



## ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION PRESS RELEASE

The Alabama Historical Commission **protects, preserves, and interprets** Alabama's historic places and is the State Historic Preservation Office.

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### **ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION ANNOUNCES 2018 CAPITAL ENHANCEMENTS GRANT PROGRAM**

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) will administer a \$300,000 state-funded Grant Program in fiscal year 2018 (October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018), for capital improvements at historic sites throughout Alabama.

Grants will be awarded to historical skills centers, cultural heritage parks, sites, commissions, boards, agencies, authorities, any historic school structure, or any publicly-owned battlefield or structure constructed prior to 1840 that is on the National Register of Historic Places. Also, entities must reflect an education-based mission, concentrate on educational programming, and reflect the geographical diversity of the state. Grant amounts will not exceed \$50,000 for any one entity.

“Through this grant program, the Alabama Historical Commission will stimulate preservation in communities that have received less support in the past,” said Lisa D. Jones, Executive Director of AHC. “The goal of the Capital Enhancements Grant Program is to assist historic sites throughout Alabama with improvements, which will help preserve them for future generations.”

Applicants must complete an official 2018 Capital Enhancement Grant application available on the AHC website, <http://ahc.alabama.gov/grants.aspx>. Grant Application Guidelines and Grant Legislation is also available on the AHC website.

Applications must be hand-delivered or mailed to Tryon McLaney, Contracts and Grants, Alabama Historical Commission, by **August 15, 2017**. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted. AHC will announce the grant awards on October 2, 2017. See additional guidelines on the AHC website.

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**About the Alabama Historical Commission**

*Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the state historic preservation agency for Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission to protect, preserve and interpret Alabama's historic places. AHC works to accomplish its mission through two fields of endeavor: Preservation and promotion of state-owned historic sites as public attractions; and, statewide programs to assist people, groups, towns, and cities with local preservation activities. For a complete list of programs and properties owned and operated by the AHC, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit [ahc.alabama.gov](http://ahc.alabama.gov)*