

Maine Preservation Announces The 1772 Foundation Historic Preservation Grant Recipients for 2023

Yarmouth, ME — May 17, 2023. Maine Preservation, partnering for a fourth year with The 1772 Foundation, awarded one-for-one matching grants totaling \$128,952 to 17 nonprofit organizations maintaining historic buildings in Maine. The grants ranged in amount from \$2,500 to the grant maximum of \$10,000.

"Maine Preservation is honored to partner with The 1772 Foundation to deliver support to nonprofit organizations that steward historic buildings integral to the fabric of communities across Maine," said Tara Kelly, Executive Director of Maine Preservation. "We are pleased to direct much-needed capital improvement funds to organizations for rehabilitation projects—enhancing accessibility and improving energy efficiency and climate resilience. The 1772 Foundation funds supplement the limited in-state grant resources currently available to support preservation efforts in Maine."

Maine grant recipients are:

- Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Foundation (Greene)
- Avesta Housing (Portland)
- Bangor Historical Society (Bangor)
- Bar Harbor Historical Society (Bar Harbor)
- Bearnstow (Mount Vernon)
- Colonial Theater, Inc. (Augusta)
- Ellsworth Historical Society (Ellsworth)
- Farmington Historical Society (Farmington)
- Fifth Maine Regiment Museum (Peaks Island)
- Friends of the West Durham Methodist Church (Durham)
- Laudholm Trust (Wells)
- Maine Art Gallery (Wiscasset)
- Mechanics' Hall (Portland)



- Norway Landmarks Preservation Society (Norway)
- Pejepscot History Center (Brunswick)
- Sagadahoc Preservation, Inc. (Bath)
- Tides Institute & Museum of Art (Eastport)

The 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."

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.