

HOWARD COUNTY HISTORIC CEMETERY 2026 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 October 2, 2025. The grant applicant will be notified of the grant decision by October 23, 2025. Projects must be completed within 7 months of the grant award and all paperwork submitted by June 11, 2026 or funding may be denied.

Application Information

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

A complete application must include the following:

1. contact information for applicant
2. photos of site
3. scope of project
4. schedule of project or task
5. estimated cost of project
6. cost request of grant



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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.



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SUBMIT 1 COPY of the Application and supporting materials to the Howard County Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 pm on October 2, 2025 at the Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

Questions about the Application Process?

Please contact Beth Burgess at 410-313-4341 or bburgess@howardcountymd.gov.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Name of cemetery: _____

Address of cemetery: _____

Name of property owner: _____

Is this property listed on the Howard County Historic Sites Inventory? ☐ Yes ☐ No #HO-

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of organization (if any): _____

Name of applicant (one name only for contact purposes): _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone No. (cell): _____ (Home or Work): _____

Email: _____ Contact Preference: _____

Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board GENERAL GRANT CONDITIONS:

I hereby certify by the signature(s) below that the information supplied on this application is correct, complete and budgeted to the best of my abilities. I authorize a site visit from the Grant Committee and its agents as may be necessary to review this grant application and its scope of work. This right-of-entry shall continue until the grant is complete and the work has been done to its specified scope. I acknowledge that the grant requires an equal cash match and that all the expenses will need to be covered in advance of the grant disbursement. I understand that on completion of the project and approval of the Grant Committee, I may submit for expense reimbursement as outlined in the grant request. I forfeit grant funds if my work is not complete and paperwork submitted by June 11, 2026.

If the Applicant is not the owner of the subject property, the owner's signature authorizing is required.

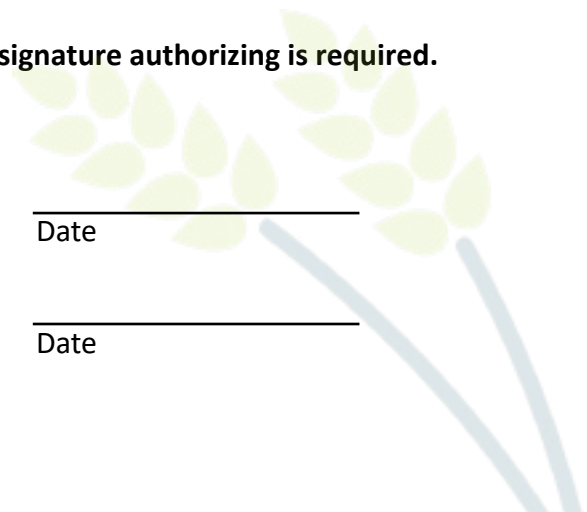
SIGNATURE(S):

Applicant or Authorized Agent

Date

Owner (if different than applicant)

Date



PROJECT SCOPE

Please check which of the following categories apply to your grant application scope of work:

- ◇ Outreach: Sign repair or new installation of historic plaque or educational sign
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Please describe the cemetery project and the scope of work:

Who will do the work. Describe the community or contractors (church, scouts, owners, professionals, neighbors, etc.) that will be involved in this project:

Describe how this project will be maintained or preserved in the future:

PROJECT BUDGET

Amount of Grant request \$ _____ Total Budget \$ _____

Describe Expenses for this Project: _____

Proposed Start Date: _____

Estimated Completion Date: _____

Have you included photos, plans or any additional information necessary in understanding this project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will this project occur regardless of the grant? ☐ Yes, regardless ☐ No, project will not occur