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\$125,000 IN MASSACHUSETTS HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS ANNOUNCED

15 Projects to Receive Matching Funds for Exterior Work on Historic Buildings

PLYMOUTH, Mass., May 2026—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 nonprofit historic preservation organization dedicated to preserving the Commonwealth’s historic and cultural heritage. 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 nonprofit organizations, including Preservation Massachusetts, to administer 1:1 matching grants of up to \$10,000 for individual projects. At their quarterly meeting, the trustees of The 1772 Foundation awarded \$125,000 in grants to 15 Massachusetts projects, selected based on recommendations from Preservation Massachusetts. Grants will be used to fund exterior work on historic buildings across the Commonwealth.

Massachusetts grant recipients include:

- Alden Kindred of America (Duxbury)
- Bellforge Arts Center (Medfield)
- Dudley Conservation Land Trust (Dudley)
- Friends of the Franklin County Fairgrounds (Greenfield)
- The Fuller House of Stoneham (Stoneham)
- Historic Deerfield, Inc. (Deerfield)
- Lawrence History Center (Lawrence)
- Lowell’s Boat Shop (Amesbury)
- New Bedford Historical Society (New Bedford)
- North Andover Historical Society (North Andover)
- Plimoth Patuxet Museums (Plymouth)
- Plummer Youth Promise (Salem)
- Springfield Preservation Trust (Springfield)
- Warren Public Library (Warren)
- Williams-Boltwood House Trust (Goshen)

Preservation Massachusetts' Executive Director Jessica Rudden-Dube states, "The 2026 initial inquiry phase generated more than \$622,000 in funding requests, underscoring the urgent and ongoing need for preservation investment across the Commonwealth. As we commemorate 250 years of American history, the importance of protecting the places that tell our shared story has never been more meaningful. From historic landmarks to community gathering spaces, Massachusetts' historic buildings anchor our cities and towns while connecting us to the people, events, and traditions that shaped both the Commonwealth and the nation. The dedicated work of organizations stewarding these irreplaceable resources ensures that the stories embedded in our built environment continue to inspire, educate, and strengthen communities for generations to come. We are deeply grateful for The 1772 Foundation's continued partnership and proudly congratulate this year's grant recipients."

About Preservation Massachusetts

Preservation Massachusetts was established in 1985 as Historic Massachusetts, Inc. It serves as 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 our membership. In keeping with our mission, we work in partnership with national, state, and local organizations, as well as individuals across the Commonwealth, to advance understanding, appreciation, and use of our historic places. For more information, please visit www.preservationmass.org.

About The 1772 Foundation

The 1772 Foundation was named in honor of its first restoration project, Liberty Hall in Union, N.J., 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, which works to ensure the safe passage of our historic buildings and farmland to future generations. For more information, please visit www.1772foundation.org.

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