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## **Harford Accepting Applications for New African American Heritage Grants; Juneteenth Declared County Government Holiday**

**BEL AIR, Md.**, (June 16, 2022) - Harford County will accept applications in July for its new African American Heritage Grant Program. Grants will fund projects that contribute to the research, preservation, and interpretation of local African American history. Individuals, nonprofits, businesses, and local governments may apply.

Funding can be used to restore a resource that is eligible for or listed as a Harford County Historic Landmark, and for preservation planning services, architectural and archeological surveys, research, interpretation, and programming.

The application period opens on Friday, July 1 and closes at 4 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 2022.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Harford County's historic preservation staff to discuss their project prior to filling out an application. All questions and comments may be directed to [preservationgrants@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:preservationgrants@harfordcountymd.gov) or 410-638-3103.

More information about the grant, full eligibility requirements, and applications are on the county website at <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/3424/Harford-County-African-American-Heritage>.

"This year marks two important firsts in Harford County," County Executive Barry Glassman said. "I have declared Juneteenth a county government holiday in honor of its historical significance, and we are launching the county's first grant program to preserve African American history for future generations."

Because Juneteenth, June 19, falls on a Sunday this year, county government offices will be closed on Monday, June 20 in observance of the holiday.

*[Proclamation attached]*

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HARFORD COUNTY MARYLAND  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE



*Be it hereby known to all that a  
Harford County Government holiday  
will henceforth be observed in recognition of*

## *Juneteenth*

*June 19*

*Celebrating the end of slavery and honoring this date in 1865  
when enslaved Americans in Texas finally learned they were free.*



*Given under my hand  
the Seal of Harford County*

*Barry Glassman  
Harford County Executive*

*On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE  
Two Thousand TWENTY-TWO*

*Attest:*

*Secretary to the County Executive*