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National Park Service Awards \$8.6 Million in Preservation Grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities

WASHINGTON - The National Park Service today awarded \$8.6 million in grant funding to support projects that preserve significant historic structures on the campuses of 18 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

“HBCUs have played an important role in our country’s pursuit of equality, civil rights, and higher education for all Americans,” said National Park Service Deputy Director P. Daniel Smith. “These grants will help restore and enhance landmark buildings that are a source of pride on campuses in nine states.”

[Historically Black Colleges and Universities Grants](#) support the preservation of sites on HBCU campuses that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.. Eligible projects include pre-preservation studies, architectural plans and specifications, historic structure reports, and the repair and rehabilitation of historic properties according to the Secretary of the Interior’s [Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties](#).

Examples of projects funded by the grants include:

- The stabilization of Wilkinson Hall at South Carolina State University. The grant will fund repairs to the structure which dates to 1938 and is part of the South Carolina State College National Register Historic District. Project tasks will include repairing stone and brick work, windows, and gutters, as well as waterproofing the building to stop water infiltration.

- Accessibility improvements in the Founders Library at Howard University in Washington, DC. Constructed in 1939 and a key feature of the Howard National Historic Landmark District, the building serves as the main library for students on campus. It also houses one of the world's largest catalogs of the African American experience. The project will improve accessibility to the building, including construction of a new entryway, in a manner that is sensitive to its architecture and historic fabric.
- The rehabilitation of the Vashon Community Center at Harris-Stowe State University in Missouri. Built in 1936 and listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places, the building housed one of only four black recreation centers in St. Louis at the time. The project will rehabilitate both the interior and exterior of the structure and make modifications to improve accessibility. The interior rehabilitation will include the removal of hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead paint.

Congress appropriates funding for the HBCU grant program through the Historic Preservation Fund. The Fund uses revenue from federal oil leases on the Outer Continental Shelf to provide assistance for a broad range of preservation projects, not tax dollars.

Following is the full list of projects funded:

HBCU Grant Recipients	Project	State	Amount
Philander Smith College	Renovation of the James Monroe Cox Administration Building, Phase II	Arkansas	\$304,258
Howard University	Founders Library Handicap Accessibility Renovation	District of Columbia	\$500,000
Delaware State University	Preservation of Historic Lookerman Hall	Delaware	\$500,000
Clark Atlanta University	Rehabilitation of Park Street Methodist Episcopal Church	Georgia	\$500,000
Fort Valley State University	Renovation of the Historic Bywaters Building	Georgia	\$470,000
Harris-Stowe State University	Rehabilitating the Vashon Community Center	Missouri	\$500,000
Tougaloo College	Interior Rehabilitation of the John W. Boddie House	Mississippi	\$270,000

Johnson C. Smith University	Preservation of Biddle Memorial Hall	North Carolina	\$496,186
Livingstone College	Rehabilitation of Andrew Carnegie Library	North Carolina	\$500,000
Shaw University	Rehabilitation of Tupper Memorial & Estey Halls within Raleigh's East Raleigh-South Park Historic District	North Carolina	\$480,000
Saint Augustine University	Preservation of the Saint Augustine's University Chapel	North Carolina	\$312,250
South Carolina State University	Preservation of Wilkinson Hall	South Carolina	\$500,000
Voorhees College, State of South Carolina	Stabilize & Preserve Booker T. Washington Hall	South Carolina	\$500,000
Benedict College	Morgan Hall Preservation Project	South Carolina	\$500,000
Virginia Union University	Preservation of Huntley Hall	Virginia	\$500,000
Hampton University	Wigwam Preservation Project	Virginia	\$500,000
Virginia State University	Preservation of Vawter Hall	Virginia	\$493,815
Virginia State University	Preservation of Storum Hall	Virginia	\$274,278
Virginia University of Lynchburg	Preservation of Humbles Hall	Virginia	\$499,213
Total			\$8,600,000

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