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Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grants Fund Local Heritage Tourism Projects

Over \$410,000 to go to Carroll, Frederick, and Washington Counties

Frederick, MD - The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority has announced the results of its latest project grant round, with awards totaling more than \$5 million across the state's thirteen certified Heritage Areas. Applicants located within the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, encompassing parts of Carroll, Frederick, and Washington Counties were awarded a total of \$419,217.00 to fund heritage tourism projects that support local economies, drive tourism, and share the unique history of our region.

"The seven projects funded this year include critical preservation projects and support for visitor experiences that will shed light on previously forgotten or sidelined stories of our past," said Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area Executive Director Elizabeth Shatto. "Ultimately, these projects will serve new and expanding audiences who seek and draw inspiration from our authentic history and culture."

CARROLL COUNTY

Hampstead
Manchester
Mount Airy
New Windsor
Sykesville
Taneytown
Union Bridge
Westminster

FREDERICK COUNTY

Brunswick
Burkittsville
Emmitsburg
Frederick
Middletown
Mount Airy
Myersville
New Market
Rosemont
Thurmont
Woodsboro

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Boonsboro
Clear Spring
Funkstown
Hagerstown
Hancock
Keedysville
Sharpsburg
Smithsburg
Williamsport

Projects in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area receiving funds are as follows:

- American Battlefield Trust: \$100,000 for acquisition of the Hagerstown Pike I Tract at Antietam Battlefield
- Catocin Furnace Historical Society, Inc.: \$100,000 for restoring and reopening the Historic F.W. Fraley Store
- Community Foundation of Carroll County, Incorporated: \$7,000 for Ellsworth Cemetery signage
- Historical Society of Carroll County: \$15,000 for Mary Shellman Civil War to Suffrage exhibit
- National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Incorporated: \$50,000 for museum upgrade - schematic and design planning
- Town of Sharpsburg, Maryland: \$13,550 for Big Spring Masonry restoration
- Washington County Historical Trust, Inc.: \$8,667 for Saylor House in Kiwanis Park: Restoration & Reuse - Phase 6 Main Level Flooring Repairs

In addition to the project grants listed above, the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area was awarded grants of \$100,000 for management of the Heritage Area and \$25,000 to be distributed as mini-grants to stakeholders in the region.

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