May 31, 2022 - The Currier Museum of Art has been named a recipient of the NH Preservation Alliance/1772 Foundation Grant to help support the restoration of the historic Chandler House.

The NH Preservation Alliance, partnered with The 1772 Foundation, awarded preservation grants totaling $125,000 to sixteen nonprofit organizations in New Hampshire. The grants give a boost to community landmarks across the state and range in amount from $5,000 to the grant maximum of $10,000.

The Currier will receive a grant in the amount of $7,500 to repair and replace historic windows at the Chandler House. The House, which was built in 1865, was falling into disrepair and slated to be demolished. After years of community advocacy, the Currier Museum purchased the house in 2021. Grants from LCHIP and private foundations have funded the work on the house.

This new grant will help reconstruct and install five historic windows on the front of the house, which had been removed and bricked over, thus restoring the original fenestration of the main facade.

“The rehabilitation of the Chandler House will create a historic property for the entire community. The historic rooms, which feature original stained glass, carved wood, and embossed Japanese wallpaper, will extend the galleries of the Currier Museum of Art while providing meeting spaces for community groups. We are grateful to the NH Preservation Alliance for its support of this historic treasure.” Alan Chong, Director, Currier Museum of Art.

“We are so pleased to be able to make these grants to worthy projects in many regions of the state, from a small town with about 600 residents to the state’s largest city,” stated Beverly Thomas, program director of the Preservation Alliance. “These are community assets that are culturally significant and should be preserved.”

Grant criteria included the uniqueness or significance of the resource, visibility within the community, availability of additional funding, strength of local support, imminence or severity of threat to the resource, understanding of buildings’ needs, and the proposed plan’s adherence to the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Projects were vetted by a selection committee of experts and the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance staff. Each grantee was required to have matching funds for its project.

About NH Preservation Alliance
The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance strengthens communities and stimulates local economies by encouraging the protection and revival of historic buildings and places. For more information, visit www.nhpreservation.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 original benefactor of 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.

About the Currier Museum of Art
The Currier Museum is an internationally renowned art museum located in Manchester, New Hampshire. The museum features paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, and photographs, including works by Monet, Picasso, O’Keeffe, Hopper, and Wyeth. It presents exhibitions, tours, art classes, and community programs year-round. Two houses designed by Frank Lloyd Wright are part of its permanent collection.

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