

**FY 2015
FEDERAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS**

Federal Historic Preservation Grants make up part of the annual grant awarded to the South Carolina Department of Archives and History by the National Park Service. These 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. A minimum of ten percent (10%) of our total Federal appropriation (\$76,051 for FY 2015) must be allocated to CLGs. The grant recipients are required to match these funds dollar-for-dollar.

Garvin House Stabilization (Bluffton, Beaufort County) \$30,000

Grant Recipient: Town of Bluffton, CLG

The Town of Bluffton will complete stabilization repairs on the Garvin House, a circa 1870 vernacular house located on a bluff overlooking the May River that was home to Cyrus Garvin and his descendants. The Garvin House is the earliest extant home in Bluffton built by a free black after the Civil War. The home was abandoned and in poor condition for many years until 2001 when it was purchased for preservation. The objectives of this project are to stabilize the building so it can be placed on a new foundation, construct the new foundation, and repair framing and exterior wall components.

Fort Mill Design Guidelines (Fort Mill, York County) \$25,000

Grant Recipient: Town of Fort Mill, CLG

The Town of Fort Mill will hire a qualified consultant to work with the public and the Historic Review Board to develop a detailed set of design guidelines to accompany the Town's local historic preservation ordinance. The guidelines will provide more detailed guidance for the Historic Review Board and for property owners. Design guidelines help define what is considered appropriate for changes or repairs to existing buildings and manage how new construction affects the local historic district.

Seibels House Structural Assessment (Columbia, Richland County) \$12,455

Grant Recipient: City of Columbia, CLG (Historic Columbia Foundation, designated third-party recipient)

Historic Columbia Foundation will contract with a structural engineer to assess the structural integrity of the Seibels House, one of the oldest homes in Columbia. The house has never had a comprehensive structural assessment and HCF intends to determine the extent of structural problems with the foundation and floor support systems. The engineer's report will document structural problems and recommend appropriate remedies.

Melrose Heights Historic District National Register Nomination (Columbia, Richland County) \$4,625

Grant Recipient: City of Columbia, CLG (Melrose Neighborhood Association, designated third-party recipient)

The Melrose Neighborhood Association will hire a consultant to prepare a National Register nomination for this early twentieth century residential historic district in Columbia. There are approximately 600 properties in Melrose Heights representing a variety of popular early twentieth century architectural styles that help this neighborhood convey part of the history of early suburban development in Columbia between 1900 and 1955.

Chester City Hall Preservation Planning (Chester, Chester County) \$25,000

Grant Recipient: City of Chester, CLG

The City of Chester will hire a structural engineer to complete an analysis of the 1891 City Hall and Opera House. This project follows from a 2009 conditions assessment and will result in more detailed plans to make structural and exterior masonry repairs as well as address accessibility issues.

**Re-purposing the Fireproof Building
(Charleston, Charleston County)**

\$30,000

Grant Recipient: City of Charleston, CLG (SC Historical Society, designated third-party recipient)
The SC Historical Society has recently relocated its archival collections from the Fireproof Building to the Addlestone Library at the College of Charleston. This project will help determine options for adapting the Fireproof Building for new uses as an education and events venue. The plans will identify systems and accessibility upgrades that maintain the historic character of this 1822 National Historic Landmark.

**Baptist-Williams-North View Cemetery Project
(Florence, Florence County)**

\$17,789

Grant Recipient: City of Florence, CLG

This project will develop a preservation master plan plus mapping survey of the Baptist-Williams-North View Cemetery in Florence. With origins going back to George Washington Dargan's Rough Fork plantation, this cemetery became a central burial ground for many prominent leaders in the African-American community of Florence from the Reconstruction era through the mid-twentieth century. This project will document the physical characteristics of the cemetery and produce a master plan for preserving its historic features.

**Charleston County Historic Resources Survey Update
(North Charleston, Charleston County)**

\$30,000

Grant Recipient: Charleston County Zoning and Planning Department

Charleston County will hire a qualified consultant to conduct a historic resources survey to record historic properties not identified in previous surveys and those that have become 50 years old since the last major county survey was completed in 1992. The survey update will be used to improve the county's preservation zoning ordinance and improve the process by which effects to historic properties are considered as commercial and residential growth increases in Charleston County.

**St. George Rosenwald School Preservation Planning
(St. George, Dorchester County)**

\$12,500

Grant Recipient: Town of St. George

The St. George Rosenwald School (1925) is one of the few remaining Rosenwald Schools remaining in South Carolina and the only one left in Dorchester County. The Town of St. George recently acquired the historic African American school and plans to rehabilitate it for the community to use as a gathering place and educational center. The Town will hire a preservation architect to develop plans and cost estimates for initial stabilization repairs and development of an overall building plan for future uses of the school.

**Baynard Mausoleum Preservation Design
(Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County)**

\$12,500

Grant Recipient: Heritage Library Foundation

The Baynard Mausoleum (1846) is the most prominent feature of the Zion Chapel of Ease cemetery on Hilton Head Island and is the oldest structure on the island. Zion Chapel served planters on the island as an alternative to the main St. Luke's Parish church in Bluffton. The Baynard Mausoleum was constructed at the direction of William Eddings Baynard (1800-1849) in a classical revival style with sandstone block walls and a blue limestone slab roof. The mausoleum has been vandalized and robbed over the years and there are no longer any remains inside. This project will determine what repairs are needed to stop the deterioration of this significant funerary structure.

Pre-Columbian Archaeology at Hobcaw Barony **\$8,100**
(Georgetown vicinity, Georgetown County)
Grant Recipient: University of South Carolina
The SC Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology at USC will conduct archaeological investigations at Hobcaw Barony focusing on pre-Columbian occupation of this site on the Waccamaw Neck near Georgetown. While much has been recorded of the historic period at Hobcaw, this project will expand our knowledge of the property's history prior to settlement by European colonists and result in additional archaeological context for future addition to the National Register nomination for the property.

Aiken-Rhett House Cultural Landscapes Report **\$25,000**
(Charleston, Charleston County)
Grant Recipient: Historic Charleston Foundation
Historic Charleston Foundation will hire a qualified consultant team to analyze the cultural history of the landscape within the Aiken-Rhett House (ca. 1820) complex. The grounds within the complex have the potential to inform as much as the architecturally significant main house and its unique assemblage of slave dwellings and service buildings. The interpretation of life at the Aiken-Rhett House will be made more complete by the analysis and synthesis of architectural, archaeological, horticultural, ethnographic, and landscape history of the site.

Calhoun County Courthouse Roof Repair Planning **\$3,187**
(St. Matthews, Calhoun County)
Grant Recipient: Calhoun County
The Calhoun County Courthouse in St. Matthews was built in 1913 and designed by prominent architect William Augustus Edwards who designed multiple courthouses in South Carolina during the early twentieth century. Calhoun County will hire an appropriate design professional to identify the causes of chronic water infiltration from the roof and walls of the building that is causing damage to the interior. The design professional will provide a report of the findings with recommendations for appropriate repair measures .

Black Schools Survey of South Carolina pilot project **\$16,250**
(County)
Grant Recipient: SC African American Heritage Commission
The SC African American Heritage Commission will conduct a pilot project to establish a methodology for identifying and recording black schools from the era of segregated education in South Carolina. This project seeks to expand previous projects focused on Rosenwald and Equalization schools to identify all existing black schools in the state from this time period.

TOTAL AMOUNT FOR ALL RECOMMENDED PROJECTS **\$252,406**