



City of Cambridge

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TO: City Council
FROM: David J. Deutsch, Acting City Manager
SUBJECT: Harriet Tubman Statue Funding Request
DATE: February 11, 2022

As Mr. Hamon and Ms. Holmes mentioned in the recent presentation, a total commitment of approximately \$50,000 is being sought from the City and County. So, in effect, you are being asked to consider a \$25,000 commitment to help insure that the project meets its September delivery date.

Date

Jennifer Ruffner, Administrator
Maryland Heritage Areas Program
Maryland Historical Trust
100 Community Place, 3rd Floor
Crownsville MD 21032

Dear Ms. Ruffner,

I am writing on behalf of **ORGANIZATION NAME** to express our wholehearted support for Alpha Genesis Community Development Corporation's application for a Maryland Heritage Areas Program Grant, which would fund the celebratory event that will feature the unveiling of A Beacon of Hope, an inspiring bronze sculpture of Harriet Tubman, in conjunction with the Bicentennial of her birth.

The September celebration marks the culmination of two years of community grassroots fundraising (including a grant from MHAA) and activities to create and install the permanent sculpture of Harriet Tubman at the Dorchester County Courthouse, a place where enslaved ancestors were auctioned and Tubman's niece was rescued. While the heart of the event will be the unveiling of the sculpture, Alpha Genesis plans a weekend of programming and activities that will serve to support and elevate awareness of Harriet Tubman's legacy and promote greater appreciation of the significant role that she played in Dorchester and U.S. history.

Alpha Genesis already has successfully led the drive to have the new statue created specifically for Dorchester County by the same Emmy and Academy-award winning sculptor, Wesley Wofford, who designed the traveling Harriet Sculpture that visited Dorchester in 2020 and inspired the grassroots movement to commission and install Dorchester's own sculpture.

Honored with a local Heritage Area award in 2019, Alpha Genesis has repeatedly demonstrated their commitment to the power of art, culture, education and community – and in the synergy and collective creativity of that collaboration. They have been in the forefront orchestrating community conversations and producing public art projects that unite, enrich and uplift Dorchester County. Alpha Genesis has distinguished themselves as successful legacy builders, empowering and inspiring a younger generation to carry on their commitment to better our community and celebrate our heritage.

Unveiling this sculpture, which honors Harriet Tubman, comes at an especially appropriate time as we are celebrating the bicentennial of her birth this year. A Beacon of Hope and its unveiling event will continue building connections for the local community and for the thousands of visitors who come to Maryland to experience the most powerful Underground Railroad storytelling destination in the world.

Please endorse Alpha Genesis' significant accomplishments as culture keepers and community collaborators by awarding them funds for the "Harriet Tubman Sculpture Unveiling and Bicentennial Celebration of Her Birth." We emphatically support this application and ask that you fully fund their request. The Harriet Tubman sculpture will be a much-needed contribution for the community and will provide a valuable impact for heritage tourism in this area.

Sincerely,

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1-800-673-9041

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PURCHASER Alpha Genesis Attn: Adrian Holmes Date Jan. 14, 2022
ADDRESS _____ Email adrianholmes@alphagenesiscdc.org
Home _____
Cell Phone 410-490-1520

LOCATION IN LOT:

Material: Vermont Gray Granite Rock of Ages
Stock#, Display: Special Order
Design: Base for Bronze Statue
Cemetery: County Courthouse, Cambridge, MD
Drawing Request: Scales
Die
Size { Base: Free Form Base
Widest Dimensions
10.10 Long x 5.5 Wide
Lettered Front & Back Per Drawings
To be submitted for approval

Section No. _____ Lot No. _____
To be installed in late August 2022 on a foundation to be prepared by others

Sculptor Wesley Wofford (828-226-1920 or 828-547-2452)
Email wesley@woffordsculpturestudio.com
Will work directly with Terri Ford (cell 802-498-8378).
Head of the Structural Department at Rock of Ages, in Barre VT
Regarding sizing/Contours of base and desired lettering

Wm V. Sipple & Son will Deliver the base (Weight approximately 9000 Lbs.)
To a mutually agreed upon site in Cambridge, Md in advance of installation by local crane company to be engaged by Wesley Wofford.

Wm V. Sipple & Son personnel will be present at installation of base and statue to assist in process.

Order Price:	<u>\$ 49,500.00</u>	Purchaser:	_____ (seal)
Sales Tax:	<u>\$ _____</u>	Seller:	<u>Scott G. Sipple</u>
Cemetery Fees (non-refundable):	<u>\$ _____</u>		
Order Total:	<u>\$ 49,500.00</u>		
Deposit Amount (1/2 Order Price + Tax & _____	<u>\$ _____</u>		
Balance Remaining:	<u>\$ _____</u>		

Wm. V. Sipple & Son
CASH / CHECK / CHARGE (Circle One)

Terms 1/2 Deposit (\$24,750) w/Signed order. Balance on Delivery

SUBJECT TO 6% SALES TAX IF INSTALLED IN MARYLAND.

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE LETTERING OR OTHER WORK AFTER ORIGINAL INSTALLATION.

TERMS: 1/2 deposit of order price plus sales tax and non-refundable cemetery fees due upon order placement. Net balance billed upon completion. Balance due 30 days from date of invoice. 1 1/2% monthly service charge after 30 days. Purchaser agrees that titles to monument and/or markers will remain with Seller until paid in full, with right to remove stone. Purchaser also agrees to pay all costs associated with cemetery work and design fees. If account becomes delinquent, Purchaser will pay all collection costs and attorneys fees. Signed under my seal. _____ **Initials**



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DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND