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2020 Technical Assistance Grant Awardees Announced – And New Funding Available

Preservation efforts across 18 counties were selected to receive funding totaling over \$96,000

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ALBANY, NY, 1/26/20 — The Preservation League of New York State and their program partners at the New York State Council on the Arts, Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, and Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area are thrilled to announce the recipients of their 2020 Technical Assistance Grants. During this grant cycle, **26 projects representing 18 counties across the state** have been selected by an independent panel of preservation professionals. **A total of \$96,644 was awarded.**

The 2020 grantees are:

1. Albany County, The Free School
2. Albany County, Shaker Heritage Society
3. Albany County, Grand Street Community Arts
4. Cayuga County, Cayuga Museum of History and Art
5. Cayuga County, Seward House Museum
6. Chenango County, Chenango County Historical Society
7. Columbia County, Millay Colony for the Arts
8. Columbia County, Friends of East Gate Toll House
9. Erie County, Preservation Buffalo Niagara
10. Fulton County, Caroga Arts Collective
11. Greene County, Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society
12. Nassau County, Science Museum of Long Island
13. Nassau County, North Shore Land Alliance
14. New York County, Tenement Museum
15. Niagara County, Acacia Park Cemetery Association
16. Oneida County, Waterville Historical Society
17. Putnam County, Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition
18. Putnam County, Boscobel House & Gardens
19. Rensselaer County, Media Alliance
20. Schenectady County, City of Schenectady
21. St. Lawrence County, Village of Potsdam
22. Suffolk County, Hallockville, Inc
23. Suffolk County, Town of Huntington
24. Ulster County, D&H Canal Historical Society
25. Ulster County, Women's Studio Workshop
26. Westchester County, Committee to Save the Bird Homestead

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 \$10,000 additional support for the 11 projects within the National Heritage Area boundary. The three nonprofit projects on Long Island received Robert David Lion Gardiner

Foundation funds, totaling \$10,320. 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 2020 awards, support provided by TAG since its launch in 2012 totals \$471,021. These grants have directly advanced the efforts of 155 preservation projects.

"The League is incredibly proud to be funding so many worthy projects through our NYSCA-funded TAG program this year," said **Preservation League President Jay DiLorenzo**. "The 2020 grant cycle represents the most we have ever awarded through the TAG program, both in number of projects supported and dollars distributed. This would not have been possible without the additional support of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation and the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area."

"NYSCA is thrilled to partner with the Preservation League of New York State to support our state's extraordinary cultural facilities" said **Mara Manus, Executive Director of the New York State Council on the Arts**. "By supporting New York's cultural sites with crucial resources, we are responding to the challenges of today to best prepare for our State's creative and economic future."

"The New York State Council on the Arts remains dedicated to promoting our State's rich history and culture through our partnership with the Preservation League of New York State," shared **Katherine Nicholls, Chair of the New York State Council on the Arts**. "Congratulations to this year's Technical Assistance Grant awardees."

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

"The Preservation League of NYS's TAG awards are an invaluable aid to our historic stewards. They prepare them to better understand the needs of the restoration and renovation of their historic sites," said **Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation Executive Director Kathryn M. Curran**. "Our partnership with the League helps these groups to submit stronger, solid applications to RDLGF for potential future support. I would also like to offer a special thanks to the dedicated panelists for their time and efforts in the review process."

The League and its program partners at NYSCA and RDLGF are also excited to **announce the availability of Preserve New York grant funds**. More information about this funding source can be found at preservenys.org/preserve-new-york.

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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