

**FY 2018
FEDERAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS**

- Squire Pope Carriage House Assessment (Bluffton, Beaufort County) \$30,000**
Grant Recipient: Town of Bluffton (CLG)
The Squire Pope Carriage House (built about 1850) is one of a few antebellum structures that survived the burning of Bluffton in 1863. The property was jointly acquired in 2017 by Beaufort County and the Town of Bluffton for purposes of developing a public park with access to the May River. The Town will use this grant to assess the building and develop a preservation plan so that the carriage house can be rehabilitated for use in the park.
- Circular Church Cemetery Documentation and Preservation Initiative (Charleston, Charleston County) \$24,000**
Grant Recipient: Circular Congregational Church (CCC) and American College of the Building Arts (ACBA)
The recipients will partner on a project to document and assess historic burial markers at the Circular Congregational Church cemetery. Using markers at the CCC cemetery, faculty at ACBA will work with their students to evaluate past preservation efforts at the cemetery and develop improved preservation methods. ACBA will use this experience to create public education programming to further disseminate knowledge developed during this project.
- Hutchinson House Structural Survey (Edisto Island, Charleston County) \$15,000**
Grant Recipient: Edisto Open Land Trust
This house (possibly built as early as 1875) is significant for its association with the history of the African American community on Edisto Island during Reconstruction. The Edisto Open Land Trust acquired the house in 2016 for the purpose of preserving it and making it accessible to the public. The house has been vacant for many years and is in a state of severe deterioration. This project will help the Trust complete a structural assessment and determine what repairs will be needed with cost estimates.
- Pockoy Island Shell Rings Site Survey (Edisto Island, Charleston County) \$29,455**
Grant Recipient: SC Dept. of Natural Resources
This project will support four weeks of archaeological investigation at the recently discovered, and severely threatened, Late Archaic Pockoy Shell Rings Site (38CH2533) on Pockoy Island in Charleston County, within the Botany Bay Plantation Heritage Preserve and Wildlife Management Area. Based on preliminary data from fieldwork in 2017, this site represents the oldest dated Late Archaic shell ring in South Carolina. The proposed fieldwork will recover critical data from both rings that is needed to situate the two rings more accurately within the local and regional cultural history, and which will support a National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nomination and a recommendation for the site to be designated as a National Historic Landmark (NHL).
- Central Baptist Church Stabilization (Edisto Island, Charleston County) \$35,000**
Grant Recipient: City of Charleston (CLG; Central Baptist Church, designated third-party recipient)
This historically African American church was completed in 1893 in the Carpenter Gothic style. This project will address water infiltration by repairing and replacing exterior siding and making other repairs related to deteriorated structural elements and the water carry-off system.
- Robert Smalls School Stabilization (Cheraw, Chesterfield County) \$30,000**

Grant Recipient: Town of Cheraw (CLG)

The Robert Smalls School in Cheraw was completed in 1953 as an “equalization” school to improve the quality of educational facilities for African American students in the state’s segregated educational system. The school is also significant for its architecture associated with the “Cheraw, Inc.” movement of the 1950s which promoted design for new construction that was compatible with the historic architecture of the town of Cheraw. The building is currently used by a local non-profit organization supporting after-school education for area youth. This project will help replace the roof and stop water infiltration that is currently limiting how the building can be used.

Summerville Design Guidelines (Summerville, Dorchester County) \$15,000

Grant Recipient: Town of Summerville (CLG)

The Town of Summerville will hire a qualified consultant to develop design guidelines for the town’s locally designated historic district which includes a National Register-listed historic district. The goal is for the guidelines to help provide property owners in the district with better guidance for projects and to help the Board of Architectural Review decision-making process.

Chapin Commercial Historic District National Register Nomination (Chapin, Lexington County) \$5,000

Grant Recipient: Chapin Historical Association

The Chapin Historical Association will hire a qualified professional consultant to prepare a National Register nomination for the proposed Chapin Commercial Historic District. There are approximately 10 commercial buildings from the early twentieth century that convey the early commercial development of this growing town in Lexington County. The Historical Association has worked to educate the local government and property owners on the potential benefits of listing in the National Register and is pursuing the nomination as a way to document the town’s history and promote the preservation of historic resources.

Wesley United Methodist Church Stabilization (Columbia, Richland County) \$30,000

Grant Recipient: City of Columbia, CLG (Wesley United Methodist Church, designated third-party recipient)

Columbia’s Wesley United Methodist Church was completed in the Gothic Revival style in 1911 and was designed by architect Arthur W. Hamby. The historically African American congregation traces its founding back to 1869 and met at various downtown locations until settling at the corner of Gervais and Barnwell streets in 1911. This project to repoint exterior mortar is the next in a series of steps taken by the church to prevent moisture infiltration that has caused serious damage to the interior of the church.

Laurelwood Cemetery Preservation Master Plan (Rock Hill, York County) \$25,000

Grant Recipient: City of Rock Hill, CLG

This cemetery in Rock Hill was established in 1872 and expanded twice in 1894 and 1914, with the last section featuring a design by prominent landscape architect Earle S. Draper. The City-owned cemetery is the final resting place for many of Rock Hill’s most prominent citizens of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The City of Rock Hill will use this grant to complete a master plan to document existing conditions and character-defining features, complete a burial inventory, and develop information for public education. The plan will also include proper maintenance guidelines and preservation recommendations.