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National Trust for Historic Preservation Awards Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities Preservation Grant

Grant Funds Will Go Toward Amtrak Station Visioning Session

NORTH CHARLESTON– August 17, 2011 – The National Trust for Historic Preservation awarded the Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities (LAMC) a \$2,200 matching grant from the Terence L. Mills Memorial Preservation Fund for North and South Carolina. The City of North Charleston and the Liberty Hill Improvement Council are collaborative partners. The local group is seeking community input for the reuse of the North Charleston Amtrak Station once the proposed CARTA Intermodal Center is operational.

The Amtrak Station Visioning Session is an opportunity for the local residents to express their ideas and opinions on how the Amtrak Station can be best re-utilized as a community asset. The visioning session is scheduled on September 1, 2011. The event will be facilitated by Frances Ford, College of Charleston Professor and Historic Preservation Consultant. “The Amtrak Station has played such an important historic and economic role in our community and they should weigh in on the future development plans,” said Robert Fludd, Liberty Hill Improvement Council President.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation dispenses small grants for local projects through the National Trust Preservation Fund grant program. The grants range from \$500 to \$5,000 and have provided over \$5.5 million dollars of funding since 2002. They are awarded to nonprofit groups, educational institutions, and must also be matched, at least dollar for dollar, with public or private funds. Preservation Funds grants are being used nationally for such wide-ranging activities as consultant services for rehabilitating buildings, technical assistance for tourism that promotes historic resources and educating children about their heritage. These grants are often the deciding factor on whether historic buildings or sites can be saved for future generations.

“Without organizations like LAMC, communities and towns all across America would have a diminished sense of place,” said Stephanie Meeks, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. “The National Trust for Historic Preservation is honored to provide a grant to LAMC, which will use the funds to help preserve an important piece of our shared heritage.”

For more information on National Trust or Historic Preservation’s Preservation Fund grants, visit: www.PreservationNation.org/resources/finding-funding/grants/.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a non-profit membership organization bringing people together to protect, enhance and enjoy the places that matter to them. By saving the places where great monuments from history – and the important moment of everyday life – took place, the National Trust for Historic Preservation helps revitalize neighborhoods and communities, spark economic development and promote environmental sustainability. With headquarters in Washington, D.C., nine regional and field offices, 29 historic sites, and partner organizations in all 50 states, the National Trust for Historic

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