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Governor Hassan Honors LCHIP Grant Awardees Francestown Town Hall/Academy Awarded LCHIP Grant!

Concord NH – Thirty-six historic, cultural, and land conservation projects throughout the state will receive grants this year from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program, or LCHIP. After individually greeting many grant recipients at an event Thursday, December 4th in Concord, Governor Hassan said “The legislature and I agreed to include full funding for LCHIP in the fiscal year 2014-2015 budget. Boy, am I glad we did!” She continued “Protecting the important natural, historic resources that you do with help from LCHIP benefits our environment, economy and quality of life.”

The Town of Francestown has been awarded a \$200,000 LCHIP Grant to help fund the restoration of its iconic Town Hall, which was built in 1848 as the Francestown Academy. The commitment and dedication of past chair of the Heritage Commission the late Maureen von Roseninge, the guidance of architect Mike Petrovick, and the partially LCHIP-funded structural repairs completed by Dodgeco have saved the building from structural failure. With the recent LCHIP grant award and the bond issue voted at the March 2014 Town Meeting, the Heritage Commission and the Friends of the Francestown Town Hall are working to raise the additional money needed to finish funding the full restoration project. This project includes bringing the building up to code and preserving the historic integrity of its character defining features.

Heritage Commission Chair Elly Miles stated, “We are more than grateful for LCHIP’s past and continued funding towards the Town Hall and I wanted to sincerely thank everyone who assisted with the grant application, including Town Administrator Michael Branley, architect Mike Petrovick, grant writer Barbara Miller and Heritage Commission member BJ Carbee. LCHIP has really been committed to helping us achieve our goal to restore the Town Hall from the beginning and has been a critical partner in every step of the project. In prior grant rounds LCHIP helped to fund a structural survey of the Town Hall and then helped us make critical structural repairs to the building. It is highly unlikely we would be where we are today with this project without LCHIP’s support and I appreciate how fortunate we are to have a program like this in New Hampshire to help protect our heritage.”

“LCHIP projects succeed thanks to the hard work of our state’s non-profit organizations, town commissions and boards,” stated Chair Doug Cole of D.S. Cole Growers in Loudon, Chair of the LCHIP Board of Directors, “and we are pleased to be able to support those efforts. While

each project is special to its community, as a whole they represent the important natural, historic and cultural resources highly valued by New Hampshire's residents and visitors."

This year's recipients include 26 historic properties dating from the 1764 Park Hill Meeting House in Westmoreland to the 1918 Peterborough Town House, and ten natural resource projects providing permanent protection of almost 3,000 acres. They are located in cities and towns in each of the ten counties of the state.

"In visiting the project sites," reported LCHIP Executive Director Dijit Taylor, "I learn the stories behind the projects— stories about the second person to sign the Declaration of Independence (Josiah Bartlett) and the tree that he brought home from Philadelphia, the rare threatened or endangered species on the properties (although I can't tell you where those are), and the unusual brick house in Gilford where twenty-first century school children, using the same clay source as the original brick maker, made new bricks and then used them to edge the flower garden at the house."

While applicants are required to raise \$1.00 for each dollar received through LCHIP, historically the projects do far more, raising more than \$7 for each LCHIP dollar granted. Funding for the LCHIP grants comes from a fee assessed when recording four types of documents at county Registries of Deeds. This is the second year in which LCHIP is receiving full funding.

Yet even with full funding, the expressed need for assistance this year was far larger than the amount of money available. LCHIP was unable to fund seventeen projects, although they too are important in their communities, so LCHIP's decision-making process was a challenging one for the 18-member Board of Directors.

The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program is an independent state authority that provides matching grants to New Hampshire communities and non-profits to protect and preserve the state's most important natural, cultural and historic resources. Its legislatively mandated mission is to ensure the perpetual contribution of these resources to the economy, environment and the quality of life in New Hampshire. Up until the current grant round, 325 LCHIP grants have helped 143 New Hampshire communities conserve more than 264,000 acres of land and 159 historic structures and sites. The \$30 million of state money invested in these projects has leveraged more than \$258 million in total project value. LCHIP grants are supported by fees on four documents recorded at the Registry of Deeds in every county of the state. For more information about LCHIP visit www.lchip.org or call (603) 224-4113.

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LCHIP 2014 Grant Recipients

Project Town	Project Name	Primary Applicant	Total Project Value	Amount Awarded
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Acworth	Methodist Church / Grange Hall	Acworth Historical Society	\$56,000	\$28,000
Berlin	Brown Company House	Tri-County Community Action Program	\$38,885	\$19,443
Bradford	Bradford Town Hall	Town of Bradford	\$1,941,215	\$105,000
Bristol	Bristol Town Hall	Town of Bristol	\$115,000	\$30,000
Canterbury	Spender Farm & Spender Meadow	Canterbury Conservation Commission	\$264,800	\$52,750
Concord	Chamberlin House Rehabilitation	Woman's Club of Concord	\$149,191	\$55,000
Conway	Lucy Project	Upper Saco Valley Land Trust	\$300,000	\$75,000
Cornish	Cornish Meetinghouse	Trustees of Cornish Meetinghouse	\$108,200	\$54,100
Cornish	King's Grant Farm	Upper Valley Land Trust	\$310,000	\$50,000
Dover	William Hale House	St. Thomas Episcopal Church	\$30,000	\$15,000
Durham	Durham - Hills / Emery Farm	The Nature Conservancy	\$1,870,738	\$300,000
Epping	Growing Pawtuckaway to Great Bay Greenway II	Southeast Land Trust of NH	\$3,089,500	\$400,000
Epping	Watson Academy	Town of Epping	\$91,545	\$40,000
Francestown	Francestown Town Hall	Francestown Heritage Commission	\$896,000	\$200,000
Gilford	Rowe House	Thompson-Ames Historical Society	\$52,398	\$26,199
Hancock	Hancock Meetinghouse Windows	Town of Hancock	\$138,535	\$69,267
Hancock	Hancock Historical Society Building	Hancock Historical Society	\$275,000	\$50,000
Haverhill	Pearson Hall	Haverhill Historical Society	\$24,440	\$8,700
Hooksett	Hinman Pond II	Bear Paw Regional Greenways	\$541,360	\$75,000
Keene	Cheshire County Courthouse	County of Cheshire	\$86,286	\$43,414
Keene	West Hill - California Brook Natural Area	Monadnock Conservancy	\$371,900	\$100,000
Kingston	Josiah Bartlett House	NH Preservation Alliance	\$46,500	\$22,000
Langdon	Langdon Meetinghouse -	Langdon Heritage	\$106,648	\$53,324

	1st Floor	Commission		
Marlow	Jones Hall Study	Town of Marlow	\$14,860	\$7,430
Middleton	Speltz Addition to the Moose Mountain Reserve	SPNHF	\$361,000	\$112,500
Milton	Milton Free Public Library	Milton Free Public Library	\$32,865	\$14,789
Northwood	Northwood Congregational Church	Northwood Congregational Church	\$438,165	\$200,000
Peterborough	Peterborough Town House	Town of Peterborough	\$20,000	\$10,000
Portsmouth	Gov. John Langdon House	Historic New England	\$79,493	\$39,000
Portsmouth	Players Ring Theater	Players' Ring Theatre	\$106,260	\$25,000
Sanbornton	Sanbornton Congregational Church	Sanbornton Congregational Church	\$41,000	\$13,233
Statewide	Statewide - NH Planning Grants	NH Preservation Alliance	\$37,500	\$37,500
Sunapee	Wendell Marsh South	Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust	\$350,200	\$70,000
Tamworth	Chocorua Basin View shed	Chocorua Lake Conservancy	\$229,100	\$88,050
Warner	Pillsbury Library	Trustees of the Pillsbury Free Library	\$132,090	\$50,000
Westmoreland	Park Hill Meetinghouse Steeple	Westmoreland Park Hill Meetinghouse & Historical Society	\$55,872	\$27,936