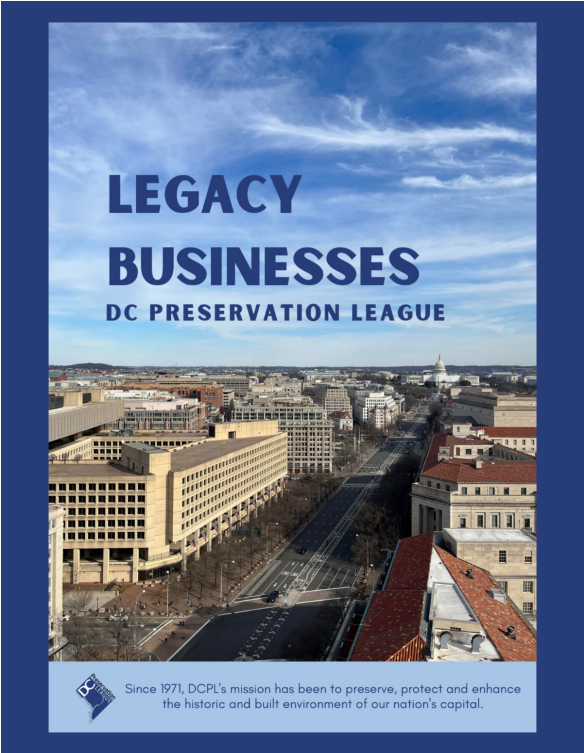




# Newsletter

April 2023

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The DC Preservation League actively pursues people-focused preservation work, where individuals and their communities are not only included as part of the history of a place, but are recognized as providing the history of a place. DCPL has been documenting legacy businesses by researching both their history and their relationship to historic properties and historic districts.

In order to explore legacy businesses across the city, DCPL needs your input. Is there a business in your neighborhood that meets the following criteria:

- 1. Business must be currently operating and located within the boundaries of the District of Columbia
- 2. Business has operated and contributed to its community's history and/or identity for 20 or more years
- 3. Business is not franchised by or affiliated with a national, corporate chain
- 4. Business has had no more than four years of closure

For additional information about legacy businesses and their importance to DC, please see DCPL's publication on Legacy Businesses, linked below.

[Tell DCPL About a Legacy Business](#)

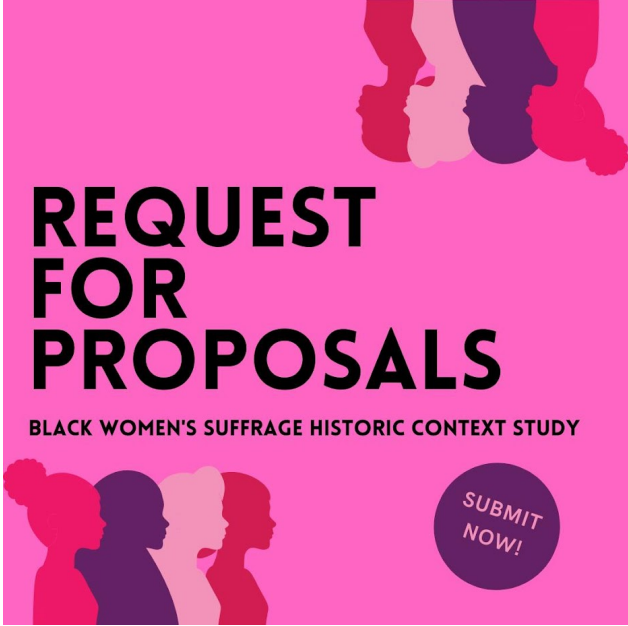
[DCPL's Publication on Legacy Businesses](#)

## DCPL Proposes Expansion of the DC Historic Homeowner Grant Program

In March, DCPL's Executive Director Rebecca Miller testified at the DC Council's 2023 Budget Oversight hearing on the Office of Planning. Miller testified on the need for an expanded [DC Historic Homeowner Grant Program](#) to include all historic properties across the city, with household income being the only limiting qualifier. As of right now, grants are only available to homeowners in 15 specific historic districts. Additionally, DCPL proposes raising the maximum grant amount from \$25,000 to \$50,000 per household per grant cycle, as well as increasing funding for the program from \$250,000 to the statutorily-authorized maximum of \$1.25 million.

DCPL also requested that a full-time employee be hired for an archaeologist position in HPO, as the District's archaeology program is understaffed.

[Click Here to Read DCPL's Testimony](#)



In 2022, DCPL was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the National Park Service to help underwrite development of a Historic Context Statement on the Black Women’s Suffrage Movement in Washington, DC. This study builds upon DCPL’s recent projects that document Women’s Suffrage Sites in DC and sites that played a critical role in African American history in DC.

This project will catalyze nominations to both the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Places. DCPL seeks proposals from qualified consultants interested in undertaking research to identify themes, establish associated property types, and create a preliminary inventory of significant historic resources associated with the Black Women’s Suffrage Movement in Washington, DC. The selected consultant will: produce a Historic Context Statement to thematically address the Black Women’s Suffrage Movement in Washington, DC; produce two new, individual landmark nominations for submission to the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Places related to the Context; and present the Context and nominations to the DC Historic Preservation Review Board.

For more information about submitting a proposal, please see the document linked below.

Proposal Information

Programming Themes: June 2023 - May 2024

Thank you to our members and supporters for sharing their thoughts on programming via survey. DCPL is excited to announce its monthly programming themes for the upcoming year!

- June - Waterways
- July - Public Art
- August - Adaptive Reuse
- September - Downtown: History & Preservation
- October - Spirits of DC
- November - DC Music History
- December - Sacred Spaces
- January - How To: Preserving Your Home
- February - Black History Month
- March - Women’s HerStory
- April - Legacy Businesses
- May - Preservation Month

Please contact [Kelli Knox \(kelli@dcpreservation.org\)](mailto:kelli@dcpreservation.org) if you would like to sponsor a month.

Continue to watch your email inbox for programming notifications throughout the upcoming year!

Applications Open for National Trust's Diversity Scholarship Program

The application is now open for the National Trust’s [2023 Diversity Scholarship Program](#). Selected applicants will attend the [PastForward National Preservation Conference](#), which takes place November 7 - 10, 2023 in DC. In addition to the conference, Scholars will be invited to bi-monthly, virtual meetings through September 2024.

The National Trust writes, “To date, the program has provided over 2,500 scholarships to conference participants from historically underrepresented groups including race, ethnicity, gender, gender identification, sexual orientation, and people with accessibility needs. Those who identify with one or more of these underrepresented groups are eligible for the scholarship. Passionate volunteers, students, and professionals are all encouraged to apply.”

The application is open through May 7, 2023. Please click below for more information.

Diversity Scholar Application

Sip & Learn: The Potter’s House Lecture  
(In-Person, Free)

Saturday, April 22nd, 4:30 - 6:00 pm EDT



Image of Andrea Lewis, Executive Director of The Potter's House. Photo courtesy of Shae Corey.

Join DCPL and [The Potter's House](#) team to learn about their business and the organization's history in the Adams Morgan neighborhood. Ever since opening in 1960, The Potter's House has acted as a space for community connection, deep conversation, and creative expression in the District. Uniquely functioning as both an independent business and a service-providing non-profit, The Potter's House has sustained its patrons with food for the mind and the body. Bring your questions about legacy businesses, community impact, and neighborhood connections. Questions are welcome and respectful conversation is encouraged.

Come early to this event for the opportunity to order a coffee, browse for a new book, and mingle with other guests. Doors open at 4:30 pm and the lecture will begin at 5:00.

***This program is free and open to the public. Please register for this event as space is limited and we will not be able to admit those without confirmed registration.***

[Register Here](#)

**Legacy Businesses Learning Session with Dr. Elizabeth Morton**  
(Webinar, Free)

Monday, April 24th, 12:00 - 1:00 pm EDT



Image of Zorba's Café, a long-standing Greek restaurant in Dupont Circle. Photo courtesy of Shae Corey.

For over two centuries, Washington, DC has functioned as a center of urban life. As the city has grown and evolved, commercial businesses have benefited the population through providing services and spaces important to the community. Several municipalities and historic preservation non-profits around the nation have explored the topic of legacy businesses, as these commercial establishments retain various tangible and intangible aspects important to historic preservation. In April 2023, the DC Preservation League is focusing on legacy businesses to highlight DC's long-standing businesses and honor their history, social value, and cultural impact on the city at large.

In this community learning session, [Dr. Elizabeth Morton](#) will discuss her study of legacy business programs across the US, and provide an overview of the legacy business documentation effort she oversaw in Arlington, VA. In the second half of the session, DC Preservation League staff members Zachary Burt and Shae Corey will present their research on legacy businesses in DC.

***This virtual program is free and open to the public. It will also be streamed live to [DCPL's Facebook page](#) and uploaded to our [YouTube page](#) after the event.***

[Register Here](#)

**In Case You Missed It: *Capital Losses: The HABS Collection as a Resource for DC's Vanished Buildings***



[The John R. McLean House, once located at 1500 I Street NW, and documented by HABS in 1939. Photo courtesy of Library of Congress.](#)

Last month, Mark Schara of the National Park Service presented about some of the

District of Columbia's buildings that have been documented as part of the [Historic American Buildings Survey \(HABS\)](#). His presentation focused on buildings that are no longer standing, further highlighting the importance of HABS and other [Heritage Documentation Programs](#). Click below to watch the recorded webinar!

HABS Webinar

Mark Your Calendars!

- Thursday, May 18th — Annual Membership Meeting
- Friday, July 14th — DC Realtor Seminar
- Thursday, September 21st — DCPL Annual Fundraiser
- Tuesday, November 14th — DC Preservation Awards

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