

## **James R. Trader Cemetery Preservation Fund**

The Trader Foundation for Maryland Burial Sites, Inc. was established in 2015 to help provide financial assistance for worthy cemetery projects in the State of Maryland. The Foundation's mission is to enable the advancement of physical cemetery preservation and the response to emergency situations and to prevent further desecration of endangered historic Maryland cemeteries by awarding grants directly to qualified parties. The Foundation raises funds for this sustainable grant program through donations and bequests. The Trader Foundation for Maryland Burial Sites invites applications for grants up to \$2,000.

**Submission Deadlines are January 1 and July 1 of each year.**

### **Details of the Grant Funding**

The project or program must benefit a specific burial ground within the State of Maryland. Funds from the Trader Fund must be matched 50-50 by the grantee. At least one-third of the match must be in cash; the remainder may be "in kind" materials or services.

Grant decisions are made by the Foundation's Board of Directors. The Board reserves the option (based upon the quality of applications or availability of funds) not to fund any grant requests in any given year.

Grant funds will be disbursed in two halves, the first upon approval of the application. The second disbursement will occur when the Board of Directors of the Trader Foundation has received the final report, including a record of expenditures and all matching funds, and is satisfied with the results.

Examples of eligible projects include gravestone conservation or restoration, protection of burial site from desecration by nature or by man, rescue of endangered site, documentation, cemetery clean-up, and planning for restoration.

### **Instructions for the Grant Application**

The application consists of the cover page, proposal narrative, and a maximum of 3 attachments. Submit both a paper version and a digital version of the application.

*The proposal narrative should include:*

- Name of cemetery to be restored or protected, and range of burial dates
- Description of cemetery, its location and current ownership
- Brief history and statement of significance of the site or cemetery
- Description of the project, including timeline and implementation steps as needed
- Explanation of how this project relates to the applicant's mission and vision
- How applicant will preserve the improvement and sustain the outcome of this grant over time
- Description of community interest and support
- Background on the need for funds and urgency of the request
- Budget showing how grant funds will be used
- Explanation of applicant's match with cash and/or in-kind services
- A sufficient number of current photographs covering the property and work to be completed

**Cover Page: James R. Trader Cemetery Preservation Fund Application**

Cemetery name and location: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization or Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

501(c) 3 or 13 recognized: \_\_ yes \_\_ no Federal ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of applicant to cemetery: \_\_\_\_\_

In one paragraph, summarize your request.

Dollar amount requested for this grant: \$\_\_\_\_\_

List all previous interactions with the Coalition, including visits, grants, projects, etc.

**To accompany this cover page:**  
**Proposal Narrative** (not to exceed 3 pages, plus photographs)

**List of Attachments** (include no more than 3 documents pertinent to the application)

I hereby certify that the contents of this application are true to the best of my knowledge and agree to provide a written report of activities and expenditures to the Trader Foundation for Maryland Burial Sites upon completion of the project.

Signature of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I have emailed a digital version of this application to: traderfoundationmd@gmail.com

\_\_\_\_ I have mailed a paper version of this application to Dave Mills, Treasurer, 210 South Walnut Street, Milford, Delaware 19963-1958

## **How Grant Proposals Will Be Evaluated**

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Points Possible</u>
1. Potential overall benefit from, and long-term sustainability of, the project outcomes.	25
2. Quality of the proposal narrative, including level of detail provided and clarity of the activities proposed to achieve the project objectives.	15
3. Administrative and technical capability of the applicant, including all proposed subcontractors and consultants, in completing successfully projects of comparable or greater scope.	15
4. Historical and cultural significance of the burial site which is the subject of the project	15
5. Level of urgency of need for the project outcomes and external financial assistance to achieve them, and the readiness of the applicant to undertake the project.	10
6. Achievability of completing successfully the project on time and within budget.	10
7. Visibility of the project and its potential for stimulating or promoting other preservation activities.	10