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## **Four Alabama Civil Rights Consortium Sites Awarded Preserving Alabama Significant Sites Grants**

Birmingham, AL – The Alabama Historical Commission has given notice that four of the Founding Member Sites of the Alabama African American Civil Rights Heritage Sites Consortium ([www.aaacrhsc.org](http://www.aaacrhsc.org)) have been awarded grants totaling more than \$786,000 for the preservation and repair of historic sites through the Preserving Alabama Significant Sites (PASS) grant program funded by the Alabama state legislature.

The awardees include Civil Rights Heritage Sites in each of the regions of the Consortium:

### **MONTGOMERY REGION**

#### **[Old Ship AME Zion Church \(Montgomery, AL\)](#)**



#### **[United Lutheran Church Parsonage \(Montgomery, AL\)](#)**



## **SELMA / BLACK BELT REGION**

### **[First \(Colored\) Baptist Church \(Selma, AL\)](#)**



## **BIRMINGHAM REGION**

### **[Old Sardis Baptist Church \(Birmingham, AL\)](#)**



The Consortium congratulates each of the sites selected for the PASS grant. Reverend Lukata Mjumbe, Executive Director of the Consortium, responded to the welcomed grant award notification, “We look forward to the positive community impact that is supported through the important preservation work being advanced by each of these significant and sacred sites.”

In June 2023, The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) announced that it had received \$6 million in funding from Governor Kay Ivey and the state legislature for the PASS grant program. Preference was given to structures built for government or public purposes prior to 1840 listed in the National Register of Historic Places and owned by a local city, town, county government, or non-profit organization, as well as structures built before 1965 that are eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places that significantly contributed to the Civil Rights Movement.