


## Potential Funding Opportunity to Preserve Black Churches - Application Deadline August 3, 2023

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Steve & Jalon,

Please see information below related to my announcement at the Forum this morning for community awareness.

Kind regards,

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**Do you know a historic Black church that needs funding to strengthen its capital, staffing, operations, or endowment?** They may be eligible for a Preserving Black Churches grant, a preservation project from the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund.

Grants from Preserving Black Churches are intended to preserve historic Black houses of worship (with either active congregations or those that have been repurposed for new uses in local communities) and advance ongoing preservation activities.

Today Black churches across the U.S. are experiencing challenges like deferred maintenance, insufficient funds, and threats of demolition. To support their permanent protection, the National Trust's African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund created the Preserving Black Churches program, a \$20 million initiative with leadership support from Lilly Endowment Inc.

With grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$200,000, the Preserving Black Churches grant program is an investment in Black communities to reimagine, redesign, and redeploy historic preservation to address the institutions' needs and the cultural assets and stories they steward.

**To apply for a grant from Preserving Black Churches, submit an online application by Wednesday, August 23, 2023.**

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**Questions?** Reach out to [blackchurches@savingplaces.org](mailto:blackchurches@savingplaces.org), [read the Guidelines and Eligibility](#), or join us for live question-and-answer sessions on [Monday, July 24](#) or [Tuesday, July 25](#).

Black churches are a living testament to the achievements and resiliency of generations of African Americans. With support from the Lilly Endowment Inc, the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund is leveraging historic preservation as a tool for equity and reconciliation and celebrating historic Black churches as centers of heritage, community, and cultural life.



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