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Preservation League receives renewed Preserve New York funding from the
NYS Council on the Arts and Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation.

Applications Due by 4/6/20 for Preserve New York Grants

ALBANY, January 30, 2020 — The New York State Council on the Arts awarded the Preservation League \$1,034,472 over a three-year period in support of our annual partnership grant programs, Preserve New York and TAG (Technical Assistance Grants). The NYSCA/Preservation League Preserve New York partnership began in 1993 and supports grants for historic structure reports, building condition reports, cultural landscape reports, and cultural resource surveys. NYSCA and the Preservation League began partnering on the TAG program in 2012. 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.

The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation also awarded the Preservation League \$50,000, expanding our prior Preserve New York partnership to include the TAG program. Gardiner Foundation funds provide dedicated support for Nassau and Suffolk County cultural and historic nonprofits through Preserve New York and TAG, as well as technical assistance.

Through its Preserve New York grant program, the League has strategically invested in the rehabilitation of historic places, leveraged significant additional cash and in-kind resources, and protected properties at the local, state and national level through landmark designations. These grants help municipalities and not-for-profit organizations conserve and protect their cultural resources and are an important catalyst in realizing community preservation goals.

The Preservation League of New York State, the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation announced today that applications are now open for the Preserve New York partnership program. Preserve New York will have over \$270,000 grant funding available in 2020. This includes over \$240,000 in funding from NYSCA and over \$25,000 from The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation for projects in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

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“Preserve New York grants lay essential groundwork to save historic structures that play a vital role in community health and revitalization,” said NYSCA Executive Director Mara Manus. “NYSCA is deeply grateful for our 27-year partnership with PLNYS, which ensures that our state’s architecture and design can be appreciated for years to come.”

“This collaboration between the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation and the Preservation League of NYS focuses on our Long Island historic communities. These awards offer professional evaluation and awareness on how to best to proceed toward protecting their historic structures,” said Kathryn M. Curran, Executive Director of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation.

About the New York State Council on the Arts

The New York State Council on the Arts preserves and advances numerous aspects of the cultural heritage that makes New York State an exceptional place to live, work and visit.

NYSCA upholds the right of all New Yorkers to experience the vital contributions the arts make to our communities, education, economic development and quality of life. Through its core grantmaking activity, NYSCA awarded \$51M in FY2019 to 2,400 organizations statewide through direct grants and re grants in our 15 programs, the Regional Economic Development Council initiative and the Mid-Size Capital Project Fund. NYSCA funding supports the visual, literary, media and performing arts and includes dedicated support for arts education and underserved communities. NYSCA further advances New York's creative culture by hosting convenings with leaders in the field and providing organizational and professional development opportunities and informational resources.

Created by Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1960, and continued and expanded to the present day with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature, NYSCA is an agency of the Executive Branch of the New York State Government. For more information on NYSCA, please visit: www.arts.ny.gov.

About the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation

The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, established in 1987, primarily supports the study of New York State history. Robert David Lion Gardiner was, until his death in August 2004, the 16th Lord of the Manor of Gardiner's Island, NY. The Gardiner family and their descendants have owned Gardiner's Island since 1639, obtained as part of a royal grant from King Charles I of England. The Foundation is inspired by Robert David Lion Gardiner's personal passion for New York history. For more information, please visit www.rdlgfoundation.org

About the Preservation League of New York State

The Preservation League 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. It leads advocacy, economic development and education programs across New York State.