



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Amanda Whitmore, Historic Preservation Planner
DATE: January 21, 2025
RE: FY 2026 Rural Historic Preservation Grant Program Rankings

Issue:

Should the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) approve the rankings of twelve grant applications for the Frederick County FY 2026 Rural Historic Preservation Grant Program to be forwarded to the County Executive for further review?

Background:

The Frederick County Rural Historic Preservation Grant Program was established from legislation that increased the county's recordation tax to boost agricultural land preservation and set aside the first \$500,000 annually for three programs, one of which is grants for rural historic preservation. The grant application period opened on September 1. The Commission was provided access to all application packets. A summary of each application is included as Attachment 1.

Review Process and Schedule:

Application Deadline	November 30, 2024
Staff Review of Completed Applications	December 2024
Grant Review	January 15, 2025
Historic Preservation Commission Recommendation	February 5, 2025
County Executive Review & Decision	March/April 2025

The grant review subcommittee of the HPC reviewed and ranked the applications per the approved criteria, which consider factors such as the historical and cultural significance of the resource, urgency of the project, retention of historically significant material, provisions for long-term resource preservation, etc. Additionally, the grant review subcommittee was given the total award amount available to distribute and was tasked with deciding the award amounts to applicants. The grant review subcommittee stretched the total award amount as far as they could resulting in some projects getting full funding and others receiving partial funding for projects they felt could still achieve some of the proposed work.

The subcommittee has approved releasing the attached rankings and recommended award amounts forward to the HPC for review and approval (Attachment 2). The County Executive will review

the rankings and award amounts recommended by the HPC and make a final decision. Awardees will return to the HPC to receive their Certificate of Approval before the execution of the grant agreement.

Recommendation:

The grant review subcommittee reviewed the applications on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 and recommended releasing the rankings and award amounts to the HPC. Staff recommends approving the rankings and awards shown on the attached chart for further review and decision by the County Executive.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Summary of Grant Applications

Attachment 2: Recommended Rankings and Award Amounts

Summary of Grant Applications

Property Name	Project Description	Request
Hamilton Willard Shafer	Repair rear porch, rebuild stone meat house and replace roof, repair wagon shed wall	\$45,000.00
Needwood Farmhouse	Replace flashing around dormers and windows; repair 5-v roofing; remove corrugated metal and repair/replace slate	\$50,000.00
Judge William Stoner House	Replace roof over the house; rebuild chimneys; restore front porches	\$50,000.00
Liberty Female Seminary	Repoint the north façade; rebuild the center chimney	\$45,605.00
Oliver P Harding	Restore windows on the main house; install storm windows; restore house doors; replace the roof on the springhouse; repair damaged porch elements on the house	\$50,000.00
William Downey House	Repoint the east and west elevations of the main house	\$50,000.00
Lingnore Farm	Restore three chimneys on the main house; Roof replacement on the main house	\$50,000.00
Henry Smeltzer Farmstead	Restore, repair, and rehang wooden shutters; repair foundation, roof, and siding of weigh shed; replace roof on existing garage	\$50,000.00
Henry Brandenburg House	Spring & Wash House repaint; replace two windows; build stairs. Smokehouse: repaint. Brick Oven: Repaint, replace boards, restore brick cook surface, and replicate iron door. House Porch: Replace posts and balustrades to replicate historic posts.	\$50,000.00
Daniel James Barn	Repoint mortar on the barn and rebuild portions of the stone wall that have failed	\$49,000.00
Still Work Barn	Replace roof over bank barn	\$45,844.00
Braddock Grange	Remove non-historic Portland cement mortar and replace it with appropriate lime base mortar. Repair fish-scale shingles	\$38,795.00

Recommended Rankings and Award Amounts

Property Name	Average	Full/Partial	Amount
Hamilton W. Shafer Farm	87	Full	\$45,000
Needwood Farmhouse	84	Full	\$50,000
Judge William Stoner House	77.66	Partial	\$46,590
Liberty Female Seminary	75.66	Partial	\$36,237
Oliver P. Harding Farm	74.66	Partial	\$22,173
William Downey House	74.33	Full	\$50,000
Linganore Farm	73.66	None	\$0
Henry Smeltzer Farmstead	70.33	None	\$0
Henry Brandenburg House	69.33	None	\$0
Daniel James Barn	69.33	None	\$0
Still Work Barn	66	None	\$0
Braddock Garage	60.66	None	\$0