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30 PRESERVATION EFFORTS SECURE FUNDING **Preserve New York Grants Will Provide Support in 21 Counties**

ALBANY, NY – 9/11/17 – The New York State Council on the Arts together with the Preservation League of New York State and the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation announced the recipients of the 25th round of grant funding through Preserve New York at a news conference in Albany.

“At its July 2017 meeting, the Preserve New York panel selected 30 applicants in 21 counties around the state to share \$239,634 in funding,” said Jay DiLorenzo, President of the Preservation League. “As always, the competition for these funds was intense. We are delighted to help advance the preservation efforts of these organizations with timely funding from Preserve New York.”

Launched in 1993, Preserve New York makes grants for historic structure reports, building condition reports, cultural landscape reports, and cultural resource surveys. Applicants must be a unit of local government or a not-for-profit group with tax-exempt status. State agencies and religious institutions are not eligible to apply. The program provides support up to 80% of the project cost. Applicants must provide 20% of the total project cost as a cash match. Grants generally range between \$3,000 and \$10,000.

Organizations and municipalities receiving grants in 2017 are: **Albany County (2):** Historic Albany Foundation, Albany - \$5,000; Rensselaerville Library - \$9,104; **Broome County:** West Endicott Board of Fire Commissioners - \$10,000; **Cayuga County:** Seward House Museum - \$10,000; **Chemung County:** Elmira Downtown Development, Inc. (EDD) - \$6,795; **Columbia County:** Austerlitz Historical Society - \$4,680; **Dutchess County (3):** City of Beacon - \$8,216; Dutchess County Art Association, d/b/a Barrett Art Center - \$11,600; Kaatsbaan International Dance Center, Inc. - \$5,000; **Erie County:** University District Community Development Association, Inc. - \$10,000; **Franklin County:** Malone Chamber of Commerce - \$4,032; **Greene County:** Town of Windham - \$8,000; **Jefferson County:** Antique Boat Museum - \$9,000; **Lewis County:** Town of Leyden - \$2,400; **Monroe County:** Landmark Society of Western New York - \$10,000; **Montgomery County (2):** Village of Palatine Bridge - \$5,600; Amsterdam Free Library - \$12,000; **Nassau County:** Old Westbury Gardens Inc. - \$12,350; **New York County:** West Harlem Community Preservation Organization - \$12,000; **Niagara County:** Niagara Arts & Cultural Center, Inc. - \$13,600; **Onondaga County (4):** Greater Syracuse Land Bank - \$4,000; Preservation Association of Central New York - \$10,000; University Neighborhood Preservation Association - \$10,800; Village of Fayetteville Historic

Preservation Commission - \$6,341; **Schoharie County (2):** Village of Schoharie - \$6,779; Town of Jefferson Historical Society - \$4,687; **Steuben County:** Finger Lakes Boating Museum - \$8,000; **Suffolk County (2):** Southampton Historical Museum - \$9,250; Sag Harbor Partnership (SHP) - \$6,400; and **Sullivan County:** Village of Monticello - \$4,000.

Chair of New York State Council on the Arts, Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel said: “New York State Council on the Arts is proud to provide funding for its signature grant program, Preserve New York, along with its partners, the Preservation League of New York State, and the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation. Since 1993, Preserve New York grants have laid the groundwork for restoration projects throughout New York State. This year’s awardees, drawn from 21 counties, are to be commended for their efforts to help us preserve our complex, and many-layered cultural heritage. From clapboard farmhouses to brick mansions, from log cottages to Beaux Arts museums, from historic Main Streets to sculpture gardens, Preserve New York grants help ensure that our significant architecture, treasured landscapes, historic streetscapes and neighborhoods, continue to share their stories of our past, and inform our plans for the future.”

“The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation is delighted to have partnered with the Preservation League of New York State to specifically aid our Long Island historic stewards,” said Kathryn M. Curran, Executive Director of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation.

“Thanks to the Preservation League’s record of making effective preservation grants through Preserve New York and TAG, our program partner, the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), has increased regrant funding significantly in the past three years,” said Erin Tobin, the League’s Vice President for Policy and Preservation. “At the same time, in response to growing demand, the League has successfully lined up additional support to leverage NYSCA funding and League resources.”

With the announcement of the 2017 awards, the total support provided by Preserve New York since its launch in 1993 is more than \$2.4 million to 376 projects statewide. Last year, the League completed a study demonstrating that Preserve New York funding has catalyzed preservation across the state and leveraged many times its value in cash and donated services. These grants have led directly to the preservation of historic buildings, neighborhoods, and landscapes in nearly every county of New York State.

The Preserve New York grant program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation has provided additional support for projects in New York City, Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

For more information on the Preserve New York grant program, please call 518-462-5658 x 10 or visit the League’s website at www.preservenys.org.

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