



**preservation
initiatives grant**

2018—2023 Awarded Projects

Mid-Century Modern & Religious Properties

GOAL

The goal of the fund is to provide **city-wide** distribution of funding to enhance the citizens' knowledge and understanding of mid-century modern (circa 1933-1976) and/or historic religious architecture in Washington.

SOURCE

The Mid-Century Modern & Religious Properties Fund is provided by ICG 16th Street Associates, LLC in connection with the redevelopment of the former landmarked site at 16th and I streets NW into a mixed-use project incorporating a new home for the Third Church of Christ, Scientist.

Third Church of Christ, Scientist | Constructed: 1971 | Demolished: 2014



Share information about historic sites with the community

\$5,000 - \$10,000 | 25% Match Required

Giants of Washington Architecture (2018)

Name of Historic Site:
Multiple (City-Wide)

Site Address: Multiple

Organization: Washington Architectural Foundation

Funding Source: Mid-Century Modern & Religious Properties

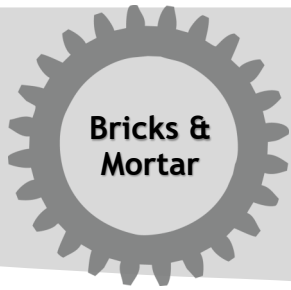
Grant Type: Outreach & Education

Grant Amount: \$10,000



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Approved Project Scope: This project, partially funded through Preservation Initiatives Grants in 2016 and 2018, focused on six architectural “giants” of recent decades: Hugh Newell Jacobsen, Coke Florence, Amy Weinstein, Mary Oehrlein, Marshall Purnell, and Hany Hassan. A video format with interviews was used, thus helping the public and fellow architects learn more about Washington, DC’s buildings and landscape. The six-part series can be found at the following [link](#).



Work that physically preserves a designated historic landmark
\$10,000 - \$50,000 | 100% Match Required

St. Mark's Church Exterior Restoration (2018)

Name of Historic Site: St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Site Address: 301 A Street SE

Organization: St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Funding Source: Mid-Century Modern & Religious Properties

Grant Type: Bricks & Mortar

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Approved Project Scope: This Capitol Hill Historic District landmark, dating to the 1890s, had exterior damage to its stone and brick masonry. Thus, the congregation decided to embark upon a restoration. Following a survey of the building's condition and mortar analysis, the brick masonry was repointed and cleaned, and some of the stone masonry was repaired (with some replacement work conducted).



Earthquake Repair Phase 2D (2018)

Name of Historic Site: Washington National Cathedral

Site Address: 3101 Wisconsin Avenue NW

Organization: Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation of the District of Columbia

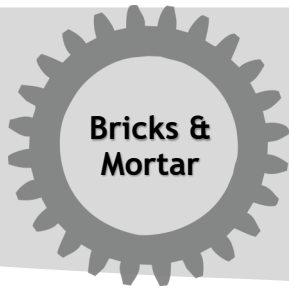
Funding Source: Mid-Century Modern & Religious Properties

Grant Type: Bricks & Mortar

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Approved Project Scope: Like other historic landmarks in the region, the Washington National Cathedral sustained damage following the August 2011 earthquake. In 2015, a Religious Properties grant helped fund repairs to the Grand Pinnacle on the National Cathedral's North Transept. When this 2018 grant was applied for, Phase 1 work had been completed, in addition to some Phase 2 repairs. The next step in Phase 2 called for work related to the Cathedral Garth — a courtyard garden. This project addressed the damage to the Garth's six buttresses and pinnacles through structural reinforcement. The area's fountain and landscaping was also restored, in addition to the building of a memorial garden. Following this work, the courtyard was finally able to reopen.





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Church of the Holy City Tower Repair Project (2019)

Name of Historic Site: Church of the Holy City

Site Address: 1611 16th Street NW

Organization: Washington Society of the New Jerusalem

Funding Source: Mid-Century Modern & Religious Properties

Grant Type: Bricks & Mortar

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Approved Project Scope: This project initially sought to address this church tower's unstable pinnacles standing above 16th Street NW. However, as the project progressed, it was recommended that the tower's heavily-damaged flooring, including in the balcony's nave, be replaced. Thus, flooring and roof repairs were completed. Separately (and not part of this grant), structural repairs were eventually made to the stone masonry, including the pinnacles. Thanks to the repairs, the Church of the Holy City (1896) can continue to safely serve its congregants and the wider community.

Historic Preservation of Georgetown Lutheran Church 1914 Bell Tower (2020) – In Progress

Name of Historic Site: Georgetown Lutheran Church

Site Address: 1556 Wisconsin Avenue NW

Organization: Georgetown Lutheran Church

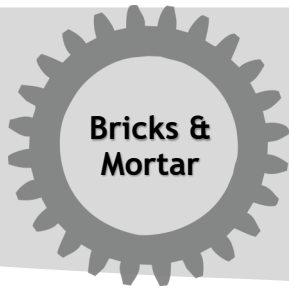
Funding Source: Mid-Century Modern & Religious Properties

Grant Type: Bricks & Mortar

Grant Amount: \$58,060

Approved Project Scope: This project is two-fold, as it will directly address both the property's history and its long-term sustainability in Georgetown. First and foremost, the bell tower will be restored to how it looked in 1914. This will be done by removing additions and repairs made over 20 years ago. This restoration will also address moisture penetration and structural reinforcement. Additionally, the site will gain new staircases, and see the removal of a structure (dating to 1943) that the church does not deem historically or architecturally significant to its congregation.





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Asbury UMC Exterior Masonry Repairs (2020)

Name of Historic Site: Asbury United Methodist Church

Site Address: 926 11th Street NW

Organization: Asbury United Methodist Church

Funding Source: Mid-Century Modern & Religious Properties

Grant Type: Bricks & Mortar

Grant Amount: \$58,060

Approved Project Scope: Unaddressed moisture penetration had led to structural damage at this historic African American congregation, dating to 1836. This damage was visible not only on the exterior, but also on the interior of this Downtown Washington church. Thus, this project included repointing of the stone masonry's mortar joints along the church's primary facades, and some stone replacement. Additionally, repairs were made to the roof, flashing, and gutter, as well as a window. These important repairs to this 1916 historic landmark, which addressed past water damage and help mitigate future moisture penetration, will ensure continued use of this longtime sacred space.



Brightwood Car Barn

GOAL

The goal of the fund is to provide the widest possible distribution of funding to the **Brightwood Community and Ward 4** of the city to enhance the citizens' knowledge and understanding of historic resources in the community that add to the area's unique cultural heritage.

SOURCE

The Brightwood Car Barn Fund is supported by mitigation funding paid by the owner of the building, Missouri Avenue Development Partners, LLC, as a result of demolition of the Brightwood Car Barn.

Brightwood Car Barn | Constructed: 1909 | Demolished: 2011-2012



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Mapping Segregation in Washington, DC – Ward 4 (2020)

Ward 4 of Washington, DC

Site Address: Multiple

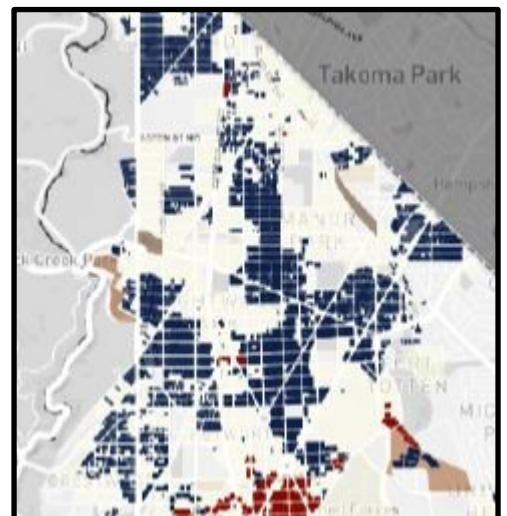
Organization: Military Road School Preservation

Trust Funding Source: Brightwood Car Barn

Grant Type: Outreach & Education

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Approved Project Scope: This grant supported continued research into the history of housing discrimination and segregation — through restrictive covenants — in Ward 4. Previous funding in 2018 supported the *How Racially Restricted Housing Shaped Ward 4* story map. This most recent research, which corrected and added new lots to the database, further enhances the online platform [Mapping Segregation in Washington, DC](#). Approximately 23,600 covenants have now been mapped through this project. Work related to oral history was also completed. This project was first funded in 2015 and 2016.



Virginia Avenue Tunnel

GOAL

The goal of the fund is to distribute funds within the **geographic area surrounding the Virginia Avenue Tunnel Reconstruction Project** that will be used to preserve, restore, research, identify and evaluate, interpret or otherwise benefit historic resources within the project area.

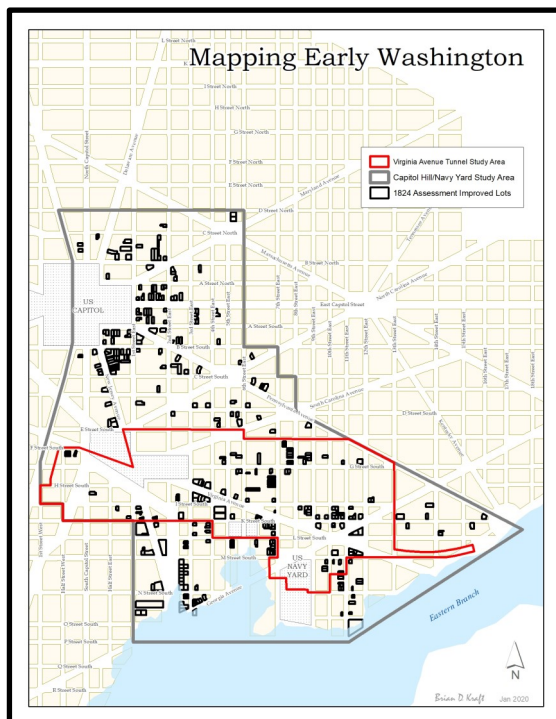
SOURCE

Funds for the Virginia Avenue Tunnel Fund are provided by CSX Transportation, Inc. and through the DC Historic Preservation Office as mitigation for adverse effects associated with reconstruction of the historic tunnel — in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Virginia Avenue Tunnel | Constructed: 1872 | Rebuilding: 2015-2018



Support for research efforts of a historic property/site
\$5,000 - \$10,000 | 25% Match Required



Mapping Early Washington (2020) — In Progress

Virginia Avenue Tunnel Study Area

Site Address: Multiple

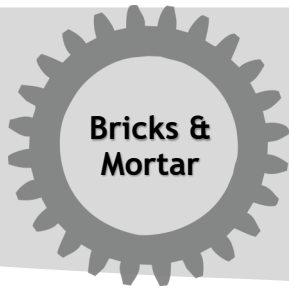
Individual: Brian D. Kraft

Funding Source: Virginia Avenue Tunnel

Grant Type: Research

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Approved Project Scope: This project of documenting the city's growth and development in the early 19th century expands upon the existing *Mapping Early Washington* project, which dates to 2017 and was first funded by a Virginia Avenue Tunnel grant in 2019. Focused on the Virginia Avenue Tunnel Study Area, this grant provides the support to research and include building data related to past tax assessments, and make it more accessible to the public through mapping. More information can be found [here](#).



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CSX Virginia Avenue Tunnel Portal Stones (2023) **– In Progress**

Part of project to move over 90 historic stones from the old Virginia Avenue Tunnel to Emblem Park and Virginia Avenue Park

Site Addresses: Emblem Park (801 Virginia Avenue SE) and Virginia Avenue Park (901 Virginia Avenue SE)

Organization: Capitol Riverfront Parks Foundation

Funding Source: Virginia Avenue Tunnel

Grant Type: Outreach & Education

Approved Project Scope: When the Virginia Avenue Railroad Tunnel was reconstructed, over 90 historic stones were salvaged and stored. The overall project seeks to integrate the historic stones into the public park landscape of Southeast Washington. This particular grant will fund signage to educate the public about the tunnel and stones' history. In addition to DCPL, the Capitol Riverfront Parks Foundation is coordinating with several key stakeholders, including the DC State Historic Preservation Office, the DC Department of Parks and Recreation, and the District Department of Transportation. There are plans to restore the stones at a future point, as they have been covered with graffiti over the years.



Stained Glass Windows (2019)

Name of Historic Site: Christ Church Washington Parish

Site Address: 620 G Street SE

Organization: Christ Church Washington Parish

Funding Source: Virginia Avenue Tunnel

Grant Type: Bricks & Mortar

Grant Amount: \$23,750

Approved Project Scope: In 2016, Christ Church was awarded a Virginia Avenue Tunnel grant which helped fund the restoration of the congregation's bell tower. In this follow-up project, the Capitol Hill church, which dates to c. 1806, was able to restore its stained glass windows and frames. A previous project several decades earlier had added plexiglass to the stained glass windows – which had accelerated deterioration. Therefore, this plexiglass was removed and replaced with tempered glass. New frames with proper ventilation were added as well. Also, cleaning of the windows and painting of the existing frames was conducted.