The 1772 Foundation Awards Grants to New Jersey Historic Preservation Organizations

25 grant recipients announced

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NEWPORT, RI – The 1772 Foundation, partnering for the sixth year with the New Jersey Historic Trust, awarded historic preservation grants totaling $290,000 to 25 private nonprofit organizations in New Jersey. The grants ranged in amount from $2,038 to the grant maximum of $15,000. 11 of the 25 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.

Dorothy Guzzo, Executive Director, New Jersey Historic Preservation Trust, noted, “We are so grateful to the 1772 Foundation for its continued support of New Jersey’s historic sites. While helping to preserve a variety of wonderful historic sites, this funding has also been instrumental in leveraging private philanthropy.”

President of the 1772 Foundation, B. Danforth Ely, stated "Our small matching grants provide important funding for preventive maintenance and accurate historic restoration. Grants of this nature are relatively scarce." He added, "The organizations receiving these grants must have a match in-hand at the time of application, thus demonstrating their commitment to preserving their buildings and local community support."

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A complete list of grant recipients and projects is below:

Collingswood Foundation for the Arts, $15,000 toward roof repairs/replacement for the Collingswood Scottish Rite

Count Basie Theatre (Red Bank), $15,000 toward chimney repairs
Court Street School Education Community Center (Freehold), $9,250 toward slate roof repairs and security camera installation for the Court Street School

Ewing Township Historic Preservation Society, $4,870 toward window restoration for the Benjamin Temple House/Old Ryan Farmstead

Friends of the Locktown Stone Church (Delaware Township), $15,000 toward roof refinishing for the Church

Friends of Wallisch Homestead (West Milford Township), $8,292 for exterior painting for the homestead building.

The Growing Stage -- The Children’s Theatre of New Jersey (Netcong), $9,920 toward security system installation for the Palace Theatre

The Highlands Nature Friends (Ringwood), $8,500 toward chimney repairs and installation of gutters and downspouts for the Camp Midvale Dormitory Building

Historic Cold Spring Village (Lower Township), $15,000 toward repairs and painting for five buildings

InfoAge (Wall Township), $10,000 toward window repairs for the Camp Evans Historic District Marconi Hotel

Macculloch Hall Historical Museum (Morristown), $15,000 toward repointing four chimneys

Morris County Historical Society (Morristown), $15,000 toward roof restoration for Acorn Hall

Morris Museum (Morristown), $15,000 toward portico roof restoration for Twin Oaks Mansion

Morven Museum & Garden (Princeton), $15,000 toward application of lime wash coating for Morven

Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center (Bloomfield), $9,680 toward porch repairs and painting for the Oakes Estate

Old Barracks Association (Trenton), $12,500 toward window repair and painting for the Old Barracks

The Parker Homestead - 1665 (Little Silver), $2,038 toward roof repairs for the homestead building

Peters Valley School of Craft (Layton), $15,000 toward painting the Universalist Church/Upper Trieble House

Pinelands Preservation Alliance (Southampton), $8,650 toward lighting protection and window and door restoration for the Louden Dairy Barn

Pohatcong History & Heritage Society (Phillipsburg), $15,000 toward roof, door and window restoration for the Shimer Mansion

Proprietary House Association (Perth Amboy), $15,000 toward window repair and painting for the Proprietary House

Tewksbury Historical Society (Oldwick), $12,000 toward roof, window and door restoration for the Oldwick Carriage House

Township of Hamilton Historical Society, $9,000 toward window repair and painting for the Little Red Schoolhouse

Township of Ocean Historical Museum, $12,500 toward exterior restoration and painting for the Stucile Farms Water Tower
Whitesbog Preservation Trust (Browns Mills), $7,800 toward cedar siding installation for a worker’s cottage

For a complete list of 1772 Foundation projects funded through the New Jersey Historic Trust, visit: http://njht.org/dca/njht/programs/1772/1772grantsawarded.html

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