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SC CARES Act Fund: Nonprofit Relief Grant Program

The Nonprofit Relief Grant Program will provide grants to nonprofit organizations to reimburse qualifying expenditures for providing services or revenue loss due to COVID-19. One of the eligible categories is arts and cultural items or activities. The grant awards will range from \$2,500 to \$50,000. **The application window opens on October 19, 2020 and closes on November 1, 2020.** For more information about eligibility and the application process visit <https://accelerate.sc.gov/cares-act/applying-sc-cares-act-funds>.

Archaeologist Job Opening at the SHPO

The SC Department of Archives and History is accepting applications for the SHPO Archaeologist position. Click here to access the [Archaeologist II – SC SHPO Job Posting](#) on the South Carolina state jobs website. It includes information about the job duties, qualifications, and application process.

State Board of Review to Hold Online Meeting November 20, 2020

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places will meet online Friday, November 20, 2020. The Board will consider the following nominations:

- **Charleston Naval Hospital, North Charleston, Charleston County**

- Ebony Guest House, Florence, Florence County
- Noel Court, Myrtle Beach, Horry County
- Citadel Shirt Corporation, Columbia, Richland County
- Columbia Commercial Historic District (Boundary Increase & Additional Documentation), Columbia, Richland County
- Leevy's Funeral Home, Columbia, Richland County
- Mrs. S.H. Smith Tourist Home, Columbia, Richland County

Visit <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/national-register/state-review-board> for more information about the meeting. Questions? Contact Virginia Harness at vharness@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6179 or Edwin Breeden at ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6182.

Tax Credit Spotlight



Constructed in 1928, this two-and-one-half story masonry house in the University Neighborhood Historic District sits on a continuous brick foundation and features a central entryway supported with inset pilasters, six-over-one double hung wood windows, casement windows, and a stucco finish with half-timbering in the center gabled bay. The current owners completed a rehabilitation project that included roof repairs, restoration of the original windows and doors, upgrades to the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and restoration of original plaster and interior finishes. Owners Mr. and Mrs. Grant J. Sullivan said of their rehabilitation project, "with five years of hard work and the added assistance of the SC Department of Archives & History, we feel that the restoration of our historic home has brought to light the true origins of the house. We hope that our story and process can inspire others as well as our children to admire architecture and homes with original charm." The rehabilitation of this 20th-century home was completed in 2020 with the use of the state homeowner historic rehabilitation tax credit. For more information about the homeowner tax credit program visit <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/tax-incentives/homeowner>.

New Listings in the National Register of Historic Places

The **Host of America Motel** in North Charleston was listed in the National Register September 25, 2020. The Host of America Motel is the first prefabricated motel in the North Charleston area and an unusual, well-preserved early example of a pre-furnished modular motel, a unique method of construction at the time. Built in 1961 with a front (east) addition constructed in 1966, the two-story modular motel is comprised of stackable, pre-built, and fully furnished units originally produced on an assembly line in Thomson, Ga. Today, the motel's infrastructure and original midcentury design remain intact with minimal alteration. The largest addition to the structure occurred in 1966 with the construction of a Neoclassical Revival façade to house a restaurant and cocktail lounge, both significant to the motel's commercial and social role in midcentury North Charleston. To view photographs and read the nomination visit <http://schpr.sc.gov/index.php/Detail/properties/71006>.

Stone Manufacturing Company in Columbia was listed in the National Register September 25, 2020. It is a large-scale industrial building that is locally significant as an example of a garment manufacturing facility, an important element of the city's diversified industrial growth after World War II. Constructed in 1946-47, the building was acquired in 1948 by Greenville-based Stone Manufacturing, founded in 1933 and eventually becoming one of the most successful apparel companies in the world. Between 1948 and 1980, Stone enlarged its Columbia facility four times, representing the evolution of Stone Manufacturing from a small, local company into an international success. The building is composed of a combination of washed brick veneer, which appears to date to the 1960 office additions, and concrete block with minimal windows. To view photographs and read the nomination visit <http://schpr.sc.gov/index.php/Detail/properties/71007>.

The **Veterans Administration Regional Office (VARO)** was listed in the National Register September 25, 2020. It is a remarkably intact example of an International Style federal building in downtown Columbia. Completed in 1953 to house services and programming for the Veterans Administration, the building is associated with the intense growth of the federal government after World War II, particularly those functions that involved contact with the country's expanding pool of veterans returning home from war. Designed by acclaimed Columbia architecture firm Lafaye, Lafaye, and Fair in conjunction with Stork and Lyles, the predecessor firm of the regionally prominent Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle & Wolff (LBC&W), the five-story, L-shaped masonry structure also represents the shift in postwar architectural styles from the decorative and classical elements of Beaux-Arts and Stripped Classicism to the minimal and austere aesthetic of Modernism, a transition that that signified the stability of the federal government and the forward-motion of postwar America. To view photographs and read the nomination visit <http://schpr.sc.gov/index.php/Detail/properties/71008>.

The **Epps-McGill Farmhouse** in Williamsburg County was listed in the National Register September 25, 2020. Constructed from 1905 to 1907, the Epps-McGill Farmhouse is a two-story Folk Victorian structure that served as the residence for generations of local farmers working the fifty-one-acre farmstead that historically surrounded the property. Situated on the two acres that remain of the original farm, it is listed for its association with the development of agriculture and tenant farming from 1953 to 1976 in Williamsburg County, specifically as an unusual example of a property that ultimately came into the legal possession of an African American family who first lived there as sharecroppers. The Epps-McGill Farmhouse is also a rare surviving example of Folk Victorian architecture with intact original features such as the unique porch ceilings, offset bay window, and wood soffit pendants. The interior features the original staircase, decorative mantels, and interior wood paneling. To view photographs and read the nomination visit <http://schpr.sc.gov/index.php/Detail/properties/71009>.

October is Archaeology Month

The Archaeological Society of South Carolina (ASSC) has created an online Storymap on Avocational Archaeology in lieu of a poster for this year's virtual Archaeology Month. The Storymap and additional information is available online at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/38cef8c0a0034fbfa76d8db7ebd635d7>.

Conferences / Workshops / Events

Many organizations are now offering virtual conferences, workshops, seminars, webinars, and training in lieu of in-person events.

NEW Slave Dwelling Project is offering a variety of live streaming virtual events. For more information visit <https://slavedwellingproject.org/>.

NEW Preservation Directory.com provides a listing of events around the country, including many events that are now virtual. See <https://www.preservationdirectory.com/PreservationNewsEvents/NewsEvents.aspx>.

The **Native American Studies Center** at USC Lancaster is planning a variety of virtual programs this fall, including an online Lunch and Learn program. For more information about upcoming virtual events, visit <https://www.facebook.com/nativeamericanstudies/>.

Traditional Building Magazine is offering webinars on a wide range of topics related to historic buildings. To access visit <https://www.traditionalbuildingshow.com/online-education>.

South Carolina Historical Society is offering virtual programs, to learn more and register visit https://schistory.org/news/#upcoming_events.

SC African American Heritage Commission and **WeGOJA Foundation** present "Drumbeat: The Rhythm of African American History and Culture in South Carolina" every other Sunday via livestreaming on Facebook. For more information <https://twitter.com/SCAAHistory/status/1291578276281024514/photo/1>.

Adventures in Preservation is providing a [list of virtual programming](#) related to historic preservation.

Drayton Hall is offering a webinars on a range of topics. For more information and to register visit <https://www.draytonhall.org/visit/events-calendar/>.

South Carolina Humanities is providing information about virtual programming at <https://schumanities.org/>.

SC Department of Natural Resources offers *Virtual Archaeology Programs*. Register for one of the Archaeology for Kids, Teens and Adults virtual programs taking place from through Friday, November 13, 2020. For additional information or to request a virtual program, please email SCDNR Heritage Trust historian Alyssa Jones (JonesA@dnr.sc.gov).

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is now offering digital classroom versions of their Section 106 training courses, remaining dates for Fall 2020 are listed below:

- **Section 106 Essentials** will be offered in two four-hour sessions on consecutive days: November 10-11 and December 8-9, 2020. The sessions will occur from 12:30 – 4:30 pm Eastern time on each day. The registration fee is \$350.

- **Section 106 Agreements Seminar** will be offered as a four-hour session on: November 12 and December 10, 2020. The session will occur 12:30 – 4:30 pm Eastern time. The registration fee is \$300.

To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom. Be sure to register soon, as each class is limited to 30 participants. Email training@achp.gov with any questions.

ARCUS is a leadership development program focused on historic preservation and cultural resources management. It offers a range of short online courses from advocacy to fundraising to communications and much more. Visit <https://arcusleaders.com/about/> for additional information.

PastForward 2020 National Preservation Conference, October 28-30, 2020, online. For more information visit <https://savingplaces.org/conference#.Xj3duGhKiF4>.

Traditional Building Virtual Conference, November 9-13, 2020, online. To view the schedule visit <https://www.traditionalbuildingshow.com/page/schedule>. Questions? Contact Carolyn Walsh at cwalsh@aimmedia.com or 781-249-6675.

State Board of Review Meeting for the National Register of Historic Places, November 20, 2020, online. The agenda will be posted in early November at <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/national-register/state-review-board>.

2021 Keeping History Above Water: Charleston Communities in Action, March 14-16, 2021, Charleston. For more information visit <http://historyabovewater.org/2021-charleston/>.

National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, March 24-27, 2020, Salt Lake City, UT. For more information visit <https://ncph.org/conference/2021-annual-meeting/>.

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NEW January 20, 2021 SC Humanities Major Grants. Major Grants (\$2,000 - \$10,000) support public programs designed to be accessible by a broad audience, to serve citizens in urban, rural, and small-town settings, and to make possible humanities programs that illuminate and enrich the lives of both audiences and scholars. Drafts are strongly encouraged and will be accepted any time prior to the deadline. For more information visit <http://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply> or contact tjwallace@schumanities.org.

NEW February 1, 2021 National Trust Preservation Funds. Grants from the National Trust Preservation Funds encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects and are awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies. The majority of funds are awarded to planning and education programs. Grants are awarded annually in three competitive rounds. For more information and to learn how to apply, visit <https://savingplaces.org/grants#.XcBeJVVKjDA>.

Online sources of grant information:

[National Park Service State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division](#)
[National Trust for Historic Preservation Special Grant Funds](#)
[Preservation Directory Grants & Funding Resources](#)
[State Library Grants Research Assistance](#)
[SC Grantmakers Network](#)
[Federal grants Grants.gov](#)
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