tourism & Promotion www.visithowardcounty.com Baltimore County, Howard	<b>Patapsco Heritage Area Geotrail</b>	\$4,000.00
Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc. www.patapscoheritagegreenway.org Baltimore County, Howard	<b>Patapsco Valley History Days</b>	\$5,000.00

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Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc. www.patapscoheritagegreenway.org Baltimore County,Howard	<b>FY 2016 Management Grant</b>	\$100,000.00
<i>Total Patapsco (3 items)</i>		\$109,000.00
<b><u>Southern Maryland</u></b>		
Calvert Marine Museum Society, Inc. www.calvertmarinemuseum.com Calvert	<b>Recreational Playground: Final Phase of Maritime Gallery Exhibit Renovations</b>	\$25,000.00
CALVERT NATURE SOCIETY, INC. www.calvertparks.org Calvert	<b>Rolling Road to Shipping Lane: The Money Crop Trail</b>	\$20,000.00
Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Association Inc (PRNAMA) www.paxmuseum.com St. Mary's	<b>Exhibits at New Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Building</b>	\$50,000.00
Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland www.DestinationSouthernMaryland.com Charles,St. Mary's	<b>Religious Freedom &amp; Potomac Corridor Interpretation-Phase I</b>	\$27,910.00
Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland www.DestinationSouthernMaryland.com Calvert,Charles,St. Mary's	<b>FY 2016 Management Grant</b>	\$57,000.00
<i>Total Southern Maryland (5 items)</i>		\$179,910.00
<b><u>Stories of the Chesapeake</u></b>		
CAROLINE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. www.carolinehistory.org Caroline	<b>Creation of a Heritage Center - Denton</b>	\$50,000.00
CAROLINE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. www.carolinehistory.org Caroline	<b>Linchester Mill Visitor Reception Point &amp; Shop</b>	\$20,000.00
Town of Chestertown www.townofchestertown.com Kent	<b>Chestertown Marina Interpretive Center</b>	\$35,000.00
Eastern Shore Heritage Area, Inc. www.storiesofthechesapeake.org Caroline,Kent,Queen Anne's,Talbot	<b>FY 2016 Management Grant</b>	\$40,533.00

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Eastern Shore Heritage Area, Inc. www.storiesofthechesapeake.org Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot	<b>FY 2016 Marketing Grant</b>	\$25,000.00
Friends of Wye Mill www.oldwymill.org Queen Anne's, Talbot	<b>Roof &amp; Mill Stones replacement - Repairs to Sprinkler System</b>	\$34,000.00
Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, Inc. www.pwec.org Talbot	<b>Oyster House Project (FY 2016)</b>	\$90,000.00
Sultana Education Foundation, Inc. www.sultanaeducation.org Kent	<b>Commons Classroom and WetLab at the Sultana Education Center</b>	\$90,000.00
<i>Total Stories of the Chesapeake (8 items)</i>		\$384,533.00
<b>Grand Totals (52 items)</b>		<u>\$2,699,958.00</u>