



## PRESERVATION LONG ISLAND

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### **Preservation Long Island Awarded Nearly \$70,000 in Grants from the New York State Council on the Arts**

*Preservation Long Island receives multiple grant awards from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support their regionally-focused historic preservation advocacy and public education programs.*

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Cold Spring Harbor, NY— Preservation Long Island, a regional preservation advocacy nonprofit, has received **\$20,000 in Recovery Funding from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and nearly \$50,000 through the renewal of the NYSCA Support for Organizations grant**. These grants will support the organization’s mission-based programs, as they continue their ongoing recovery from pandemic challenges.

The NYSCA Regrowth and Capacity recovery grants will fund the rehiring of seasonal Museum Educators as their historic houses reopen to the public (after closing temporarily due the pandemic) and support audience development by funding the continuation and enhancement of digital programming strategies initiated during the pandemic.

Funding from the NYSCA organizational support grant renewal for FY2023 supports Preservation Long Island’s core advocacy programs that include the biennial Long Island [\*Endangered Historic Places Program\*](#), and [\*Preservation Awards\*](#) as well as free [\*Advisory Support and Technical Services\*](#) for all Long Islanders from historic property owners and businesses to nonprofits and municipalities.

“Our post-pandemic outlook embraces a hybrid approach to public programming; holding in-person experiences as essential to creating audience connections and recognizing the value of virtual programming for serving a wider and more diverse audience,” said Alexandra Wolfe,

Preservation Long Island's Executive Director. "NYSCA funding will enable us to sustain both approaches as we aim to connect all Long Islanders with the region's diverse and distinctive past."

"The ongoing support of NYSCA ensures that our foundational preservation advocacy services continue and that our public history initiatives meet the specific needs and interests of communities throughout the region," said Sarah Kautz, Preservation Long Island's Director of Preservation and Advocacy.

The responsive funding of NYSCA is providing nearly 1000 organizations with over \$13 million in recovery support in FY23, as part of their historic FY93 \$90 million in grant making and \$150 million in multi-year capital support.

"This unprecedented funding continues our investment into the vital role that the arts contribute to the health of our economy, our communities and our citizens," said Governor Kathy Hochul. "As we continue our comeback, we applaud the strength and innovation of arts organizations across the state and are all the better for their hard work and dedication."

"NYSCA applauds Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature for their historic investment of \$240 million for the nonprofit arts and culture sector," said Mara Manus, Executive Director of NYSCA, "As we continue rebuilding the arts across our New York, Preservation Long Island will play a vital role in the renewal of our state's economy and creative ecosystem. Congratulations on your award from the entire NYSCA team."

"Council congratulates Preservation Long Island on their grant award! These grants are from the people of New York State, for the future of New York State," said Katherine Nicholls, Chair, NYSCA. "Arts and culture are crucial to the health of our citizens and the economic vitality of our communities, and we recognize the contributions of NYSCA grantees to the lives of all New Yorkers."

**About the New York State Council on the Arts**

The Council on the Arts preserves and advances the arts and culture that make New York State an exceptional place to live, work and visit. The Council 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. To support the ongoing recovery of the arts across New York State, the Council on the Arts will award record funding in FY 2023, providing support across the full breadth of the arts, including dedicated support for arts education and underrepresented communities.

The Council on the Arts further advances New York's creative culture by convening leaders in the field and providing organizational and professional development opportunities and informational resources. Created by Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1960 and continued with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature, the Council is an agency that is part of the Executive Branch. For more information on NYSCA, please visit <http://www.arts.ny.gov>, and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, Twitter @NYSCArts and Instagram @NYSCouncilontheArts.

### **About Preservation Long Island**

Preservation Long Island is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to celebrating and preserving Long Island's diverse cultural and architectural heritage through advocacy, education, and the stewardship of historic sites and collections.

<http://preservationlongisland.org>

Preservation Long Island's advisory and technical services support the work of our local partners in communities across the region. We offer direct consultation and strategic guidance for Long Islanders supporting local preservation projects, including historic resource surveys, local landmark designation, National Register listing, and restoration or adaptive reuse of historic buildings.

<https://preservationlongisland.org/services/>

Preservation Long Island maintains an Endangered Historic Places list, recognizes excellence through our biennial Preservation Awards program, develops Special Reports,

organizes Preservation in Progress events, and publishes our *Preservation Notes* newsletter and Blog.

Preservation Long Island stewards and interprets historic sites and collections that embody various aspects of Long Island's history including:

Joseph Lloyd Manor, Lloyd Harbor

Custom House, Sag Harbor

Sherwood-Jayne Farm, Setauket

Old Methodist Church and Exhibition Gallery, Cold Spring Harbor

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