

*Report to the Governor and the General Assembly*

**2010 Annual Report on the  
African American Heritage Preservation  
Grant Program**



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## **THE MARYLAND COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE MISSION STATEMENT**



*The mission of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture is to interpret, document, preserve, and promote Maryland's African American heritage; to provide technical assistance to institutions and groups with similar objectives; and to educate Maryland's citizens and visitors about the significance of the African American experience in Maryland and the nation.*



*The Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture is a unit of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI).*

## **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST MISSION STATEMENT**



*The Maryland Historical Trust is dedicated to preserving and interpreting the legacy of Maryland's past. Through research, conservation and education, the Maryland Historical Trust assists the people of Maryland in understanding their historical and cultural heritage.*



*The Maryland Historical Trust is a unit of the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP).*

### **Background**

The African American Heritage Preservation Grant Program was created during the 2010 session of the Maryland General Assembly. The Program is administered as a joint partnership of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture (MCAAHC), a unit of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives, and the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT), an agency of the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP). The purpose of this Program is to encourage the identification and preservation of buildings, sites, and communities of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in Maryland.

Eligible applicants for Program funding include non-profit organizations and local jurisdictions. Business entities and individuals may also apply for Program grants when seeking funds for a preservation or development project that serves a high public purpose. Eligible activities include acquisition, construction, and capital improvement of buildings, sites, or communities of historical or cultural importance to the African American experience in Maryland as well as pre-development costs directly associated with an acquisition or construction project. Such pre-development costs may cover historic structure reports and studies, the preparation of plans and specifications, necessary archeological investigations, and reasonable fees for architectural, design, engineering and other special services.

### Activity of the African American Heritage Preservation Program in 2010

Grant program regulations and application materials were prepared and distributed during the reporting period. Grant workshops led by MCAAHC and MHT staff were held in Anne Arundel County and Prince George's County in June of 2010. Twenty-seven applications were received by the July 15, 2010 deadline. The total funding request was \$2,052,615; the majority of the funding requested was for rehabilitation, with the remainder for predevelopment costs. Applications represented 12 counties and the City of Baltimore.

The MCAAHC is evaluating, ranking, and recommending funding levels for eligible applicants in accordance with the project selection criteria during September and October of 2010. In early to mid October, 2010, the Commission will transmit to the MHT Board of Trustees eligible application summaries, rankings, and funding levels recommended by the Commission. The MHT Board of Trustees will then review each grant award recommended by the Commission at its October 21 meeting.

On or before November 1, the Commission and MHT will forward the list of projects and grantees recommended by the Commission and the MHT as a recommendation to the Department of Budget and Management for inclusion in the Governor's Capital Budget for fiscal year 2012.

In anticipation of the FY2013 application round, MHT staff have been actively promoting the Program at grant workshops in September in Williamsport and Salisbury; a final grant workshop will be held in October in Havre de Grace.