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Haverhill Library Celebrates Grant Awards

NH's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) Awards 34 Grants to Communities and Non-Profit Organizations Across the State

Governor Sununu today announced \$4.3 million in matching grants to support thirty-four land conservation and historic preservation projects across the state by the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). The grants will assist municipalities, non-profit organizations and community groups in rehabilitating 17 historic structures and permanently conserving more than 2,700 acres of farm, timber, and ecologically significant land in all ten counties of the state, including Haverhill Library. (Pictures from the award ceremony will be available later and available on request.)

Haverhill Library has received a \$75,000 grant award from LCHIP and two supplemental grants of \$10,000 each from The Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation and the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation to support Phase 2 of our project to rehabilitate our historic building built in 1840. Each of these organizations also contributed to our Phase 1 project successfully completed this past spring. Phase 1 repaired our foundations and first floor framing; Phase 2 will address repairs to our slate roof, and external masonry and woodwork. Without these repairs our library was endangered.

“While we are delighted to receive these grants, they total less than half the expected cost of our project ,” said Joe Kirkpatrick, President of the Haverhill Library Association. “We need to raise an equal amount in donations and additional grants. We have a number of grant applications pending, and, just this month, we mailed our appeal letter out to patrons. As you can imagine, we are anxiously awaiting the response.”

LCHIP grant recipients are required to match each dollar contributed by LCHIP with a minimum of one additional dollar, and to complete the funded projects according to the program’s rigorous standards. This year’s awards of \$4.3 million will be matched by more than \$15 million in funding from other public and private sources, infusing a total of more than nineteen million dollars into the state’s economy in direct project activity. Recipients will be expected to completed the funded work within two years. A list of previously completed LCHIP-funded projects can be found at www.LCHIP.org.

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About New Hampshire’s Land and Community Heritage Investment Program

The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) is an independent state authority created by the legislature in 2000 to ensure the perpetual contribution of natural, cultural and historic resources to the economy, environment, and quality of life in New Hampshire. Since 2000, LCHIP has provided 564 matching grants to municipalities and non-profit organizations, investing over \$58 million to help partners conserve more than 236,000 acres of land and rehabilitate 341 historic buildings. Grants have been awarded in all parts of the state and in 195 of New Hampshire’s 234 communities. The money for LCHIP grants comes from a surcharge assessed when recording documents at county Registries of Deeds. For more information about LCHIP, visit LCHIP.org or call (603) 224-4113

About Haverhill Library

Haverhill Library is Haverhill’s oldest public library, founded in 1880, and housed since 1916 in the old Grafton County records building (built in 1840) in Haverhill Corner. The library offers many reading options to local residents and

visitors. Haverhill Library recently completed implementing a modern automation and card catalog system. If you have not already done so, we hope you visit us soon to obtain a new library card with identifying barcode. While at the library, Nanci Myers, our Librarian, can show you how the new system works—it's all quick and painless! You will now have access to online books, electronic databases, and interactive card catalog, including a dedicated children's catalog. With your new library card, you will be able to see current checkouts and history, place a request, or reserve a title, and much more right from your home computer or tablet device. Visit us at our new webpage HaverhillLibraryNH.org to access the catalog and check out all the great features. The webpage contains news about our library, its public programs, and products for sale. (You can also access the catalog from our Facebook page.) We hope you'll visit often.

For more information about the Haverhill Library visit HaverhillLibraryNH.org, where Local residents can also schedule tours of our unique historic building, or use of our small group meeting space.

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