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## 2019 Technical Assistance Grant Awardees Announced

*11 preservation efforts were selected to receive funding totaling over \$40,000*

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**ALBANY, NY, 1/21/20** — The Preservation League of New York State and their program partners at the New York State Council on the Arts and the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area are thrilled to announce the recipients of their 2019 Technical Assistance Grants. During this grant cycle, 11 projects representing 11 different counties have been selected by an independent panel of preservation professionals. A total of \$41,912 was awarded.

The 2019 grantees are:

- (1) Columbia County, Village of Valatie - \$4,000
- (2) Erie County, Springville Center for the Arts - \$3,000
- (3) Genesee County, Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council - \$4,000
- (4) Montgomery County, Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank - \$3,600
- (5) Niagara County, Niagara County Historical Society - \$4,000
- (6) Oneida County, Uptown Theatre for Creative Arts, Inc. - \$3,312
- (7) Onondaga County, Syracuse Area Landmark Theatre - \$4,000
- (8) Putnam County, Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition - \$4,000
- (9) Rensselaer County, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Corporation - \$4,000
- (10) Suffolk County, Friends of Science East, Inc. d/b/a Tesla Science Center at Wardencllyffe - \$4,000
- (11) Westchester County, Committee to Save the Bird Homestead - \$4,000

The Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) program is a regrant partnership between the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Preservation League of New York State. The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area has provided additional support for this program for four qualifying projects in their service region. The TAG program supports arts centers, historic sites, music halls, theaters, libraries, and other cultural nonprofit or municipal entities that steward historic buildings throughout New York State.

With the announcement of the 2019 awards, support provided by TAG since its launch in 2012 totals \$374,377. These grants have directly advanced 129 historic preservation efforts.

“The positive effects of the TAG program can be felt in dozens of communities across New York State,” said **Preservation League President Jay DiLorenzo**. “We are excited to fund another diverse group of projects this year, thanks to our program partners at NYSCA and the additional generosity of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.”

“Preserving our state’s historic structures is essential to building and maintaining healthy communities across New York State,” said **NYSCA Executive Director Mara Manus**. “In partnership with NYSCA, the TAG Program provides critical support to significant sites and cultural anchors statewide, from the Mohawk Valley home of one of the first African American Civil War soldiers to historic theaters in Utica and Syracuse.”

"We are thrilled to support this program," said **Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Executive Director Scott Kellar**. "TAG provides an avenue for us of evaluating and funding different projects, that are important to our partners. Congratulations to all the recipients!"

### **About the Preservation League of New York State**

Since its founding in 1974, the Preservation League has built a reputation for action and effectiveness. Our goal has been to preserve our historic buildings, districts, and landscapes and to build a better New York, one community at a time. The Preservation League of New York State invests in people and projects that champion the essential role of preservation in community revitalization, sustainable economic growth, and the protection of our historic buildings and landscapes. We lead advocacy, economic development, and education programs across the state.

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