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HERITAGE MONTGOMERY BRINGS STATE GRANT DOLLARS TO LOCAL HERITAGE GROUPS

The Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County (Heritage Montgomery) is pleased to announce the local recipients of FY 2014 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) Grants totaling \$166,400:

- National Capital Trolley Museum in Colesville \$20,000 Project Grant for restoration of an historic streetcar built in 1898
- Montgomery County Historical Society in Rockville \$5,000 Project Grant for development of a new interpretive program, "Seen but Not Heard, a Tour from the Perspective of the Help"
- Town of Brookeville \$32,400 Project Grant for War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration event planning
- Heritage Montgomery \$9,000 Project Grant for Heritage Days 2014
- Heritage Montgomery \$100,000 Management Grant for operating support

"Tourism is one of Maryland's largest industries. By investing in initiatives like the Maryland Heritage Area Program, our state's cultural heritage tourism continues to impact our economy by creating jobs, generating tax revenue and increasing business income," said Governor Martin O'Malley.

Heritage Montgomery continues its strong commitment to bringing state dollars to many important local projects, encouraging county residents and visitors alike to enjoy historic, outdoor recreation, and cultural sites throughout the county.

MHAA oversees the state's twelve locally administered, state-certified Heritage Areas that work with local non-profits, governments, and businesses to preserve and promote Maryland's historic sites, unspoiled natural landscapes, and enduring traditions, encouraging tourism and economic development.

The grant round for FY 2015 MHAA Grants begins early this spring. For more information visit http://mht.maryland.gov/grants_heritagearea.html.

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