

## **Summary of 2019 Battlefield Preservation Planning Grants with National Scopes**

The National Park Service has awarded two grants with national scopes under the Fiscal Year 2019 Battlefield Preservation Planning Grant competition, administered by the American Battlefield Protection Program (NPS ABPP). This grant program provides preservation planning assistance to Federal, State, local, and tribal governments, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations for projects focused on planning, interpreting, and protecting sites where historic battles were fought on American soil.

Due to the nature of the proposed activities, NPS ABPP believes there is no potential to cause effect to historic properties (No Effect). The applicant and project names are:

### **1. Temple University, "Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere:" A legislative and administrative history of battlefield preservation in the Federal Government**

Applicant Description: "This grant will mobilize: unpublished archival material, analysis of legislative histories, expert opinion, assessment of past Federal battlefield preservation programs and grants, interviews with past and current leaders in Federal battlefield preservation programming, and real-world battlefield preservation case studies (assessing some 50+ Federal and non-Federal battlefields). The resulting document will fulfill Secretary of the Interior (SOI) identified priorities by capturing at risk, critical institutional knowledge and by providing SOI identified stakeholders with historically-based decision making guidance. The monograph will provide the first comprehensive legislative/administrative history of battlefield preservation in the Federal Government from the earliest memorials at Breed's Hill (erected 1794) and Lexington Green (dedicated 1799) through present NPS and ABPP programs."

### **2. American Battlefield Trust, Guidebook to Starting and Sustaining a Battlefield Friends Group**

Applicant Description: "Battlefields nationwide are confronting challenges which collectively underscore the need for a comprehensive and user-friendly resource to educate and empower citizens who care deeply about these storied sites to take a more active role in saving and stewarding them. With this project, the Trust proposes to develop a go-to guidebook for individuals seeking to start a new battlefield friends group together with those seeking to sustain an existing battlefield friends group. Such a guidebook would be universally applicable across the full spectrum of battlefields identified in both the 1993 Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields prepared by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission ("CWSAC") as well as the 2007 Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States prepared by the National Park Service ("NPS")."

Award determinations were announced on August 20 following a competitive selection process. A complete list of Fiscal Year 2019 awards will be made available on NPS ABPP's website at <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/2287/index.htm>. For questions about this grant program, please contact [abpp@nps.gov](mailto:abpp@nps.gov).