**HISTORIC COLUMBUS**

**2021 Public Participation Grant**

**Grant Description and Purpose**

Increasing awareness of historic preservation is a vital component to HCF’s mission and having the public as a partner in this process will only strengthen our ability to be an advocate for saving our history, our legacies, and our stories. There are numerous (non-profit or government owned) historic structures in our community that are in need of renovation work (i.e. historic churches, community buildings, theatres, and schools).

The purpose of this grant is to assist those properties with “bricks and mortar” needs and asks applicants to promote their projects and create enthusiasm in the public about preservation efforts. ***Grants ranging from $10,000 up to $100,000 will be awarded to projects that preserve, rehabilitate, restore, or increase accessibility to historic properties in Muscogee County and its environs.***

An historic property is defined as a property that is 1) eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or 2) listed on the National Register either individually or as a contributing structure within a National Register Historic District/National Historic Landmark District. Environs is defined as Georgia counties adjoining Muscogee County.

**Grant Timeline**

* June: Grant Announcement
* September 17: Grant application due to Historic Columbus
* September 30: Selected grant finalists announced and Media Event
* October 1 – October 17: Open House at each of the grant finalists’ project sites
* October 11 – October 17: Public voting
* October 26: Grant Winner announced at Historic Columbus’ Annual Meeting

Applications are available at [www.historiccolumbus.com](http://www.historiccolumbus.com) and must be submitted by September 17, 2021. If you would like to apply or have questions about the grant application, please contact Elizabeth Walden elizabeth@historiccolumbus.com or Justin Krieg justin@historiccolumbus.com or via phone at 706-322-0756.