

HOWARD COUNTY HISTORIC CEMETERY 2027 GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Howard County Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board provides information and identifies resources to help preserve cemeteries in Howard County. The Board has small grants available to help with private cemetery public information, landscaping, repair, and protection projects.

Grant Criteria

The cemetery project must pertain to a public education, restoration, or clean-up effort on one of the inventoried Historic Cemeteries in Howard County.

Grant funds cannot be used to pay for the following: labor (unless the work is contracted to a licensed professional), food for individuals working on the project, and supplies or equipment that are not directly needed to complete the scope of work.

A cash match must be provided for the grant funds; an in-kind match is not acceptable.

Grant funds may be used for the following project categories:

- ◇ Outreach: Sign repair or new installation of historic plaque or educational sign.
- ◇ Repair: Wall rebuilding or repointing, headstone repair, fence, or gate repair.
- ◇ Protection: Fence installation around graves or perimeter of cemetery, including adding gates.
- ◇ Landscape: Native tree planting, invasive plant removal, trash or landscape clean-ups, erosion protection.

Application Deadline

The Grant application must be received no later than 5:00 pm on November 18, 2026. The grant applicant will be notified of the grant decision by December 23, 2026. Projects must be completed within 6 months of the grant award and all paperwork submitted by June 16, 2027 or funding may be denied.

Application Information

Questions concerning this application may be directed to Beth Burgess at 410-313-4341 or email bburgess@howardcountymd.gov. Failure to provide all required information may result in the rejection of the grant application.

A complete application must include the following:

- contact information for applicant
- photos of site
- scope of project
- schedule of project or task
- estimated cost of project



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Permits May Be Needed

This grant is for funding of work pertaining to the public education, restoration, or clean-up of a historic cemetery in Howard County. **Approval of this grant application does not imply approval for any other required County permits.**

Approval may be needed from the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to obtain a 25% tax credit, or from the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits (DILP) for building or grading permits. Those approvals and permits may be applied for at the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043. Questions regarding tax credits should be directed to HPC staff at 410-313-2350; permitting questions should be directed to DILP at 410-313-2455. Volunteer waiver forms or permission slips are the responsibility of the cemetery owner.

Submissions

Applications may be submitted via email, USPS mail, or in person at George Howard Building.

- ◇ Email: bburgess@howardcountymd.gov
- ◇ USPS Mail to: Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning
c/o Resource Conservation Division,
3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043
- ◇ In person: George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Applications are not accepted via fax. Photos can be original prints, scanned, or printed images attached to the grant application (original photos will not be returned). Please label and submit all images in color, not black and white.

