



Statewide Pathways Grant Award Winners Announced

BALTIMORE, MD (April 6, 2020) – The Maryland Historical Society* is pleased to announce the winners of the inaugural *MdHS Pathways* grant program, a competitive program that supports small historical organizations statewide. Eleven organizations representing seven counties across Maryland will receive grants up to \$20,000 each to expand their capacity to steward and share state history.

This year's *MdHS Pathways* award winners range from local historical societies to community development organizations. Projects include development of business and fundraising plans and implementation of new collections management policies.

Total awards equal \$200,000 in investment. Awarded projects are:

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

- **Friends of Hancock's Resolution** – Hancock's Resolution Interpretation Project

BALTIMORE CITY

- **Mid-Atlantic Regional Moving Image Archive** – Focusing on the Future of Maryland's Multimedia Archive
- **Market Center Community Development Corporation** – Lexington Market Public History Program
- **Baltimore Architecture Foundation** – Doors Open Baltimore
- **Baltimore Heritage, Inc.** – Expanding Heritage Education Capacity by Engaging New Audiences

CARROLL COUNTY

- **Historical Society of Carroll County** – Re-imagining: Marketing and Website Refresh

DORCHESTER COUNTY

- **Richardson Maritime Museum** – Collection Inventory, Research, and Re-Installation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

- **Chevy Chase Historical Society** – Oral History and Audience Enhancement Project
- **Sandy Spring Museum** – Forty Years Forward
- **Germantown Historical Society** – Germantown Museum of Banking History Design

WASHINGTON COUNTY

- **C&O Canal Trust, Inc.** – C&O Canal's 50th Anniversary

“The Maryland Historical Society looks forward to working with these heritage innovators throughout their grant period and promoting their good work to the public,” said Mark Letzer, MdHS President and CEO. “Overall, we are amazed by the breadth of exciting heritage projects being planned across Maryland.”

Award determinations were made by a group of third-party panelists of heritage experts working in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Delaware. In all, the *Pathways* panelists reviewed 43 eligible applications.

The overarching goal of *MdHS Pathways* is to build the long-term resiliency and efficacy of the existing museums, historic sites, and other organizations that make up Maryland’s heritage community. *MdHS Pathways* is made possible by an annually recurring allocation to MdHS from the state’s Preservation of Cultural Arts Fund. This fund was proposed by Senate President Thomas V. “Mike” Miller in the 2018 legislative session and enacted into law. MdHS is administering this grant program as an extension of its mission to educate people of all ages about the rich history and culture of Maryland and the nation.

The second cycle of *MdHS Pathways* in fiscal year 2021 is scheduled to open this coming fall with a series of applicant workshops throughout Maryland.

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