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# STATE HERITAGE AREA FUNDING COMES TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY

The Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County (Heritage Montgomery) is pleased to announce the local recipients of FY 2017 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) State grant funding:

### National Capital Trolley Museum, Colesville

\$25,000 Project Grant for restoration of a 1918 streetcar for its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

# Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring

\$7,050 Project Grant for interior and exterior wayfinding signage at the museum.

#### **Visit Montgomery**

\$50,000 Marketing Grant to the county tourism agency to market Heritage Montgomery's rebranded Crossroads & Cultures themed area.

### **Heritage Montgomery**

\$100,000 Management Grant for operating support.

For the last 20 years, the MHAA 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 13 Maryland State Heritage Areas, has brought over \$2 million to Montgomery County projects since 2004. Dedicated to promoting and supporting county history, culture, and nature, 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 2018 MHAA Grants will begin in early spring 2017. For more information on Heritage Montgomery and grant opportunities, visit <a href="http://heritagemontgomery.org">http://heritagemontgomery.org</a>.

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