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**\$100,000 in Massachusetts Historic Preservation Grant Awards Announced:
14 Projects To Receive Matching Funds For Exterior Work On Historic Buildings**

Plymouth, MA - Preservation Massachusetts, in partnership with The 1772 Foundation, has announced the final recipients of a new historic preservation grant program for Massachusetts. Preservation Massachusetts is the statewide non-profit historic preservation organization dedicated to preserving the Commonwealth's historic and cultural heritage and The 1772 Foundation, based in Providence, RI, plays a leading role in promoting historic preservation nationwide.

In their most recent grant round, the 1772 Foundation worked with the six New England statewide historic preservation organizations, including Preservation Massachusetts, to administer 1:1 matching grants of up to \$10,000. Grants will be given to historic preservation projects for building exteriors. At their quarterly meeting, the trustees of The 1772 Foundation awarded \$100,000 in grants to 14 Massachusetts projects, based on recommendations from Preservation Massachusetts. A total of \$600,000 was awarded to seventy-nine grants from all six New England statewide organizations.

Grant recipients in Massachusetts were Historic Deerfield, Inc. (The Creelman House \$10,000), Alden Kindred of America, Inc. (Alden House Historic Site \$2,600), Great Barrington Historical Society (The Truman Wheeler House \$7,500), Historic New England (The Walter Gropius House \$10,000), The Royall House Association (The Royall House and Slave Quarters \$5,000), The Maria Mitchell Association (The Maria Mitchell House \$8,250), Waterfront Historic Area League (First Baptist Church \$10,000), Historic Newton (Durant-Kenrick House \$10,000), Sons and Daughters of Hawley (East Hawley Meeting House \$10,000), Plymouth Antiquarian Society (The Spooner House Museum \$3,358), Essex National Heritage Commission (Assistant Light Keeper's House on Baker's Island \$5,000), Old Colony History Museum (Bristol Academy \$10,000), Chase Library Association, Inc. (The Chase Library \$4,812) and Canton Historical Society (David & Abigail Tilden House \$3,480).

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President and CEO of Preservation Massachusetts Jim Igoe states, "This new funding opportunity brought to Massachusetts by the 1772 Foundation was a great opportunity for stewards of historic buildings all across the Commonwealth. The reception to this grant was overwhelming with over \$700,000 in funding being requested through our first round of inquiry letters. It clearly demonstrates the great need for funds to ensure these historic structures remain intact and in use for years to come. The organizations we have awarded grants to are remarkable stewards of these shared community assets and we are pleased to see their projects come to fruition. We are also extremely grateful to The 1772 Foundation for this collaborative opportunity which has enriched our organization and staff with deeper knowledge and connections with organizations and communities from the Cape to Berkshires. We look forward to continuing to work with The 1772 Foundation and also find other opportunities to expand funding for historic preservation projects like these across Massachusetts."

1772 Foundation Board President B. Danforth Ely remarked, "Small matching grants for brick-and-mortar preservation projects have long played an important role in the 1772 Foundation's grant making, as it was the passion of it's founder, Stewart B. Kean. However, this is the first year that we have opened the program up to all six New England states, and the expansion has been enthusiastically received. We have been fortunate to work with six fantastic statewide organizations, whose local community knowledge has proven invaluable. The vast response to this grant has also shown to the Foundation how necessary these brick-and-mortar grants are to keeping our historic structures standing."

About Preservation Massachusetts:

Preservation Massachusetts was established in 1985 as Historic Massachusetts, Inc. We are the statewide non-profit organization that actively promotes the preservation of historic buildings and landscapes as a positive force for economic development and the retention of community character. The organization is supported entirely by grants, fundraising events and the support of our membership. In keeping with our mission, we work in partnership with national, state and local organizations and individuals across the Commonwealth to advance and understanding, appreciation and utilization of our historic built and natural landscapes. More information about Preservation Massachusetts may be found online at www.preservationmass.org

About the 1772 Foundation:

The 1772 Foundation was named in honor of its first restoration project, Liberty Hall in Union, NJ, which was built in 1772 and is the ancestral home of the Livingston and Kean families. The late Stewart B. Kean was the sole benefactor to The 1772 Foundation. The 1772 Foundation works to ensure the safe passage of our historic buildings and farmland to future generations. More information about The 1772 Foundation may be found at www.1772foundation.org.

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