



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Beau Lockard, Historic Preservation Planner
DATE: October 4, 2023
RE: Rural Historic Preservation Grant Disbursements

Issue:

What percentage of grant funds should initially be disbursed to the grant awardees of Linganore Farm, William Downey House, and the Basil Harding House?

Background and Discussion:

The Rural Historic Preservation Grant Guidelines approved by the County Council state that the initial disbursement percentage for an awarded grant project will be determined by the Historic Preservation Commission. The initial disbursement can be between 25 to 50% of the total project award. Once the initial disbursement has been made, the remaining grant funds will be reimbursed to the awardee. At 50% completion of the project, an additional 25% may be reimbursed with the remainder of the award reimbursed at project completion.

The awarded projects are ready to receive their initial disbursement of grant funding. The projects are associated with Linganore Farm (CR #01-01), the William Downey House (CR #20-04), and the Basil Harding House (CR #20-04). Below is the summary of the projects, the awarded amounts, and potential percentage disbursements.

<i>Property Name</i>	<i>Project Summary</i>	<i>Grant Award</i>	<i>25% Disbursed</i>	<i>33% Disbursed</i>	<i>50% Disbursed</i>
<i>Linganore Farm</i>	Rebuild and replace bricks on smokehouse. Rebuild roof on tenant house.	\$50,000	\$12,500	\$16,667	\$25,000

<i>William Downey House</i>	Repoint deteriorated mortar joints and cut out, remove, and replace broken bricks on the south and west elevations of the farmhouse.	\$50,000	\$12,500	\$16,667	\$25,000
<i>Basil Harding House</i>	Remove and replace existing metal and shingle roof on house and porches with standing seam metal roofs. Repoint deteriorated mortar joints and replace broken stones on the house.	\$46,800	\$11,700	\$15,600	\$23,400

Review of the estimates for the project does not show how much of a down payment is required to start work. Typically, up to one-third of the project cost is required by contractors to start the work.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve one-third or 33% of the grant awards to the awardees as this amount should meet the initial deposit required by most contractors.