The 1772 Foundation Awards Grants to New Hampshire Historic Preservation Organizations

16 grant recipients announced

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POMFRET, CT – The 1772 Foundation, partnering for a fourth year with The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, awarded historic preservation one-for-one matching grants totaling $125,000 to sixteen private nonprofit organizations maintaining historic sites in New Hampshire. The grants ranged in amount from $4,250 to the grant maximum of $10,000, with five organizations receiving the latter amount.

Grants were provided for exterior work: painting; surface restoration; repairs to/restoration of chimneys, porches, roofs, and windows; repairs to foundations and sills; and masonry repointing. Projects were vetted by New Hampshire Preservation Alliance staff, who also will manage the grants. Each grantee was required to have matching funds for its project.

Beverly Thomas, deputy director of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, stated, "This year, The 1772 Foundation’s investment in New Hampshire is protecting and revitalizing sixteen historic buildings, positively impacting communities by bringing needed capital investment to important community landmarks.”

President of The 1772 Foundation Margaret Waldock commented on the importance of these grants to the preservation community. "With these grants, The 1772 Foundation continues its investment in preservation efforts that protect assets of community importance. While the individual grants may seem small, we have found they leverage considerable local resources and opportunities — community-provided matching dollars, support for local businesses and tradespeople, and the long-term power of incremental, small-scale capital investments in roofs, windows, and structural improvements that protect and maintain the value of assets over time."

Grant recipients were Antrim Grange No. 98 (Antrim), Friends of The Colonial Theatre (Bethlehem), Canterbury Shaker Village (Canterbury), Woman’s Club of Concord (Concord), Danbury Historical Society (Danbury), Gilsum Historical Society (Gilsum), Historic Harrisville (Harrisville), Haverhill Heritage, Inc., and Haverhill Library Association (both in Haverhill), Hill Center Church (Hill), The Lancaster Historical Society (Lancaster), AHEAD Affordable Housing, Education & Development
(Lisbon), The Poore Family Foundation (Stewartstown), Stratham Historical Society (Stratham), Sunapee Heritage Alliance (Sunapee), and Sutton Historical Society (Sutton). Grants were also awarded in each of the other five New England states and in Georgia.

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The 1772 Foundation was named in honor of its first restoration project, Liberty Hall in Union, NJ, which was built in 1772 and is the ancestral home of the Livingston and Kean families. The late Stewart B. Kean was the original benefactor of The 1772 Foundation. The 1772 Foundation works to ensure the safe passage of historic assets to future generations. More information about The 1772 Foundation may be found at www.1772foundation.org.