

FY 2012 Federal Historic Preservation Grants
South Carolina Department of Archives and History
State Historic Preservation Office

Abbeville Opera House Roof Replacement (Phase 2)

\$25,000

Grant Recipient: City of Abbeville, CLG

The Opera House (designed by the firm of William Augustus Edwards and Frank C. Walter, 1908) is a significant feature of historic downtown Abbeville. Home to City Hall offices and the Official State Rural Drama Theater of South Carolina, the Opera House requires replacement of the deteriorated roof to address numerous leaks causing damage to interior historic fabric. The City of Abbeville completed a FY2010 Federal Grant project to replace the front section of the roof over the City's administrative offices. This grant will assist with the cost of replacing of the center section of the roof over the seating area in the Opera House as well as repairs to damaged masonry and decorative cornices.

Gaston Livery Stable Preservation Planning

\$5,000

Grant Recipient: Friends of the Gaston Livery Stable

The Gaston Livery Stable was built circa 1890 in Aiken and was associated with the historic house at 1316 Park Avenue. Built entirely of locally produced brick, the barn is a massive two-story structure enclosing 12,000 square feet of space. The stable served the Winter Colony residents of Aiken providing boarding space for horses and storage and maintenance of carriages and other vehicles. The Friends of Gaston Livery Stable purchased the building in 2011 to protect it from demolition or insensitive development and plans to put it back into service for the present day equestrian industry in Aiken. This project will help produce a conditions assessment and preservation plan for the building.

Aiken-Rhett House Museum Feasibility Study

\$25,000

Grant Recipient: City of Charleston, CLG (Historic Charleston Foundation, designated recipient)

The Aiken-Rhett House, circa 1820, (48 Elizabeth Street, Charleston) was the home of Governor William Aiken, Jr. and is one of the best preserved antebellum residences in Charleston with the main house and a substantial complex of slave quarters. It has been operated as a house museum by Historic Charleston Foundation since 1996. After undertaking a multi-phase preservation effort between 2003 and 2006, the Foundation will use this grant to develop a comprehensive plan for the future of the property to determine the most feasible means of maintaining and interpreting the house and determining the best overall preservation philosophy for the property (preservation, restoration, or some combination of both).

Magnolia Cemetery Receiving Tomb Stabilization

\$25,000

Grant Recipient: City of Charleston, CLG (Preservation Society of Charleston, designated recipient)

The Magnolia Cemetery Receiving Tomb was built ca. 1850 and is attributed to Edward C. Jones who designed the layout of the cemetery. The brick and stucco structure was a temporary resting place prior to burial. It is the oldest surviving structure in the cemetery but is threatened by severe settling of the foundation. The grant will be used to help install a new foundation to stabilize the structure.

Brick House Ruins Conditions Assessment

\$2,600

Grant Recipient: Brick House Trust

The Brick House on Edisto Island was built ca. 1725 for planter Paul Hamilton and has been owned by the Jenkins family and its descendants since the 1790s. The house burned in 1929, but the ruins were declared a National Historic Landmark in 1970 as a significant remnant of Colonial architecture. The family Brick House Trust will hire a structural engineer to develop a plan to correct structural problems and ensure the long-term stabilization of the ruins.

Cheraw Town Hall Stabilization (Phase 3)

\$25,000

Grant Recipient: Town of Cheraw, CLG

The Cheraw Town Hall (ca. 1858) suffers from severe structural problems. Two previous federal grants have been used to address structural problems discovered in the process of making other stabilization

repairs. This grant will shore up the west wall and provide new brick foundation walls on a new concrete footing.

Colonial Dorchester Bell Tower Conservation Planning (Summerville, Dorchester County) \$12,400

Grant Recipient: Colonial Dorchester State Park

The Colonial Dorchester State Park will hire a structural engineer to prepare stabilization plans for the ca. 1751 tower ruins of St. George's Church, the most significant physical remnant of the old colonial town of Dorchester. The church was damaged by British troops during the Revolutionary War and the town was later abandoned. This project will result in a long-term stabilization plan for this important centerpiece of the state park.

Greenville County Historic Resources Survey \$25,000

Grant Recipient: Greenville County Recreation District

The last comprehensive study of Greenville County's historic resources was a 1995 cartographic survey. This new intensive survey will go further by identifying and recording approximately 500-800 properties and evaluating them for National Register eligibility and local historic designation.

Hampton-Preston Mansion Gate and Wall Repairs \$15,000

Grant Recipient: City of Columbia, CLG (Historic Columbia Foundation)

Historic Columbia Foundation will conduct repairs on the historic section of the brick wall and entrance gate at the Hampton-Preston Mansion (ca. 1818) in downtown Columbia. The wall and gate repairs are part of a larger Cultural Landscape Master plan for the historic area including this house and the neighboring Robert Mills House (Ainsley Hall House). The wall and gate repairs are the next step in restoring the grounds of the Hampton-Preston Mansion.

City of Columbia Mid-Century Historic Resources Survey \$1,875

Grant Recipient: City of Columbia, CLG

The City of Columbia Planning Department will undertake the first in a four-phase survey of mid-century modern (1940-1970) resources. This is the first significant survey by the city in almost 20 years and will help update the city's inventory to account for the recent past. City staff are well-qualified to undertake the survey and will use grant funds for production of survey forms, photographs, maps, and project report, plus a paid student intern to assist with compiling data.

TOTAL AMOUNT FOR ALL RECOMMENDED PROJECTS \$161,875

Note: Federal Historic Preservation Grants assist projects such as historical and architectural surveys, archeological surveys, National Register nominations, planning, pre-development projects, and publications. Certified Local Governments (CLGs) may also apply for assistance with stabilization and weatherization projects. Grant recipients are required to match these funds dollar-for-dollar. A minimum of ten percent (10%) of the annual Federal appropriation must be allocated to CLGs.

The source of funding for these grants is the FY 2012 Historic Preservation Fund allocation to South Carolina to administer the state historic preservation program. The funds in the Historic Preservation Fund are generated by oil leases from the Outer Continental Shelf. Each year Congress appropriates an amount from these revenues for State Historic Preservation Offices.