



## **Rhode Island Foundation Awards Grants to New Jersey Historic Preservation Organizations**

The 1772 Foundation announces twenty-seven grant recipients

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NEWPORT, RI – The 1772 Foundation, partnering for a fourth year with the [New Jersey Historic Trust](#), awarded historic preservation grants totaling \$290,000 to 27 private nonprofit organizations in New Jersey. The grants ranged in amount from \$316 to the maximum of \$15,000. Each organization had to have in place a monetary match for its grant.

Grants were for exterior painting; finishes and surface restoration; installation or upgrade of fire detection, lightning protection and security systems; porch, roof and window repair/restoration; structural foundation and sill repair/replacement; and chimney and masonry repointing. Dorothy Guzzo, Executive Director, New Jersey Historic Preservation Trust, commented, "In these financially trying times when we need to make every dollar stretch even further, it has been especially important to be able to support critical capital needs that often go unattended. This program has brought new applicants and historic resources to the Trust and that has been very rewarding . . . a huge success."

B. Danforth Ely, president of The 1772 Foundation, explained the importance of the grants to awardees. "While there is, relatively-speaking, a lot of funding available for programmatic grants, "bricks and mortar" dollars are harder to come by. The 1772 grants, especially since they are matched one to one, mean a great deal to the recipients. They are very much in keeping with our founder's, Stewart Barney Kean, intent and interests."

Grant recipients were Cape May Stage, Cedar Grove Historical Society, The Friends of Long Pond Ironworks (West Milford), Friends of Passaic County Parks Foundation (Hawthorne), Gloucester County Historical Society (Woodbury), Historic Cold Spring Village (Cape May), Hunterdon Land Trust (Raritan), Kenilworth Historical Society, Liberty Hall Museum, Inc. (Union), Lumberton Historical Society, Mendham Borough Library, Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (Cape May City), The Millburn-Shorthills Historical Society (Millburn), The Monmouth County Historical Association (Middletown), Morris County Historical Society (Morristown), Mountainside Restoration Committee, Inc., NASW Foundation (Rio Grande), Navesink Maritime Heritage Association (Middletown), Ocean County Historical Society (Toms River), Port Norris Historical Society, Ralston Cider Mill (Mendham), Save Lucy Committee, Inc. (Margate City), The Shipman Mansion Foundation (Edgewater Park), Township of Ocean Historical Museum, Waldwick Community Alliance, Westfield Historical Society and Woodbury Olde City Restoration Committee.

*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 Foundation seeks to continue his legacy throughout the country by helping preserve architectural and cultural history and agricultural landscapes for generations to come. More information about The 1772 Foundation may be found at [www.1772foundation.org](http://www.1772foundation.org).*

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