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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 a historic preservation matching grant program in Massachusetts. 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.

In this latest grant round, the 1772 Foundation worked with statewide historic preservation non-profit organizations, including Preservation Massachusetts, to administer 1:1 matching grants of up to \$10,000. At their quarterly meeting, the trustees of The 1772 Foundation awarded \$125,000 in grants to 16 Massachusetts projects, based on recommendations from Preservation Massachusetts. Grants will fund exterior work on historic buildings across the Commonwealth.

Grant recipients in Massachusetts are:

- Alden Kindred of America for the Alden House Historic Site (Duxbury),
- Bellfonge Arts Center for the Former Medfield State Hospital Infirmary (Medfield)
- Berkshire County Historical Society for Arrowhead (Pittsfield)
- Bolton Historical Society for the Rich/Sawyer House (Bolton)
- Fine Arts Work Center for the FAWC Campus/Days Lumberyard (Provincetown)
- Hamilton Hall, Inc. for Hamilton Hall (Salem)
- Harvard Historical Society for the Still River Baptist Church (Harvard)
- Hubbardston Historical Society, Inc. for the Williamsville Chapel (Hubbardston)
- Immigrant City Archives dba Lawrence History Center for the Essex Company Offices and Yard (Lawrence)
- Lexington Historical Society for the Hancock Clarke House and Munroe Tavern (Lexington)
- Newburyport Maritime Society dba Custom House Maritime Museum for the Newburyport Custom House (Newburyport)
- Plymouth Antiquarian Society for the Hedge House Museum (Plymouth)
- Preservation Worcester, Inc. for the Salisbury House (Worcester)
- Sandisfield Arts and Restoration Committee aka The Sandisfield Arts Center for the Montville Baptist Church (Sandisfield)
- The W.E.B. Du Bois Center for Freedom and Democracy, Inc., for the Clinton A.M.E. Zion Church (Great Barrington)
- Wellfleet Historical Society & Museum for the Wellfleet Historical Society & Museum (Wellfleet)

President and CEO of Preservation Massachusetts Jessica Rudden-Dube states “With over \$680,000 requested during our initial inquiry phase, this grant program demonstrates the level of need for preservation funding that exists in order to restore and maintain the many historic buildings we have in the Commonwealth. The work done by organizations that support our historic resources ensures that the stories embedded in our built landscapes and communities live on so that we may continue to learn from them, and our past is not forgotten. Across the Commonwealth our cities, towns, and villages are anchored by the historic places that weave together the story of Massachusetts and the United States of America. We are grateful for the ongoing support of The 1772 Foundation and congratulate this year’s grant recipients.”

About Preservation Massachusetts:

Preservation Massachusetts was established in 1985 as Historic Massachusetts, Inc. Our organization is the statewide non-profit organization that actively 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 entirely by grants, fundraising events and the support of our membership. In keeping with our mission, we work in partnership with national, state and local organizations and individuals across the Commonwealth to advance an understanding, appreciation and utilization of our historic places. More information about Preservation Massachusetts may be found online at 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 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 www.1772foundation.org.

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