

**FY 2023
FEDERAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS**

Federal Historic Preservation Grants make up part of the annual grant (FY2023: \$1,030,316) awarded to the South Carolina Department of Archives and History by the National Park Service. These grants assist projects such as historical and architectural surveys, archeological surveys, National Register nominations, planning, pre-development projects, and publications. Certified Local Governments (CLGs) may also apply for assistance with stabilization and weatherization projects. A minimum of ten percent (10%) of our total Federal appropriation (\$103,032 for FY 2023) must be allocated to CLGs. The grant recipients are required to match these funds dollar-for-dollar.

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Beaufort County Survey Update **\$40,000**
(Beaufort, Beaufort County)

Grant Recipient: Beaufort County

This project will update the Beaufort County Above-Ground Historic Resources Survey last completed in 1998, focusing on areas south and west of the Broad River and on St. Helena Island. The County's goals are to identify previous buildings and structures that are no longer existing from the 1998 survey, to record resources that are now annexed into municipalities and not under County zoning, and to identify new qualifying resources that meet the criteria for the National Register of Historic Places and local designation. These surveys will be utilized by the County's Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) and by the County's staff for any future National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nominations.

Sullivan's Island Design Guidelines **\$25,000**
(Sullivan's Island, Charleston County)

Grant Recipient: Town of Sullivan's Island (CLG)

The Town of Sullivan's Island will hire a qualified consultant to develop design-review guidelines for its local historic district in order to provide clear, concise expectations, generate awareness about the significance of Sullivan's Island's historic architecture, and ensure a legacy of responsible management of the town's historic resources. The guidelines will apply to properties within the residential district, Community Commercial District and outline adaptive reuse strategies for historic military structures often operated as public facilities. The design guidelines will complement the Town's historic preservation ordinance and will be utilized by the Town's Design Review Board, Planning Commission and Planning and Zoning Department staff during the review of projects that rehabilitate existing historic buildings or construct new buildings within the historic district boundaries.

Florence Design Guidelines **\$35,000**
(Florence, Florence County)

Grant Recipient: City of Florence (CLG)

The City of Florence has five historic overlay districts. The Design Guidelines for Downtown Florence, South Carolina were originally prepared in March 2005, with minor updates since that time. In the intervening 18 years, two more supplemental overlay districts have been added, bringing the total to seven. The Guidelines need to be updated to include the new districts and to provide clearer prescriptions for the treatment of both existing structure alterations and new construction for property owners, staff, and Design Review Board members. The goal is to produce new Design Guidelines for the City of Florence inclusive of all overlay districts to ensure that residential and commercial district character is preserved, historic buildings are protected to the extent allowable by the document, and new construction design is complimentary to the existing built environment. As part of the process of adoption of these new guidelines, education of property owners and the public on the value of such protections will be critical.

**Georgetown Lighthouse Structural Assessment
(North Island, Georgetown County)**

\$27,700

Grant Recipient: S.C. Department of Natural Resources

Built in 1811, the Georgetown Lighthouse is part of the Thomas Yawkey Wildlife Center (YWC), a 24,000-acre Heritage Preserve in Georgetown County owned by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR). It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974 at the national level of significance. The Georgetown Lighthouse is South Carolina's most northern light and the state's oldest operational light. Located about 12 miles southeast of Georgetown, today, the landscape includes the 87-foot tall, truncated cone light, the beacon house, a cistern, the foundation from the light keepers house, three outbuildings, a dorm, and a wooden pier or boat landing. The Georgetown Lighthouse is a significant historic property and important tourism attraction, but a Historic Structures Assessment is needed to assess the physical condition of the lighthouse and its surrounding landscape to assist land managers in making appropriate and informed decisions regarding future rehabilitation and maintenance efforts. SCDNR will hire an architect and a structural engineer to complete a historic structures assessment to assess the physical condition of the lighthouse and its surrounding landscape and prepare a report with recommendations for the restoration of the Georgetown Lighthouse.

**Little River Area Historic Resources Survey
(Little River, Horry County)**

\$20,000

Grant Recipient: Horry County (CLG)

Horry County will hire a qualified consultant to conduct a historic resources survey of what is historically known as Little River Township, which will allow the Historic Preservation Commission to focus their preservation efforts. The survey is intended to record properties that may not have been recorded in the 2008 county-wide survey, properties that have become 50 years old since the last survey or those that were considered eligible and may no longer be eligible for the National Register. Per Horry County records, there are 800 properties that will have reached the 50-year mark by 2024 located in Little River Township. This survey will cover a larger portion of the county than just the village of Little River and will include other communities that have been identified within the limits of what is historically known as Little River Township. There will be an emphasis on identifying properties associated with African American history, mid-century modern architecture, and cultural significance.

**Gray Court Downtown NRHP Nomination
(Gray Court, Laurens County)**

\$10,000

Grant Recipient: Town of Gray Court

The Town of Gray Court will hire a qualified consultant to prepare a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the proposed Gray Court Downtown Historic District. The district was identified in a 2002 county survey of historic resources and identified at that time by the SHPO as eligible for the National Register. The district is comprised of a two-block area of early 20th-century commercial buildings on West Main Street.

**Robert Mills House Stabilization
(Columbia, Richland County)**

\$35,000

Grant Recipient: City of Columbia (CLG; Historic Columbia, designated 3rd party recipient)

Historic Columbia, the city's non-profit preservation organization, will hire a qualified contractor to make exterior stabilization and weatherization repairs to the Robert Mills (Ainsley Hall) House (completed by 1825) at 1616 Blanding Street. Repairs will be made to windows and other exterior wood features including doors and trim details and the south porch. Inappropriate paint will be removed from portions of the arcaded brickwork that supports the north porch and will be treated with a breathable lime-wash coating.

**Main Street South Carolina Technical Design Assistance
(Columbia, Richland County)**

\$10,000

Grant Recipient: Main Street South Carolina

The South Carolina chapter of the national Main Street organization will use grant funds to host training programs for local design review boards in South Carolina's Certified Local Government communities, many of which also participate in the South Carolina Main Street program. Main Street SC's goal is to promote effective local historic preservation programs which can help further larger goals related to community development that takes advantage of and promotes the historic character of cities of towns in the state.