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Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Provides 63 Grants to Heritage Tourism Sites, Activities, and Organizations Across Maryland

Over \$2.7 million awarded by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority

CROWNSVILLE, MD (July 13, 2012) – Sixty-three matching grants totaling \$2,713,480 were awarded to Maryland non-profits, local jurisdictions and other heritage tourism organizations – including heritage, historic preservation, natural resources and educational organizations– by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA). These grant funds support heritage tourism projects and activities that expand economic development and tourism-related job creation throughout the state (full listing below this release).

MHAA oversees Maryland's system of 12 locally-administered, State-certified Heritage Areas. Heritage Areas are places to experience – see, hear and even taste – the authentic heritage of Maryland in a unique way that cannot be experienced anywhere else. Stories of the people, the land and the waters of Maryland are told in these unique places. Today, 21 Maryland counties and Baltimore City have a State-certified Heritage Area within their boundaries. Each of Maryland's Certified Heritage Areas is defined by a discrete focus or themes that make that place unique. These distinctive places exhibit tangible evidence of the area's heritage in historic buildings and districts, archaeological sites, museums, parks, and natural landscapes, as well as traditional ways of life revealed in food, music, and art. These tangible links not only draw visitors, but also encourage residents to recognize they have a special piece of the American Story to treasure and share with others.

"Tourism generates jobs and revenue in Maryland. One out of every 17 jobs in Maryland is in tourism, with tourism employment providing over \$4 billion in wages and salaries. Visitors to our state spent over \$13 billion which generated over \$531 million in direct tax revenue in all 23 Counties and Baltimore City. The Maryland Heritage Area Program's targeted investments help preserve the best of Maryland's historic sites and towns, unspoiled natural landscapes, and enduring traditions, and in doing so create more livable and economically sustainable communities," said Governor Martin O'Malley. "I congratulate Maryland's twelve Certified Heritage Areas and their tourism partners on these awards that will develop and market visitor destinations, support businesses, non-profits, and local jurisdictions engaged in heritage tourism, and help keep Maryland Smart, Green and Growing."

MHAA has invested over \$15.5 million dollars into 334 projects throughout Maryland's 12 certified Heritage Areas under the O'Malley-Brown Administration. Even in challenging fiscal times, Governor O'Malley has supported funding for this important program knowing that heritage tourism is a proven economic engine and a tool for preserving Maryland's irreplaceable natural, historic and cultural legacy.

The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority is an independent unit in the Executive Branch of government administered by the Maryland Department of Planning. Since its inception in 1996, the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority has awarded approximately \$26.7 million in financial assistance and leveraged over \$84.4 million in non-state funds for heritage tourism projects and activities statewide.

To learn more about the Maryland Heritage Areas Program and the state's 12 certified Heritage Areas, please visit http://mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas_program.html.

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Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Awards for Fiscal Year 2013

Summary

Total Requested Funds = \$3,976,143

Funds Awarded = \$2,713,480

Total Match Leveraged = \$4,926,002

Anacostia Trails (“Maryland Milestones”) Heritage Area (Prince George’s County)

Project Title: **Beyond the Battle: Bladensburg’s History in Context**

Recipient: Prince George’s Heritage, Inc.

Grant Award: \$25,000

Project Title: **Heritage Area Management Grant**

Recipient: Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc.

Grant Award: \$100,000

Project Title: **War of 1812 Bladensburg Monument and Marker**

Recipient: Aman Memorial Trust

Grant Award: \$50,000

Annapolis, London Town and South County (“Four Rivers”) Heritage Area (Anne Arundel County)

Project Title: **Archaeological Examination: The Wilson Farmstead and Hot Sox Ball Field**

Recipient: Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation, Inc.

Grant Award: \$30,000

Project Title: **Carpenter Shop: Final Phase of Reconstruction**

Recipient: London Town Foundation, Inc.

Grant Award: \$ 15,000

Project Title: **Freedom Bound: Runaways of the Chesapeake Exhibition**

Recipient: Historic Annapolis Foundation

Grant Award: \$50,000

Project Title: **Heritage Area Management Grant**

Recipient: Annapolis, London Town and South County Heritage Area

Grant Award: \$100,000

Project Title: **Historic Waterfront Warehouse Repairs and Reopening**

Recipient: Historic Annapolis Foundation

Grant Award: \$22,000

Project Title: **Phase II Technology Integration Project**

Recipient: Annapolis Maritime Museum

Grant Award: \$30,000

Baltimore National Heritage Area (Baltimore City)

Project Title: **Defenders Day Educational Programming**

Recipient: Friends of Fort McHenry / Living Classrooms Foundation

Grant Award: \$10,000

Project Title: **Exhibit and Orientation Film and Improvements to the Fell’s Point Visitors Center**

Recipient: The Society for the Preservation of Federal Hill and Fell’s Point

Grant Award: \$40,000

Project Title: **Heritage Area Management Grant**

Recipient: Baltimore City Heritage Area

Grant Award: \$100,000

Project Title: **Pennsylvania Railroad Caboose Restoration**

Recipient: Friends of President Street Station, Inc.

Grant Award: \$20,667

Project Title: **USS Torsk Deck Repair and Bridge Restoration**

Recipient: Historic Ships in Baltimore, Inc.

Grant Award: \$22,500

Canal Place Heritage Area (Allegany County)

Project Title: **Canal Place Heritage Area Cultural Programming**

Recipient: Allegany Arts Council, Inc.

Grant Award: \$34,300

Project Title: **Heritage Area Management Grant**

Recipient: Canal Place Preservation & Development Authority

Grant Award: \$100,000

Project Title: **Heritage Area Marketing Grant**

Recipient: Canal Place Preservation & Development Authority

Grant Award: \$50,000

Project Title: **WMSR 734 (Steam Locomotive) and WMSR 112 (Rail Coach) Capital Project**

Recipient: Western Maryland Scenic Railroad Development Corporation

Grant Award: \$50,000

Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area (Dorchester County)

Project Title: **Beneath the Underground: Newspapers and Resistance in 19th Century Dorchester County**

Recipient: Dorchester County Historical Society

Grant Award: \$50,000

Project Title: **Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center Exhibits**

Recipient: Friends of Blackwater, Inc.

Grant Award: \$50,000

Project Title: **Captain John Smith Discovery Center**

Recipient: Town of Vienna

Grant Award: \$87,050

Project Title: **Heritage Area Management Grant**

Recipient: Dorchester County Tourism Department

Grant Award: \$96,611

Project Title: **Hooper Island Lighthouse Docking Facility Design**

Recipient: U.S. Lighthouse Society

Grant Award: \$12,500

Project Title: **Restore Handsell – Archeology and Engineering**

Recipient: Nanticoke Historic Preservation Alliance

Grant Award: \$7,000

Project Title: **Richardson Maritime Heritage Center, Brannock Education & Research Center**

Recipient: James Richardson Foundation, Inc.

Grant Award: \$26,000

Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (Carroll, Frederick and Washington Counties)

Project Title: **1864 Frederick County and the Civil War Exhibit Project**

Recipient: Historical Society of Frederick County, Inc.

Grant Award: \$25,000

Project Title: **Antietam Sesquicentennial – Visitor Experience Improvements**

Recipient: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Antietam National Battlefield

Grant Award: \$36,000

Project Title: **“Bringing the Story of the War to Our Doorsteps” Alexander Gardner’s Dead at Antietam Photographs Exhibit and Website**

Recipient: The Frederick Civil War Roundtable

Grant Award: \$7,358

Project Title: **Emmitsburg – Preparation of Design to Revitalize the Town Square**

Recipient: Town of Emmitsburg

Grant Award: \$28,000

Project Title: **Heritage Area Management Grant**

Recipient: Tourism Council of Frederick County

Grant Award: \$100,000

Project Title: **Interpretive Exhibit at the Mason Dixon Discovery Center**

Recipient: Journey Through Hallowed Ground (Catoctin Mountain Maryland)

Grant Award: \$50,000

Project Title: **Preservation of Monocacy Battlefield – Property Acquisition**

Recipient: Civil War Preservation Trust

Grant Award: \$90,000

Project Title: **Rehabilitation of Doubleday Hill and Self-guided Tour of Civil War Sites**

Recipient: Town of Williamsport

Grant Award: \$23,160

Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area (Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties)

Project Title: **Double Mills Grist Mill Restoration: Foundation and Exterior Repairs**

Recipient: Double Mills, Inc.

Grant Award: \$25,000

Project Title: **Heritage Area Management Grant**

Recipient: Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Committee, Inc.

Grant Award: \$95,328

Project Title: **Pemberton Hall – Improve Interpretive Displays and Conserve Artifacts**

Recipient: Pemberton Hall Foundation, Inc.

Grant Award: \$18,750

Project Title: **Teakle Mansion Restoration**

Recipient: Friends of Teakle Mansion, Inc.

Grant Award: \$75,000

Project Title: **Walkable, Bikeable Berlin Focus Groups for Walking/Biking Trail Development**

Recipient: Lower Shore Land Trust, Inc.

Grant Award: \$11,000

Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway (Cecil and Harford Counties)

Project Title: **Heritage Area Management Grant**
Recipient: Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, Inc.
Grant Award: \$90,400

Project Title: **Trail Development and Signage at Jacob Tome Gas House and Northern Map Turtle Refuge**
Recipient: Town of Port Deposit
Grant Award: \$36,500

Project Title: **Lock House Museum Historic Window and Shutter Rehabilitation**
Recipient: Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace at the Lock House
Grant Award: \$22,267.50

Project Title: **North Park Trail Heritage Tourism Linkages**
Recipient: City of Havre de Grace
Grant Award: \$34,300

Project Title: **Skipjack Martha Lewis Restoration**
Recipient: Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc.
Grant Award: \$14,500

Montgomery County Heritage Area (Montgomery County)

Project Title: **Heritage Area Management Grant**
Recipient: Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County
Grant Award: \$100,000

Project Title: **Heritage Days and Civil War Programs**
Recipient: Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County
Grant Award: \$8,300

Project Title: **Circa 1890 Milk Wagon Restoration**
Recipient: King Barn Dairy Mooseum, Inc.
Grant Award: \$7,000

Project Title: **Poolesville's Streetscape Plan Project**
Recipient: Town of Poolesville
Grant Award: \$50,000

Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area (Garrett County)

Project Title: **B & O Railroad Museum – Classroom Improvements**
Recipient: Oakland Heritage Community Foundation, Inc.
Grant Award: \$31,772.50

Project Title: **Garrett County Transportation Museum – Exterior Transportation History Wall Murals**
Recipient: Garrett County Historical Society
Grant Award: \$13,000

Project Title: **Heritage Area Management Grant**
Recipient: Garrett County Chamber of Commerce
Grant Award: \$100,000

Project Title: **Heritage Area Marketing Grant**
Recipient: Garrett County Chamber of Commerce
Grant Award: \$30,000

Multi-Heritage Area: Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area (Dorchester County) and Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area (Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties)

Project Title: **Multi-Heritage Area Marketing for Harriet Tubman 2013 Centennial Commemoration Initiative**

Recipient: Dorchester County Tourism Department
Grant Award: \$50,000

Southern Maryland Heritage Area (Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties)

Project Title: **Chapman State Park and Mt. Aventine – Master Plan, Interpretive Signage, Website Updates**

Recipient: Friends of Chapman State Park, Inc.
Grant Award: \$10,000

Project Title: **Enhancing Historic Sotterley's Visitor Experience**

Recipient: Historic Sotterley, Inc.
Grant Award: \$16,250

Project Title: **Heritage Area Management Grant**

Recipient: Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland
Grant Award: \$60,000

Project Title: **Indian Head Trailhead Plaza and Picnic Area**

Recipient: Town of Indian Head
Grant Award: \$90,000

Project Title: **War of 1812 Fair and Reenactment**

Recipient: Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum
Grant Award: \$10,000

Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area (Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties)

Project Title: **Charles Sumner Post #25, Grand Army of the Republic Renovation**

Recipient: Kent County Arts Council / GAR Post #25, Inc.
Grant Award: \$25,300

Project Title: **Exploring Nature's Role in the Underground Railroad Audio Tour**

Recipient: Adkins Arboretum, Ltd.
Grant Award: \$20,000

Project Title: **Heritage Area Management Grant**

Recipient: Eastern Shore Heritage, Inc.
Grant Award: \$33,333

Project Title: **Restoration/Development of the James H. Webb Cabin Interpretive Center (Phase 3)**

Recipient: Caroline Economic Development Corporation / Caroline Office of Tourism
Grant Award: \$48,333

Project Title: **Tucker House Restoration Project**

Recipient: Queen Anne's County Historical Society
Grant Award: \$9,000

Project Title: **War of 1812 Exhibit**

Recipient: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum
Grant Award: \$40,000