

Maine Preservation Announces The 1772 Foundation Historic Preservation Grant Recipients for 2024

Yarmouth, ME — May 13, 2023. Maine Preservation, partnering for a fifth year with The 1772 Foundation, awarded one-for-one matching grants totaling \$126,700 to 21 nonprofit organizations maintaining historic buildings in Maine. The grants ranged in amount from \$1,750 to the grant maximum of \$10,000.

"Maine Preservation is honored to partner with The 1772 Foundation to deliver much-needed support for historic buildings that are integral to the fabric of communities across Maine," said Tara Kelly, Executive Director of Maine Preservation. "We are pleased to direct capital improvement funds to organizations for a full range of rehabilitation and long-term maintenance projects, from critical sill repair as part of adapting a building for workforce housing in Bethel to reroofing a barn that supports the production of culturally relevant food for immigrant and refugee populations in Southern Maine. The 1772 Foundation funds supplement the limited in-state grant resources currently available to support preservation efforts in Maine."

Maine grant recipients are:

- Brooks Historical Society (Brooks)
- Falmouth Land Trust (Falmouth)
- Frances Perkins Center (Newcastle)
- Gayety Theatre Project (Van Buren)
- Greenville Junction Depot Friends (Greenville)
- Indian River Community Association (Addison)
- Maine MILL (Lewiston)
- Northern Forest Center (Bethel)
- Old Bristol Historical Society (Bristol)
- Oxford Historical Society (Oxford)
- Patten Historical Society (Patten)
- Poland Spring Preservation Society (Poland)
- St. Albans Maine Historical Society (St. Albans)



- The Historical Society of Wells and Ogunquit (Wells)
- The Waldo Theatre (Waldoboro)
- Vassalboro Historical Society (North Vassalboro)
- Vaughan Woods & Historic Homestead (Hallowell)
- Victoria Mansion (Portland)
- Wilhelm Reich Museum (Rangeley)

Ethiel Garlington, Executive Director of The 1772 Foundation, recalled, “Our founder, Stewart Barney Kean, fell in love with historic preservation through the act of restoration. He appreciated the materials and workmanship of historic buildings. More importantly, he recognized the value of maintenance, repairs, and upgrades to ensure historic places survive for the next stewards. These grants exemplify his spirit and love of historic preservation.”

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

About Maine Preservation

Founded in 1972, Maine Preservation is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving historic places, buildings, downtowns, and neighborhoods—strengthening the cultural and economic vitality of Maine communities. For more information, visit mainepreservation.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 original benefactor of The 1772 Foundation. The 1772 Foundation works to ensure the safe passage of our historic buildings and farmland to future generations. For more information, visit 1772foundation.org.

