



The 1772 Foundation Awards Grants to Vermont Historic Preservation Organizations

14 grant recipients announced

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POMFRET, CT – The 1772 Foundation, partnering for a fourth year with [Preservation Trust of Vermont](#), awarded historic preservation one-for-one matching grants totaling \$125,000 to fourteen private nonprofit organizations maintaining historic sites in Vermont. The grants ranged in amount from \$5,000 to the maximum grant amount of \$10,000, with seven organizations receiving the latter amount.

Grants were provided 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 Trust of Vermont staff, who also will manage the grants. Each grantee was required to have matching funds for its project.

Executive Director Ben Doyle stated, "The 1772 Foundation's partnership with the Preservation Trust of Vermont has been critical in saving the historic buildings that Vermonters love and that contribute to our strong sense of place. By completing painting, window restoration, or fire safety projects, communities are successfully stewarding these beloved buildings for the next generation."

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."

Grant recipients were Bradford Public Library (*Bradford*), Chaffee Art Center (*Rutland*), East Putney Community Club (*Putney*), The Fairfield Community Center (*East Fairfield*), Friends of Algiers Village (*Guilford*), Friends of the Capital City Grange Hall (*Berlin*), Housing Trust of Rutland County (*Brandon*), McIndoe Falls Academy Board of Trustees (*Barnet*), Main Street Arts (*Saxtons River*), Old Stone House

Museum & Historic Village (*Brownington*), St. Albans Museum, Inc. (*St. Albans*), Town Hall Theater, Inc. (*Middlebury*), Vermont Farmers Food Center (*Rutland*), and Vestry Community Center (*Hinesburg*). Grants were also awarded in each of the other five New England states and in Georgia.

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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 historic assets to future generations. More information about The 1772 Foundation may be found at www.1772foundation.org.