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Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program

Owners of historic commercial properties take note: Now is the time to submit an application for a state income tax credit for renovating your historic structures in Maryland. The fiscal year 2016 applications opened this week for the [Sustainable Communities Competitive Commercial Tax Credit program](#), administered by the Maryland Historical Trust. Commercial property owners may receive a tax credit up to 20 percent of eligible expenses to a total of \$3 million for substantial rehabilitation projects. An additional 5 percent credit is available for projects that achieve LEED Gold Certification or equivalent. Applications are rated and ranked by the Maryland Historical Trust and compete for a total of \$9 million in tax credit awards.

The tax credit preserves some of Maryland's most unique historic structures as well as creates spin-off community benefits. The program has been credited with creating jobs, enhancing values of nearby properties and transforming neglected neighborhoods. Studies have shown that every dollar of historic tax credit generates more than \$8 in economic activity and each \$1 million invested by the state program generates 72 jobs. For more information, go to the Maryland Historical Trust's [tax credit page](#).



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List Your Event for Free on Visitmaryland.org

The Maryland Office of Tourism recently launched their new version of visitmaryland.org. You can list your event on visitmaryland.org for free! To add your event:

1. Log onto <http://www.visitmaryland.org/events-calendar>
2. Scroll down to "Add Event" and click it
3. Enter your login information.

If you are not registered, create an account.

4. Enter the required information and click "Save".

The Maryland Office of Tourism will review and post your event. Please note: Events submitted to the visitmaryland.org calendar must be tourism related and appeal to a variety of Maryland visitors. Events must be non-discriminatory, open to the public and in MD. Events must have a specific date or date range. A facility may not list daily operations as an event. The Maryland Office of Tourism reserves the right to approve, remove, edit and reject any submission. Submissions are usually processed within three business days. If you have any questions about submitting your event, please email calendar@visitmaryland.org.

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