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\$286,000 IN 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 2019 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) State grant funding:

C&O Canal Trust

\$11,500 for interpretation and exhibits at Swains Lockhouse by the Canal Quarters program

Glen Echo Park Partnership \$5,703 for an assessment of the flooring in the historic Spanish Ballroom

Montgomery County Parks Foundation \$50,000 for exhibits at the Josiah Henson Park Museum in N. Bethesda

National Capital Trolley Museum \$10,000 to update the "Streetcars: From Horses to Electric" exhibit

Pleasant View Historic Association \$100,000 for building stabilization at the Pleasant View Historic Site in Gaithersburg

Town of Brookeville \$8,800 for renovations at the Brookeville One-Room Schoolhouse

Heritage Montgomery

\$100,000 Management Grant

For over 20 years, MHAA has supported projects in communities throughout Maryland that emphasize our cultural heritage and contribute to local economies through tourism. "Heritage tourism fosters sustainable economic development and job creation, while making our communities better places to live and work," said Governor Larry Hogan.

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 2020 MHAA Grants will begin in early spring 2019. For more information on Heritage Montgomery and grant opportunities, visit <u>http://heritagemontgomery.org</u>.

The Impact of Maryland Heritage Areas \$19.8 million in State and Local Taxes Generated \$4.45 Return on Investment for Every Dollar of State Grant Funds 3,146 Jobs Created \$7.78 Leveraged by Every Dollar of State Grant Funds (\$5.78 of which is non-State support)

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