



Our Heritage, Our Legacy



THE 1772 FOUNDATION

Maine Preservation Announces The 1772 Foundation Historic Preservation Grants for 2021

Yarmouth, ME – May 5, 2021 - The 1772 Foundation, partnering for a second year with [Maine Preservation](#), awarded historic preservation one-for-one matching grants totaling \$100,000 to eighteen private nonprofit organizations maintaining historic sites in Maine. The grants ranged in amount from \$2,000 to the grant maximum of \$10,000, with one organization receiving the latter amount.

Grants were provided for exterior work: painting; surface restoration; fire/security systems; repairs to/restoration of chimneys, porches, roofs, and windows; repairs to foundations and sills; and masonry repointing. Projects were evaluated by Maine Preservation field services staff, who also will manage the grants. Each grantee was required to have matching funds for its project.

Maine Preservation Executive Director Greg Paxton said, "Maine Preservation is honored to partner with The 1772 Foundation to deliver support to nonprofit organizations across Maine as they seek to update and preserve their historic buildings, which are critical cultural resources for their communities and the state. We are pleased to help the organizations they house to continue and upgrade the key services they offer. The 1772 Foundation funds supplement the limited in-state grant funding currently available to support preservation efforts in Maine."

President of The 1772 Foundation Margaret Waldo 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." Grants also were awarded in each of the other five New England states.

Maine Grant recipients were

- Bar Harbor Historical Society (*Bar Harbor*)
- Brick Store Museum (*Kennebunk*)
- Colonial Theater (*Augusta*)
- Eastport Public Library Association (*Eastport*)
- Frances Perkins Center (*Damariscotta*)
- Freedom Community Historical Society (*Freedom*)
- Friends of the Greenville Depot (*Greenville*)

- Historic New England (*South Berwick*)
- Hubbard Free Library (*Hallowell*)
- Norway Landmarks Preservation Society (*Norway*)
- Old Bristol Historical Society (*Bristol*)
- Percival P. Baxter Foundation for Maine's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children (*Falmouth*)
- Phillips Historical Society (*Phillips*)
- Readfield Union Meeting House Corporation (*Readfield*)
- Swan's Island Historical Society (*Swan's Island*)
- Tate House Museum (*Portland*)
- Vaughan Woods & Historic Homestead (*Hallowell*),
- and Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment (*Freeport*).

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 our historic buildings and farmland to future generations. More information about The 1772 Foundation may be found at www.1772foundation.org.

Maine Preservation is the statewide nonprofit organization that promotes and preserves historic places, buildings, downtowns and neighborhoods, strengthening the cultural and economic vitality of Maine communities. www.maine Preservation.org