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Application Period Now Open for Frederick County's Rural Historic Preservation Grant Program

Frederick, Md. – Eligible owners of historic properties located in unincorporated areas of Frederick County may now apply for the Rural Historic Preservation Grant Program. County Executive Jan Gardner supports this Grant Program and opportunity for the rehabilitation and stabilization of rural historic properties.

“The grant program gives property owners the opportunity to preserve, protect, and enhance properties in our community,” Executive Gardner said.

Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. Applicants may request up to \$50,000. To be eligible for funding, properties must be located in unincorporated areas of Frederick County; be either designated on the County Register of Historic Places, or a contributing resource in a County designated Historic District; and be in good standing with the County. If the property or district is not currently designated to the County Register of Historic Places, a determination of eligibility must be made by the Historic Preservation Commission prior to applying for a grant. This letter of determination must be included with the application.

Grant funds can be used for expenses associated with exterior work to stabilize, rehabilitate, restore, or preserve historic buildings. Please note that grants will not be awarded for completed work, work that is already underway, new construction, landscaping, or projects that do not meet the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties*.

Virtual Workshops will be held on the following dates to provide information about the program and how to apply. Those interested in attending will only need to participate in one workshop. Please register on the website below. Prior to the workshops, registrants will receive an email including the virtual Microsoft Teams login information.

- December 15 at 12:00 pm
- January 10 at 2:00 pm
- January 23 at 5:30 pm

Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 28, 2023. To apply, review additional information, or register for a workshop, please visit [FrederickCountyMD.gov/Historic-Preservation](https://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Historic-Preservation) and select “Grant Availability”. Questions about the grant program can be emailed to Amanda Whitmore, Historic Preservation Planner at AWhitmore@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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