

The 1772 Foundation Awards Grants to New Jersey Historic Preservation Organizations 23 grant recipients announced

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NEWPORT, RI – The 1772 Foundation, partnering for the seventh year with the <u>New Jersey Historic Trust</u>, awarded historic preservation grants totaling \$292,155 to 23 private nonprofit organizations in New Jersey. The grants ranged in amount from \$3,800 to the grant maximum of \$15,000. 14 of the 23 organizations received the maximum grant amount. Each grant recipient was required to have matching funds for its project. Grants also were awarded in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Grants were provided for exterior work: painting, surface restoration, fire/security systems, repairs to/restoration of porches, roofs and windows, repairs to foundations and sills, and chimney and masonry repointing.

B. Danforth Ely, the president of The 1772 Foundation, stated, "Our matching grants program helps preservation groups complete essential restoration and maintenance work on their historic treasures. While admittedly not always exciting or glamorous projects, they are critical from a building integrity perspective and we are pleased to provide this much needed support."

Commented Dorothy Guzzo, New Jersey Historic Trust executive director, "The Historic Trust is very excited to recommend these projects for 1772 Foundation grant awards. With this program, we continue to uncover new enthusiasm and dedication for saving and interpreting the many wonderful facets of our history."

Grant recipients were Atlantic Highlands Historical Society, Burlington County Historical Society (*Burlington*), Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Frazee House, Inc. (*Scotch Plains*), Historical Society of Princeton, Homeless Solutions (*Morristown*), Hunterdon Land Trust (*Raritan*), The Kenilworth Historical Society, The Lake Hopatcong Foundation (*Roxbury*), The Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum (*Rahway*), Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (*Cape May*), The Monmouth County Historical Society (*Holmdel*), Montague Association for the Restoration of Community History, Musconetcong Watershed Association (*Franklin Township*), Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum (*Lower Township*), The New Jersey Historical Society (*Newark*), Oakes Integrated Care (*Trenton*), Ocean Grove Historic Preservation Society, Inc., Passaic River Coalition (*Morristown*), Ralston Cider Mill (*Mendham Township*), Roxbury Historic Trust, Save Lucy Committee, Inc. (*Margate*), The Shipman Mansion Foundation, Inc. (*Edgewater Park*), and Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association (*Pennington*). 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 our historic buildings and farmland to future generations. More information about The 1772 Foundation may be found at <u>www.1772foundation.org</u>.