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Applications Available for 2012 Federal Historic Preservation Grants

Applications and instructions for the 2012 Historic Preservation Grants are now online <http://shpo.sc.gov/grants/preservationgrants/>. Administered by the SHPO, these grants can assist two types of projects: (1) Survey and Planning Projects—eligible projects include surveys of historic properties, National Register nominations, preservation education, and preservation planning; (2) Stabilization Projects—eligible projects include stabilizing historic buildings or protecting historic buildings from the adverse effects of the weather. Stabilization Projects are limited to projects in the 32 Certified Local Government (CLG) communities. (For a list of CLGs go to <http://shpo.sc.gov/programs/localgovt/certified.htm>.)

For 2012 any local government, non-profit, or institution in South Carolina may apply for a Federal Historic Preservation Grant for a Survey and Planning Project. Local governments, non-profits and institutions located in a CLG community may also apply for a Stabilization Project. Please note that at least ten percent of the state's annual allocation from the National Park Service must be awarded to Certified Local Governments (CLG)s. While the exact amount of funding will not be known until Congress passes the 2012 budget, as funding is available after the required CLG minimum is met, then non-CLG projects may also be selected for funding.

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM, February 3, 2012. Please contact Brad Sauls at (803) 896-6172, or sauls@scdah.state.sc.us to discuss your project before you apply.

Join Us at Upcoming Events

October 19: Tracy Power will present “The Civil War on the Beaufort Sea Islands” as part of the Lunch and Learn series organized by the S.C. Archives and History Foundation. It starts at noon at the Archives and History Center, 8301 Parklane Road in Columbia. For more information visit www.palmettohistorysc.org.

October 29: SHPO staff Rebekah Dobrasko and Jodi Barnes will host a booth at the Archaeological Society of South Carolina Fall Field Day at Lynches River County Park in Florence County (from 10 AM to 4 PM). Archives hold important data used by archaeologists, such as maps, census records, and photographs, to understand the context of a place. Stop by the booth to sift through one of our "history chests" and find out what you can “Dig Up at the Archives”. For more information, please see <http://www.assc.net/events/fall-field-day>.

New SCDOT Policy on Historical Markers

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) will no longer accept delivery of historical markers, nor install them for sponsors. They also require encroachment permits when erecting markers in the SCDOT right of way, and require that markers be installed on breakaway posts. The new policy is on the historical marker web page <http://shpo.sc.gov/properties/markers/>. For more information on SCDOT requirements, contact your local SCDOT office or visit www.scdot.org and review the permit form and the Access and Roadside Management Standards (ARMS) manual under the link “Doing Business with SCDOT.”

We Need You! Be a Presenter at the 2012 Preservation Conference

We are accepting proposals for sessions for the 2012 Preservation Conference that will be held in Columbia March 29 - 30, 2012. Sessions can range from introductory topics to cutting edge innovations, from research topics to preservation success stories.

Proposals are due by November 11, 2011. See <http://shpo.sc.gov/conf/landpconference/preservationconference.htm>. For more information contact Jennifer Satterthwaite at 803-896-6171, jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us.

State Board of Review to Meet November 18

The South Carolina State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places will meet on Friday, November 18 at 10:30 a.m. at the Archives and History Center. The Board will consider the following nominations to the National Register:

- Combahee Ferry Historic District (Gardens Corner vicinity, Beaufort and Colleton

Counties)

- Oak Grove (Newberry, Newberry County)
- Williams-Ligon House (Easley vicinity, Pickens County)
- J. Davis Powell House (Columbia, Richland County)
- William Dixon Fowler House (Pauline vicinity, Spartanburg County)

The public is welcome to attend the meeting. For more information, contact Andy Chandler at chandler@scdah.state.sc.us or 803-896-6179.

Newest Listings in the National Register of Historic Places

The **Perry-McIlwain-McDow House** in Lancaster County was listed in the National Register on September 8, 2011. Constructed ca. 1840, the wood frame house is significant architecturally as an excellent example of a Greek Revival raised cottage with a temple-front classical portico. Excellent craftsmanship is exhibited in exterior and interior details. The McIlwains and the McDows were among the early groups of Scots-Irish immigrants who came to the area in the mid 1700s, and, as many other early settlers, received royal land grants. McDow family members believe the home, which they always referred to as Fairview Farm, was built between 1830 and 1840 by Andrew McIlwain's daughter Mary A. Perry. To see photographs and read the nomination, go to <http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/lancaster/S10817729028/index.htm>.

The **Retreat Rosenwald School**, in the Westminster vicinity of Oconee County was listed in the National Register on September 15, 2011. The school is significant for its association with African American public education during the first half of the twentieth century and as an example of a school funded in part by the Julius Rosenwald Fund, which sought to improve schools for African Americans in the rural South. The Retreat Rosenwald School was completed in 1924 at a total cost of \$2,300, including \$700 from the Rosenwald Fund. The building has three main rooms consisting of two classrooms and an industrial room. The school served the African American community in the Westminster area until 1950, when it was closed because student enrollment had decreased significantly. To see photographs and read the nomination, go to <http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/oconee/S10817737018/index.htm>.

The **John C. Calhoun State Office Building** in Columbia in Richland County was listed in the National Register on September 23, 2011. Built in 1926, the Calhoun Building is architecturally significant as an important example of Italian Renaissance Revival architecture and for its association with Harold Tatum, a South Carolina architect of note, and with nationally recognized architect Milton Medary, who served as the consulting architect. It is also significant for its association with the South Carolina State Highway Department, which occupied the building until 1952. From 1926 to 1940, the department experienced incredible growth under the leadership of Chief Highway Commissioner Benjamin M. Sawyer. Sawyer was at the helm when the National Guard seized and occupied the Calhoun Building from October to December 1935 under the orders of Governor Olin D. Johnston. When resolved, this incident formed a legal

precedent ensuring that elected officials cannot use military force to solve political or civil disputes. To see photographs and read the nomination, go to <http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/richland/S10817740152/index.htm>.

Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor on NPS Travel Website

The National Park Service (NPS) recently launched a new on-line *Places Reflecting America's Diverse Cultures: Discover Our Shared Heritage* travel itinerary. It features more than 150 units of the National Park System that preserve and tell the stories of the diverse peoples who have played a role in American history. To visit the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor page go to http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/cultural_diversity/Gullah_Geechee_Cultural_Heritage_Corridor.html.

Historic Columbia Foundation Receives National Award

Historic Columbia Foundation's "Connecting Communities Through History" project earned national recognition from the American Association of State and Local History (AASLH). The project, which chronicled the history of six historic downtown Columbia neighborhoods, received an Award of Merit. The project included in an interactive website, wayside signage, historical walking/driving tour brochures, and public programs. See <http://historiccolumbia.org/site/visit/tours/self-guided-tours/>.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2012 AASLH awards. For more information visit http://www.aaslh.org/aaslh_awards.htm. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

Conferences/Workshops/Events

Heritage Development Summit: "Mission: Possible – Generating Partnerships to Spark Rural Communities", November 14 – 16, 2011, Clemson. Sponsored by the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, this event includes sessions on the economics of being "green" in preservation, creating wealth in rural communities, making your city newcomer and visitor friendly, and leveraging partnerships to increase rural competitiveness. For more information see <http://www.2011heritagesummit.com/about-hds.html>.

NEW NEPA Compliance and Cultural Resources, December 6 – 7, 2011, Atlanta, GA. Participants in this National Preservation Institute seminar will learn about environmental impact analysis, cultural resource management, and historic preservation responsibilities and relationships, and assess practical applications for effectively integrating the analyses required by the National Environmental Policy Act, related

environmental regulations, and the National Historic Preservation Act. For more information go to <http://www.npi.org/>.

NEW Section 4(f) Compliance for Historic Properties, December 8 – 9, 2011, Atlanta, GA. Section 4(f) of the DOT Act of 1966 is triggered by projects funded or approved by a U.S. DOT agency that propose the use of historic property or land from a publicly owned park, recreation area, or refuge. Participants in this National Preservation Institute seminar will examine the stringent approval standards of this substantive law and discuss ways to better integrate and streamline Sections 4(f) and 106 with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. For more information go to <http://www.npi.org/>.

2012 Governor's Conference on Tourism and Travel, February, 20 - 22, 2012 Greenville. Visit www.SCGovCon.com for updates on speakers, agenda and other conference events.

2012 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference, March 29 - 30, 2012 Columbia. For more information or to sign up for registration information contact Jennifer Satterthwaite at 803-896-6171, jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us.

National Rosenwald Schools Conference, June 14 – 16, 2012, Tuskegee, AL. The National Trust for Historic Preservation along with state and local partners is organizing the National Rosenwald Schools Conference: 100 Years of Pride, Progress, and Preservation to be held at Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama. More information can be found at www.preservationnation.org/rosenwald.

National Alliance of Preservation Commission's Forum, July 19 – 22, 2012 in Norfolk, VA. See <http://www.uga.edu/napc/programs/napc/forum.htm>.

Grant Application Deadlines

NEW February 1, 2012: Preservation Services Fund Grants: Administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, these grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for preservation planning and education efforts. Grant awards range from \$500 to \$5,000. For more information, contact the Southern Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation at 843-722-8552 or soro@nthp.org and the National Trust website at <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/>.

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For More Grants Information

- <http://shpo.sc.gov/grants/otherincentives/>
- www.grants.gov
- <http://www.preservationdirectory.com/PreservationGeneralResources/GrantsFundingSources.aspx>
- www.npguides.org

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