

Culture Summary

| | Actual FY 17 | Original Budget FY 18 | Adjusted Budget FY 18 | Budget FY 19 | % Change From Orig. FY 18 | % Change From Adj. FY 18 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Historical Society of Carroll County | \$65,000 | \$70,000 | \$70,000 | \$65,000 | -7.14% | -7.14% |
| Union Mills Homestead | 25,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 25,000 | -16.67% | -16.67% |
| Total Culture | \$90,000 | \$100,000 | \$100,000 | \$90,000 | -10.00% | -10.00% |

Mission and Goals

Historical Society and Union Mills Homestead embody much of the history of Carroll County. Each is dedicated to preserving, promoting, and educating others about the County's cultural and historic resources.

Goals include:

- Provide a setting to teach Carroll County history to visitors of all ages
- Restore and preserve all historic buildings, exhibits, and artifacts

Highlights, Changes and Useful Information

- Historical Society and the Union Mills Homestead have initiated various cost-cutting measures, including heavy reliance on volunteers.
- Historical Society provides education through publications, presentations, tours, radio and televised programs, trips, and their website.
- The County provides for maintenance of the buildings and grounds at the Union Mills Homestead Museum in the Bureau of Facilities budget under the County's Department of Public Works.
- Renovations and maintenance efforts continue at each of the facilities.

Budget Changes

- Historical Society decreases due to one-time funding of \$10,000 for Celebrating America and digitalization project in FY 18, offset by one-time funding of \$5,000 for the traveling trunks and interpretive garden projects.
- Union Mills Homestead decreases due to one-time funding of \$10,000 for Celebrating America and Smithsonian project in FY 18, offset by one-time funding of \$5,000 for the mobile tannery exhibit.

Historical Society of Carroll County

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|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Personnel | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Benefits | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Operating | 65,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | 65,000 | -7.14% | -7.14% |
| Capital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Total | \$65,000 | \$70,000 | \$70,000 | \$65,000 | -7.14% | -7.14% |
| Employees FIE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | ----- | ----- |

Note: The Adjusted Budget includes budget changes made during the year. Ongoing mid-year changes have been annualized for comparison purposes.

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Mission and Goals

Historical Society of Carroll County (HSCC) is a non-profit, educational institution dedicated to preserving materials and interpreting the history of Carroll County. The HSCC approved a five-year strategic plan in November 2016, which includes a new mission statement, vision, and core values. The HSCC connects the past to the present and makes the County's vibrant history tangible, relevant, and meaningful for today's diverse communities and for generations to come.

Goals include:

- Raising public visibility of the Historical Society
- Creating greater public accessibility to its collections and its expertise
- Stabilizing and expanding the institution's financial resources to insure its future viability

Description

The Historical Society of Carroll County was founded in 1939 and owns three historic properties on East Main Street in Westminster.

The Kimmey House (c. 1800) serves as the main office building. In conjunction with the Society's Strategic Plan, a new space allocation project concentrates on creating an Orientation Center for visitors. The Kimmey House now includes the Museum Shop and Bookstore with an ADA accessible research library now housed on the first floor. Grant funds are used to meet general operating costs.

The Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House (c. 1807) is the Society's historic house museum, interpreting daily urban life in Carroll County in the period 1807-1840. The house is open for school field trips and group tours by appointment.

The first floor of Cockey's Tavern (c. 1820) has been converted into permanent and changing exhibition space. The second floor of Cockey's houses the Koontz-Yingling Learning Center with meeting rooms, a kitchenette, and ADA accessible bathrooms. HSCC installed a lift that allows visitors to access the building's

second floor from the first. The third floor of Cockey's contains office space, meeting space, and storage for educational and programmatic materials.

The Society stores and curates more than 40,000 items in three permanent collections and continues to accept donated artifacts and documents of local origin and significance.

The Emerald Hill building, located at 1838 Emerald Hill Lane, Westminster, MD, provides auxiliary space for exhibits and programs and is used in conjunction with the Celebrating America initiative.

Program Highlights

- Emerald Hill hosted the 4th Annual Winter Wine Warmer in 2017 with 100 attendees.
- Held 3rd Annual Legacy Gala at an historic Carroll County farm with approximately 250 participants.
- Carroll County 181st Birthday Celebration held at Grace Church, with approximately 85 attendees.
- Completed Maryland Heritage Area grant to restore the facades of the Shellman and Kimmey Houses to their original 19th century look.
- Held the 17th annual Antiques and Collectibles Appraisal Day with 8 appraisers and over 50 participants.
- Partnered with high school and college interns to complete historical projects. These included a portrait exhibit at Emerald Hill entitled "Faces of Carroll County: Past & Present" and the cataloguing of photographs by Manchester resident, Greenberry Everhardt.
- During calendar year 2017, HSCC volunteers donated 16,000 hours to the organization.
- Raised visibility in the community by participating in Westminster's Wine Walk, Flower and Jazz Festival, Memorial Day Parade, Oyster Stroll, Halloween Parade, and Electric Holiday Parade.
- Continued to build social media outlets for increased exposure of HSCC and its offerings.

Budget Changes

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Union Mills Homestead

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| Benefits | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0.00% |
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| Capital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0.00% |
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Mission and Goals

The Union Mills Homestead Foundation strives to maintain and preserve the Homestead Buildings and gristmill as a living, working, historical landmark for future generations.

Goals include:

- Continued preservation and restoration of the historic site, buildings, and original furnishings
- Operation of the historic site as a museum of early American and Carroll County heritage
- Genuine and authentic education and historic interpretation of the site in keeping with its distinctive character and atmosphere

Description

In 1797, David and Andrew Shriver purchased the tract of land along Big Pipe Creek for the purpose of operating a gristmill and sawmill. The brothers later added a tannery, cooper shop, and blacksmith's shop. The growing enterprise soon took the name "Union Mills" because of the partnership between the two brothers and their various businesses. The mill operated commercially until 1942. It was closed for restoration in the early 1980's and then re-opened in 1983. In addition to the mill and outbuildings, the original "double house" of the two Shriver brothers can be visited today. The facility, located on Littlestown Pike in Union Mills, is owned by Carroll County and operated by the Union Mills Homestead Foundation, a non-profit organization which extensively uses volunteers.

Many special events draw visitors to the Homestead. The annual Flower and Plant Market in May, the Corn Roast Festival in August, and the Microbrewery Festival in September are three of the premiere events at the Homestead. The Homestead draws approximately 10,000 visitors annually.

In addition to the direct contribution of \$20,000, the County provides the Union Mills Homestead Foundation with in-kind services through the Bureau of Facilities and capital projects for renovations to the Homestead buildings and mill.

In FY 19, the Bureau of Facilities' budget includes \$61,100 for Union Mills and a capital project provides \$195,000 for phase one of three to replace the flume, apron, water wheel, and shaft for the mill.

Program Highlights

- The Homestead's Executive Director served as Co-Chair for the County's "Celebrating America" initiative.
- The Homestead Foundation was selected in FY 17 as a partner in the Smithsonian Museum's exhibit, "The Way We Worked."
- The 48th Flower and Plant Market event was held in May.
- 47th Corn Roast, held in August, was well attended and had strong volunteer support. The event is jointly sponsored by the Homestead Foundation and the Silver Run/Union Mills Lions club.
- As lead sponsor of the inaugural Carroll County Beer Week, the Homestead received good marketing exposure for the 12th annual Microbrewery Festival. It also highlighted the Grist Mill, which was used to grind grains for a special harvest ale prepared by a team of local brewers.
- The 2nd annual German Christmas-themed Christkindlmarkt was well attended and very successful.

Budget Changes

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