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Announcing the Ellicott City Revitalization Grant Program Supporting the preservation of one of Maryland's most historic communities

Ellicott City, MD – In response to the impact of the July 2016 flood, Preservation Maryland and Historic Ellicott City, Inc. announced a new joint grant program to benefit historic Ellicott City.

The *Historic Ellicott City Revitalization Grant Program* will provide direct assistance for the rehabilitation and preservation of properties, and the promotion of cultural resources within the Ellicott City Historic District boundaries. Non-profit organizations, religious institutions, and county agencies with projects located within the historic district are eligible to apply.

For 2017, \$50,000 in funding will be made available and will be disbursed in grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 to awardees. Projects eligible for funding from the grant program fall into three broad categories: 1) Repair and rehabilitation, 2) Public programming and 3) Planning. For 2017, the organizations have announced that repair and rehabilitation will be the priority funding category. Grant applications are due to Preservation Maryland by June 2, 2017.

Funding for the program has been generously provided by Historic Ellicott City, Inc. through fundraising associated with their annual "Show House" project, which last year featured historic Avoca, as well as the support of donors to Preservation Maryland's Ellicott City Flood Recovery Fund.

"We believe that this partnership will greatly benefit the revitalization efforts of restoring the Historic District of Ellicott City," commented Historic Ellicott City, Inc.'s President Joan Becker. "We are pleased to be able to offer this assistance to eligible recipients and look forward to continuing this partnership in the years to come."

Becker was joined by Preservation Maryland Executive Director Nicholas Redding, noting, "The long-term recovery of Ellicott City has been a priority for Preservation Maryland since we first learned of the devastating flood nearly a year ago. We've been on the ground since that disaster and we are thrilled to be partnering with historic Ellicott City, Inc. to provide even more support to this charming and historic community."

To learn more about the grant program and to apply, visit: www.presmd.org/ecgrant

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Preservation Maryland, the state's first and foremost historic preservation nonprofit organization, is dedicated to preserving Maryland's historic buildings, neighborhoods, landscapes, and archaeological sites through outreach, funding, and advocacy. More at: preservationmaryland.org

Historic Ellicott City, Inc. is a non-profit volunteer organization founded in 1974. The organization is the result of a merger of Historic Ellicott Mills, Inc. and the Ellicott City Bicentennial Association, Inc. The mission of the organization is to preserve, educate and restore historic properties, primarily in the Historic District of Ellicott City. More at: historicec.com