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**\$125,000 in Massachusetts Historic Preservation Grant Awards Announced:**

16 Projects to Receive Matching Funds for Exterior Work On Historic Buildings

Plymouth, MA - Preservation Massachusetts, in partnership with The 1772 Foundation, has announced the recipients of their historic preservation matching grant program for Massachusetts. A total of \$125,000 was awarded to sixteen nonprofit organizations. The grants ranged in amount from \$745 to the grant maximum of \$10,000, with eight organizations receiving the latter amount. Preservation Massachusetts is the statewide non-profit historic preservation organization dedicated to preserving the Commonwealth's historic and cultural heritage, and the 1772 Foundation plays a leading role in promoting historic preservation nationwide.

The 1772 Foundation works with statewide historic preservation organizations throughout New England and the northeast, including Preservation Massachusetts, to administer 1:1 matching grants of up to \$10,000. Grants are awarded to non-profit organizations to support historic preservation projects for exterior work: painting; surface restoration; fire detection/security systems; repairs to/restoration of chimneys, porches, roofs, and windows; repairs to foundations and sills; and masonry repointing. Projects were evaluated by Preservation Massachusetts staff, who also will manage the grants. Each grantee was required to have matching funds for its project.

President and CEO of Preservation Massachusetts Erin Kelly states, "We were grateful to partner for the fourth consecutive year, with the 1772 Foundation to provide this funding program to stewards of historic buildings across the Commonwealth. Since 2020 this program has demonstrated the significant impact that even small grants can make. The need for dollars to fund critical repairs and the ongoing maintenance of these buildings grows each year. The projects that this year's grant recipients will undertake help ensure that the historic resources that are integral parts of our communities remain for tomorrow. Over the past three rounds of offering this program, we have been able to assist grateful organizations from the Cape and Islands to The Berkshires with the support of our partners at The 1772 Foundation."

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."

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This year's grant recipients in Massachusetts are:

- Clapp Memorial Library, Inc. for the Clapp Memorial Library (Belchertown)
- Danvers Historical Society, Inc. for the conservatory at the Jeremiah Page House (Danvers)
- Historic Deerfield, Inc. for the Deerfield Community Center (Deerfield)
- Friends of the Stone Church, Inc. for the Stone Church Cultural Center (Gilbertville)
- Friends of Franklin County Fairgrounds for the Historic Roundhouse (Greenfield)
- Historic New England for the Codman Estate (Lincoln)
- Longmeadow Historical Society for the Storrs House Museum (Longmeadow)
- Marblehead Museum & Historical Society for the Brick Kitchen and Slave Quarters of the Jeremiah Lee Estate (Marblehead)
- Captain Robert Bennet Forbes House Museum for the Carriage House and Barn (Milton)
- Berkshire County Historical Society for Arrowhead (Pittsfield)
- Shirley-Eustis House Association for the Ingersoll-Gardner Carriage House (Roxbury)
- Historic Salem, Inc. for the Nathaniel Bowditch House (Salem)
- House of the Seven Gables Settlement Association for their museum campus buildings (Salem)
- Old Sturbridge Village for the Bixby House (Sturbridge)
- Topsfield Historical Society for the Parson Capen House (Topsfield)
- West Falmouth Library, Inc. for the West Falmouth Library

Grants were also awarded in each of the other five New England states and in Georgia.

#### **About Preservation Massachusetts:**

Preservation Massachusetts was established in 1985 as Historic Massachusetts, Inc. We are the statewide non-profit organization that promotes the preservation of historic buildings and landscapes as a positive force for economic development and the retention of community character. The organization is supported financially entirely by contributions from its members fundraising events, and grants. In keeping with our mission, we work in partnership with national, state and local organizations, and individuals across the Commonwealth to advance the understanding, appreciation, and utilization of our historic built and natural landscapes. More information about Preservation Massachusetts may be found online at [www.preservationmass.org](http://www.preservationmass.org)

#### **About the 1772 Foundation:**

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 sole benefactor to the 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 [www.1772foundation.org](http://www.1772foundation.org)

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