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HERITAGE MONTGOMERY BRINGS STATE FUNDING TO LOCAL HERITAGE PROGRAMS

The Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County (Heritage Montgomery) is pleased to announce the local recipients of FY 2015 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) Grants totaling \$155,700:

- Montgomery County Historical Society in Rockville \$5,000 Project Grant for a Maryland Emancipation Day program
- National Capital Trolley Museum in Colesville \$25,000 Project Grant for restoration of the Lord Baltimore Streetcar Truck
- Sandy Spring Museum \$5,000 Project Grant for an Emancipation: 150 Years Later program
- Heritage Montgomery \$8,100 Project Grant for Heritage Days 2015
- Heritage Montgomery \$12,600 Project Grant for War of 1812 Bicentennial and Civil War Sesquicentennial interpretive programs
- Heritage Montgomery \$100,000 Management Grant for operating support

For the last 17 years, the MHAA grant program has supported projects in communities throughout Maryland that emphasize our state's cultural heritage and contribute to local economies through tourism.

Heritage Montgomery, one of 12 Maryland State Heritage Areas, has brought over \$2 million to Montgomery County projects since 2004. Dedicated to promoting and supporting county historical, cultural and natural sites, Heritage Montgomery continues its strong commitment to bringing state dollars to many important local projects and encouraging economic development through local tourism.

The grant round for FY 2016 MHAA Grants will begin in early spring 2015. For more information on Heritage Montgomery and grant opportunities, visit <u>http://heritagemontgomery.org</u>.