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# Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area announces FY16 mini-grant program

**Frederick, MD** - The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA), a certified heritage area encompassing parts of Carroll, Frederick and Washington counties, announces its FY16 mini-grant program.

## CARROLL COUNTY

HAMPSTEAD
MANCHESTER
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NEW WINDSOR
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WESTMINSTER

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BRUNSWICK
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FREDERICK
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MOUNT AIRY
MYERSVILLE
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THURMONT
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### Washington County

BOONSBORO
HAGERSTOWN
HANCOCK
SHARPSBURG
SMITHSBURG
WILLIAMSPORT

The Heart of the Civil War is offering competitive mini-grants between \$500 and \$2,500 to heritage sites, non-profit organizations, and government to develop new and innovative programs, partnerships, exhibits, tours, events, and other heritage tourism-related initiatives that are consistent with the goals and priorities stated in the HCWHA management plan (available at <a href="heartofthecivilwar.org">heartofthecivilwar.org</a>). Grant-funded projects must take place within the geographic <a href="boundaries">boundaries</a> of the heritage area.

A workshop for prospective applicants will be held on Tuesday, September 29, at the Carroll County Public Library in Westminster from 1:30-3:00 pm. Attendance is encouraged but not required for mini-grant applicants. Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:agelles@fredco-md.net">agelles@fredco-md.net</a>. Additional workshops may take place in Carroll and Washington Counties this fall upon request.

The deadline for FY16 mini-grants is Friday, November 13, 2015. The mini-grant guidelines and application form are available online at <a href="https://example.com/heartofthecivilwar.org">heartofthecivilwar.org</a>. Prospective grant applicants are encouraged to contact Auni Gelles, HCWHA Assistant, at <a href="mailto:agelles@fredco-md.net">agelles@fredco-md.net</a> or (301) 600-4031 to discuss grant projects or application questions.

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