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Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area Funds Local Heritage Tourism Projects

Frederick, MD - The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWhA), a certified heritage area encompassing parts of Carroll, Frederick, and Washington Counties, announces \$29,672.00 in mini-grant awards to nine heritage tourism projects undertaken by local nonprofits and municipalities.

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

- Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc. - \$5,000 to develop a virtual reconstruction of slave quarters.
- City of Hagerstown - \$2,150 for the Hager House America 250 project.
- Corbit's Charge Anniversary Committee, Community Foundation of Carroll County - \$1,465 for the 2025 Corbit's Charge Commemoration event.
- Friends of Cunningham Falls and Gambrill State Parks, Inc. - \$5,000 to survey the Mule Barn area of Catoctin Furnace.
- Friends of the Washington County Rural Heritage Museum - \$4,783 for wayside markers and museum kiosk.
- Friends of Tolson's Chapel - \$1,847 for a wayside exhibit.
- Main Street Middletown, MD Inc. - \$5,000 for interpretive signage and captioning for videos.
- Thomas Kennedy Center - \$1,127 for Thomas Kennedy Center branding.
- William Winchester Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution - \$3,300 for America 250 signage in Belle Grove Park.

Mini-grants derive from a block grant from the State of Maryland's Heritage Areas Authority. They may fund non-capital projects up to \$5,000 and are intended to develop new and innovative programs, partnerships, exhibits, tours, events, and other heritage tourism-related initiatives that are consistent with the goals and priorities stated in the HCWhA Management Plan and Strategic Plan (both available at <https://www.heartofthecivilwar.org/>). Grant-funded projects must take place within the geographic boundaries of the Heritage Area. Mini-grant projects require matching funds, using any combination of cash and in-kind value: the total investment in these projects is \$84,517.75.

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