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Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) Awards Grants to 24 Projects Statewide

130+ jobs and \$4.2 million in wages associated with projects

Concord, NH—The Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) announces the award of matching grants to 24 projects across the state. These awards invest in the protection of 14 historic structures and the conservation of 3742 acres of land, including more than 1,000 acres of farmland. These projects will support more than 130 jobs and contribute over \$4.2 million to the employment economy of the state.

“These matching grants are a tool to help protect the special places that are such an important part of New Hampshire’s high quality of life,” says Rusty McLearn, the LCHIP Board Chair. “LCHIP is not just about land and old buildings, but also about investing in a future that attracts both tourists and new residents.”

The LCHIP grants of \$1.3 million have attracted \$34.5 million in total project value, far exceeding the required 1:1 match. The grants this year are supported by recording fees collected at county registry offices during the second half of state Fiscal Year 2011.

This year’s projects include the 340-acre Johnson Farm and Islands in Monroe, 300-acre Colony Wetland Complex in Chesterfield, stabilization and restoration of the exterior of the main gatehouse at the Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough, and bell tower repairs at the Bow Bog Meetinghouse.

Project decisions for the forty four applications received by LCHIP were based on the criteria outlined in the LCHIP law (RSA 227-M), including the imminence of threat, the significance of the resource, local support, leverage, and the ability to sustain long-term stewardship of the resources.

LCHIP is an independent state authority that provides grants to protect and preserve the state’s most important natural, cultural, and historic resources through partnerships with New Hampshire communities and non-profits. 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. Previous LCHIP funds to 202 projects have helped 136 New Hampshire communities conserve over 260,000 acres and 118 historic structures and sites. For more information about LCHIP, visit www.lchip.org or call (603) 224-4113

Contact LCHIP or grant recipient for projects photos/maps.

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LCHIP GRANT RECIPIENTS

December 2011 – Grant Round 10

Project Name	Primary Applicant	Project Town & county	Brief Description of work	Total Project Value	Grant Award
Silsby Library	Town of Acworth	Acworth, Sullivan Co.	Renovation of the permanent collection Stack Room. The final phase of a restoration that began in 1983.	\$16,731	\$4,000
Interior Restoration Plan for R&D Building	Tri-County Community Action Program	Berlin, Coos Co.	Create an interior floor plan design to tell the story of the Brown Paper Co. R&D Center's early 20 th century history.	\$20,000	\$10,000
Bow Bog Meetinghouse	Bow Heritage Commission	Bow, Merrimack Co.	Address foundation settling, damage to roof and to beams and columns in bell tower.	\$192,000	\$50,000
Meetinghouse Tower Repair	Town of Canaan	Canaan, Grafton Co.	Bell tower repairs.	\$87,250	\$35,000
Charlestown Town Hall	Charlestown Historical Society	Charlestown, Sullivan Co.	Resolution of issues identified in Fire Safety Assessment to permit use of 2 nd floor.	\$325,000	\$50,000
Colony Wetland Complex	Monadnock Conservancy	Chesterfield, Cheshire Co.	Conservation easement on 300 acre property with multiple wetland values	\$311,387	\$85,433
Mary Keane Chapel	Enfield Shaker Museum	Enfield, Grafton Co.	Eliminate moisture problems in basement of chapel	\$77,000	\$20,000
Androscoggin Headwaters III	Trust for Public Land	Errol & Wentworth Location, Coos County	Conservation of 934 acres plus 30,366 match acres through a 5-phase transaction	\$21,000,000	\$150,000
Smith Land Acquisition	Town of Fremont	Fremont, Rockingham Co.	Town acquisition of 76 acres to be added to town forest.	\$251,050	\$25,000
Gilmanton Academy Windows	Town of Gilmanton	Gilmanton, Belknap Co.	Restoration of original wooden windows	\$89,835	\$32,750
Roberts Farm	Russell Foundation	Goffstown, Hillsborough Co.	Conservation of 410 acres of prime agricultural soils and managed forest	\$2,988,500	\$50,000
Batchelder Farm	Southeast Land Trust of NH	Hampton, Rockingham Co.	Conservation easements on 120 acres of historic fields, forest and wetlands	\$892,000	\$80,000
Gov. Smith/Fuller Public Library	Town of Hillsborough	Hillsborough, Hillsborough Co.	Sprinkler installation on 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd floors.	\$91,940	\$40,000
Merrimack Riverfront	Town of Hooksett	Hooksett, Merrimack Co.	Town purchase of 122 acres with 3,900 feet of Merrimack riverfront and upland buffer, conservation easement to SPNHF	\$468,140	\$80,400

Castle Gate House	Castle Preservation Society	Moultonborough, Carroll Co.	Stabilization and restoration of the Castle in the Clouds' Lower Gate House exterior	\$155,300	\$60,000
Mt. Monadnock (Stowell)	Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests	Jaffrey/Marlborough, Cheshire Co.	Fee purchase by SPNHF of 335 acres of western slope of Mt. Monadnock	\$541,209	\$125,000
Colonial Theatre	City of Laconia	Laconia, Belknap Co.	Purchase and renovation of downtown theater	\$5,000,000	\$150,000
Langdon Meetinghouse	Langdon Heritage Commission	Langdon, Sullivan Co.	Sanitary facilities	\$21,450	\$10,725
Johnson Farm & Islands	Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust	Monroe, Grafton Co.	340 acre conservation easement, two islands & sites for two new canoe campsites	\$202,500	\$50,000
Discover Portsmouth Center	Portsmouth Historical Society	Portsmouth, Rockingham Co.	Replace and insulate roofs on Benedict House and 20 th century connector building	\$1,221,000	\$40,000
Moffatt-Ladd House Windows	Colonial Dames-NH	Portsmouth, Rockingham Co.	Full conservation and restoration of windows at the Moffatt-Ladd House	\$182,580	\$60,000
Patten Easement	Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust	Springfield, Sullivan Co.	Conservation easement on active farm land that also protects NHF&G McDaniel's Marsh watershed.	\$108,000	\$30,000
Preservation Planning Grants	NH Preservation Alliance	Statewide	Block grant to provide small planning grants	\$45,000	\$20,000
Union Meadows	Town of Wakefield	Wakefield, Carroll Co.	Fee acquisition by town of 121 acres with 1 mile of frontage on Branch River and 3,000 feet of frontage on marsh.	\$250,000	\$50,000
Total				\$34,537,872	\$1,308,308