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UCAC Press Release



Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions awarded 2026 Maryland Humanities SHINE grant!

UCAC was one of only thirty nonprofit organizations in the state to be awarded \$5,000 in general operating funding through the Hatza Memorial SHINE (Strengthening the Humanities Investment in Nonprofits for Equity) Grant Program

SHINE Grant recipients include museums, historic sites, preservation & historical societies, and community & cultural organizations. Awarded organizations reside in twenty-three Maryland counties and Baltimore City.

The grant funds may be used for general operating expenses and provide full flexibility to nonprofits, allowing them to determine where funds are most needed. UCAC will utilize the grant support to continue a number of major programs, including its oral history project, Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration, and events held in partnership with St. Mary's County museums, historical societies and public schools that the grant will help support.

The SHINE Grant Program honors the legacy of Marilyn Hatza, Maryland Humanities' late Director of Grants and Community Engagement, and is funded by the State of Maryland via the Maryland Historical Trust. See the full list of grantees, or learn more about SHINE, at <https://www.mdhumanities.org/grants>

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