

Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

Interested in applying for an
FY26 MHAA Project Grant?

Contact your Local Rep.

- Discuss eligibility and strategies for strengthening your application with your local MHAA Project Grant contact:
- Carroll County: Emily Huebner, Director of Operation & Programs, 22 S. Market St. Suite 215, Frederick, MD 21701 | 240.608.5177 | emily@heartofthecivilwar.org
- Frederick County: Liz Shatto, Executive Director, 22 S. Market St. Suite 215, Frederick, MD 21701 | 240.285.6727 | liz@heartofthecivilwar.org
- Washington County: Rachel Nichols, Washington County Heritage Area Assistant, 16 Public Square, Hagerstown, MD 21740 | 240.308.1740 | rachel@heartofthecivilwar.org

Prepare your proposal

- Draft your application including a realistic project budget, timeline, and narrative using clear and concise language. Consider phasing a project if necessary.
- Stay tuned to the MHAA website (bit.ly/MHAA_GrantProgram) to learn of online webinars and other support for applicants offered during January.
- Review sample applications and previously funded projects on the Heart of the Civil War website (www.heartofthecivilwar.org/stakeholders/project-grants).

Submit Intent to Apply (ITA)

- Log onto the online grants portal: bit.ly/MHAA_GrantProgram
- Create or update your account with all of necessary information.
- Complete the brief form by the deadline: **January 27, 2025**

*Have online application questions?
Contact Olivia Peterson, Heritage Area Assistant:
olivia@heartofthecivilwar.org*

Fine-tune and submit application

- Email a draft of your application to your local contact and HCWHA staff by **February 14, 2025** to receive feedback (recommended but optional).
- Answer questions and revise your application as needed. Have someone unfamiliar with the project review your application as well.
- Submit your application online by the local deadline of **March 3, 2025**.

Stay tuned for results

- HCWHA grant review panel will review proposals in March.
- HCWHA will provide local rankings to MHAA in **April, 2025**.
- The MHAA Review Panel will review proposals in **June, 2025**. Be prepared to answer questions quickly.
- MHAA votes on grant awards July 10, 2025 and we expect recipients will be contacted **July 11, 2025**. The grant period (when organizations can begin expending funds) starts this day.