



NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR MARYLAND MUSEUMS!

WHO:

If you're receiving this, you are probably eligible. The Maryland Association of History Museums is now offering grants for organizations throughout the state to assist in participation in the American Association for State and Local History's (AASLH) new Standards and Excellence Program for History Organizations (StEPS).

WHAT:

Grant funds will be used by recipients to participate in an assessment program specifically geared towards small organizations. The assessment program is called StEPS (Standards and Excellence Program for History Organizations.) *StEPS* is a voluntary, self-assessment program for small- and mid-sized history organizations. The program, created by AASLH with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, encourages awareness and achievement of national standards in museum excellence. Organizations that enroll in this new self-paced, self-study program will utilize assessment questions and performance indicators (Basic, Good, Better) to rate their policies and practices in six standards sections. Participating organizations can clearly identify their strengths and areas needing improvement, and begin taking steps to plan for positive change. For more information, visit: <http://www.aaslh.org/steps.htm>

WHY:

The Maryland Association of History Museums has received a grant from the Maryland Historical Trust. MAHM will use these grant funds to offer mini-grants to organizations in Maryland who would like to participate in a voluntary assessment program. Our hope is to reach the neediest organizations in Maryland to assist them as they develop in a professional manner.

Please Send Completed Applications to:

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Maryland Association of History Museums

American Association for State and Local History- Standards and Excellence Program for History Organizations "StEPs"

StEPs Grant Application

Applicant Organization:

Address:

County:

Contact/Title:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Website Address:

Statement of Purpose/Mission Statement:

Governing Structure:

Board of Trustees/Directors

Local Government

Other

Year Founded:

Hours and Days of Operation:

Total amount of most recent annual budget:

Annual Attendance: On-site:

Outreach:

Number of Staff:

Full-time:

Part-time:

Volunteers:

MAHM is providing grants for enrollment in StEPS at the institutional member rate. Enrollment is \$150 for AASLH institutional members or \$250 for non-members--this includes a one-year institutional membership. Grant winners who are not members are required to cover the difference.

Please Answer Yes or No to the Following Questions. A “yes” answer IS NOT required to maintain eligibility for the grant.

___ 1) Is the institution benefited by the grant organized for essentially educational or preservation purposes?

___ 2) Does the institution exhibit tangible, inanimate objects to the public on a regular schedule?

___ 3) Does the institution interpret the State’s cultural heritage or the State’s history, natural history, or history of science and technology?

___ 4) Is the organization recognized as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501 of the Federal Internal Revenue Code **or** is it a duly authorized agency or instrumentality of a municipality or county?

___ 5) Is the applicant a nonprofit organization qualified to do business in Maryland?

___ 6) Is the application organization in good standing and with the legal capacity and authority to incur the obligation of a grant through the program **or** is it a local government (county or municipal agency)?

___ 7) Is the institution a member of AASLH?

___ 8) Is the institution a member of MAHM?

___ 9) Does the institution’s mission reflect that it is an organization that preserves or interprets history, science, or art for the general public?

___ 10) Is the organization a registered non-profit?