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Historic Preservation News and Notes

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Welcome to the new format for the newsletter. We appreciate your patience as we learn how to use this platform and hope that you enjoy the content.

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[State Grant Fund](#)

SC African American Heritage Commission Annual Conference



Call for Proposals

The SC African American Heritage Commission is seeking proposals for their annual conference on February 22, 2025 in Columbia. The Commission invites interested individuals/groups to submit proposals for thematic panels related to African Americans in South Carolina including: Food and Foodways in South Carolina, Reconstruction Era, Gender and Resistance, Student Research, and Place Making and Reclaiming Black Spaces. More details are in the **Call For Proposals**. **The deadline for proposals is October 22, 2024**. For more information, email Ayanna Goines, agoines@scdah.sc.gov.

State Board of Review Approves 5 Nominations

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places met July 26, 2024 and approved the following nominations:

- Spring Street Methodist Church, Charleston, Charleston Co.
- Alpheus Victor and Martha Cooper Bethe Farmstead, Dillon vic., Dillon Co.
- McBride’s Office Supply, Greenville, Greenville Co.
- Gray Court Downtown Historic District, Gray Court, Laurens Co.
- South Carolina Archives Building, Columbia, Richland Co. (pictured at right)



The SHPO forwards the nominations to the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service in Washington, DC who makes the final decision about listing the properties in the National Register. More information about the State Board of Review and the draft nominations are available at [this link](#). 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

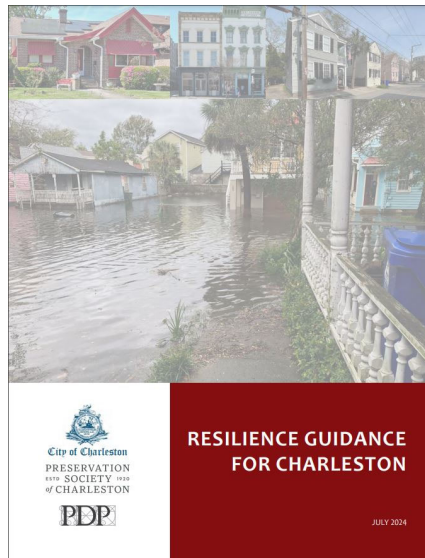


This month’s spotlight features a c. 1867, three-story brick building in the Charleston Historic District. Historically the building’s ground level was commercial space and the upper floors were residential spaces. With a private investment of \$3.6 million that earned the applicant \$720,000 in Federal income tax credits and \$900,000 in State income tax credits, the historic building’s upper floors were rehabilitated into multi-use coworking space and the ground floor was provided a “whitebox” condition ready for a tenant to upfit. The project repointed the exterior masonry, repaired windows and replaced windows that were severely deteriorated beyond repair, rehabilitated the piazza, replaced the roof, restored fireplaces, upgraded the MEP systems and fire protection systems, and rehabilitated interior finishes. The applicant states, “City House is proud to be a part of another historic restoration, our first in South Carolina. We look

forward to continuing our presence in Charleston...” For more information on the tax credit for income-producing historic rehabilitations click the button below.

Historic Tax Credits

Resilience Guidance for Charleston



The Preservation Society of Charleston in partnership with the City of Charleston recently released a comprehensive resource of environmental resilience strategies for residents. The **Resilience Guidance for Charleston** offers guidance for a wide range of issues property owners and tenants may face from a range of threats – flooding, high winds, earthquakes, and extreme heat. Topics covered include improving resiliency through maintenance, landscape improvements to reduce risks, roof systems, exterior wood, masonry, windows and doors, building systems, and building interiors. The well-illustrated guide includes strategies and projects that a homeowner can undertake, as well as guidance on more complex projects carried out by professional contractors, architects, and engineers. Click on the image above to access a PDF of the publication.

New Preservation Brief on Building Codes

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**Building Codes for Historic and Existing Buildings:
Planning and Maximizing their Application**

Marilyn E. Kaplan, Architect, FAPT



The National Park Service recently released **Preservation Brief 51: Building Codes for Historic and Existing Buildings: Planning and Maximizing their Application**. According to NPS, the Brief “discusses how to meet the goals of building codes while preserving or minimizing alterations to the character-defining features, spaces, materials, and finishes of historic buildings; provides guidance for selecting the optimal code compliance method and suggests best practices for achieving code-compliant solutions that also allow for the preservation of a building’s historic character.” To learn more, subscribe to the NPS **Technical Preservation Services electronic mailing list** for details about a planned webinar on this topic to be announced Fall 2024.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Online Section 106 Training

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is offering several online Section 106 training opportunities (including one free webinar) in September. For course content information and registration instructions, visit <https://www.achp.gov/training/>. Contact Tanya Devonish with any questions at training@achp.gov.

- **Section 106 Program Alternatives:** Thursday, September 12, 3:00-4:00 pm EDT
 - **Implementing Section 106 Program Comments:** Thursday, September 19, 3:00-4:00 pm EDT
 - **Section 106 Documentation & e106 (free course):** Thursday, September 26, 3:00-4:00 pm EDT
 - **Section 106 Essentials:** Tuesday & Wednesday, September 24 & 25, 12:30-4:30 pm EDT
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Upcoming FY 2024 Funding Opportunities from NPS

The National Park Service will soon open three funding opportunities for the Save America’s Treasures, Semiquincentennial, and Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization grants programs.

- **Save America’s Treasures** funds the physical preservation of nationally significant properties and collections. Applications for **\$25.5 million** in funding are anticipated to open in summer of 2024 and be due in fall of 2024. To be notified when the grant opportunity opens, please visit [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and subscribe to a saved search for CFDA number 15.929.
- The **Semiquincentennial Grant Program** funds the restoration and preservation of sites and structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places that commemorate the founding of the nation. Applications are anticipated to open in fall of 2024 and are due in winter of 2025. Congress has appropriated **\$7 million** for this program in fiscal year 2024. To be notified when the grant opportunity opens, please visit [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and subscribe to a saved search for CFDA number 15.966.
- The **Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program** fosters economic development in rural communities through the rehabilitation of historic buildings. The program provides recipients (referred to as prime grantees) with a single grant

that is then regranted in smaller amounts to individual projects (subgrants). Congress has appropriated **\$10 million** for this program in fiscal year 2024. To be notified when the grant opportunity opens, please visit [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and subscribe to a saved search for CFDA number 15.966.

Upcoming Conferences / Workshops & Training / Events

National Preservation Law Conference, September 12, 2024 virtual and Washington, DC. The conference is a program of the Preservation Leadership Forum of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. For more information, visit <https://savingplaces.org/law-conference>.

SC Federation of Museums Conference, September 16-18, 2024, Laurens. Information is available at [this link](#).

Georgia Statewide Preservation Conference, September 18-20, 2024, Columbus, GA. The conference will feature tours, educational sessions, networking and a keynote address. More information is available on the [conference website](#).

Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Conference, September 25-29 2024, Pittsburgh, PA. The program and registration details are on the [conference webpage](#).

American Cultural Resources Association Conference, September 26-29, 2024, Albuquerque, NM. The schedule and registration are available on the [ACRA Annual Conference webpage](#).

Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH) Conference, October 2-5, 2024, Marietta, GA. More information is on the [2024 annual meeting and conference webpage](#).

Slave Dwelling Project Conference, October 3-5, 2024, Philadelphia, PA. Visit [the conference webpage](#) for more information.

NEW SC African American Heritage Commission Speaker Series, October 5, 2024, SC Archives & History Center, Columbia. Join the Commission for a free, afternoon discussion with Dr. Frank Martin as he discusses the importance of art in activism in his presentation *A Brief Discussion of Arts, Artists, Activism, and Aesthetics in South Carolina*. Click on [this link](#) to register for the event. Questions? Email Ayanna Goines, agoines@scdah.sc.gov.

International Preservation Trades Workshop, October 10-12, 2024, Savannah, GA. The event features hands-on demonstrations in carpentry, timber framing, stone and brick masonry, plastering, roofing and more. Visit the [Preservation Trades Network website](#) for more information.

Preservation North Carolina 2024 Annual Conference, October 16-18, 2024, Rocky Mount and Tarboro, NC. More details are available on the [conference webpage](#).

NEW "Where Do We Go From Here?": Interpreting and Preserving the African American Civil Rights Movement, October 17-19, 2024, Columbia. In partnership with the National Park Service, the Center for Civil Rights History and Research at the University of South Carolina is hosting a new conference featuring panel discussions, a poster session, public events, tours, and networking opportunities for civil rights history and research practitioners and scholars. Click [this link](#) for more information.

PastForward National Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Conference, October 28-30, 2024, New Orleans, LA. More details at <https://savingplaces.org/conference>.

Association for Preservation Technology Conference, November 12-16, 2024, Montreal, Canada. More information will be posted on the [APT website](#).

Southeastern Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting, November 13-16, 2024, Williamsburg, VA. Meeting details and registration information is available at [this link](#).

6th Annual American Revolution Symposium, November 16, 2024, Columbia. The program brochure and a link to registration can be found on the SC Archives & History Foundation's [Events webpage](#).

South Carolina African American Heritage Commission Annual Conference, February 22, 2025, Columbia. The call for session proposals is posted on the [Commission's web page](#) and are due October 22, 2024. Contact Ayanna Goines at agoines@scdah.sc.gov for more information.

Preserving the Recent Past 4, March 19-21, 2025, Boston, MA. The conference will include sessions, plenary talks, workshops and tours focused on advocacy challenges and preservation strategies, history and context, and technical conservation issues and solutions for post-World War II resources. A **Call for Proposal Abstracts is open until September 15, 2024**. For additional information visit the [conference webpage](#).

Landmark Conference 2025, March 27-29, 2025, Sumter. The Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Societies will hold the next Landmark Conference in Sumter. **They are currently accepting session proposals**. For more information visit the [Landmark Conference](#) webpage or email sclocalhistory@gmail.com.

Upcoming Grant Application Deadlines

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NEW September 27, 2024 Municipal Association of SC Hometown Economic Development Grant. The grants are aimed at projects that will produce measurable

results that can be maintained over time and illustrate best practices. The grant is open to any SC community. Projects must be shovel-ready, and must include a full proposal that can be executed and completed within 12 months of the award (not 24 months). The 2024 application deadline is September 27 and details and the application can be found [here](#). Check out the previous winners [here](#).

September 30, 2024 T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program. Main Street America and Smart Growth America have partnered with T-Mobile to help build stronger, more prosperous small towns and rural communities. T-Mobile's Hometown Grant program awards up to 100 towns a year with project funding for a wide range of community development projects like upgrading tech at local libraries, building new hiking trails and revitalizing historic buildings. Applications for grants up to \$50,000 each are reviewed quarterly. More information about the program and the application process is on the [T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program website](#).

Monthly, SC Humanities Council Mini Grants. SC Humanities awards Mini Grants to support public humanities programs of modest cost, with awards of \$5,000 or less. Applications are reviewed monthly, with deadlines on the first business day of the month. For more information, please visit the [mini grant webpage](#).

Monthly, SC Humanities Council Planning Grants. SC Humanities awards Planning Grants to support preliminary work in designing a project that warrants detailed planning because of its length, scope, or cost. Awards are \$5,000 or less. Planning Grants are reviewed monthly, with deadlines on the first business day of the month. For more information, please visit [this webpage](#).

Monthly, The **SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250)** is accepting applications for FY24 Patriot Grants (up to \$15,000). Information about specific grant programs and requirements can be found at <https://southcarolina250.com/sc250grants/> or email info@southcarolina250.com.

Online sources of grant information:

[Historicfunding database](#)

[National Park Service State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division](#)

[National Trust for Historic Preservation Grant Funds](#)

[State Library Grants Research Assistance](#) including online webinars

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