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Historic Districts Council awarded a Preserve New York Grant

This grant will fund a Cultural Resource Survey of Little Caribbean, Brooklyn.

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BROOKLYN, NY, 08/01/23 — The Historic Districts Council is one of this year's [Preserve New York](#) (PNY) grantees. Their **grant of \$16,000** will fund a Cultural Resource Survey of the Little Caribbean neighborhood in Brooklyn. The Preservation League of NYS and their program partners at the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) are thrilled to help fund this important work.

Frampton Tolbert, Executive Director of Historic Districts Council stated, "HDC is thrilled to receive a 2023 Preserve New York grant for a Cultural Resource Survey of the Little Caribbean community, a preservation priority for HDC and our Six to Celebrate partner, I AM CARIBBEING. This support will help us achieve our goal of documenting the rich history and identify significant sites in the community, working closely with I AM CARIBBEING and consultant Sophonie Milande Joseph."

The Little Caribbean Cultural Resource Survey will include a Multiple Property Documentation establishing the significant themes and criteria for significance for sites in the Little Caribbean community in Flatbush, Brooklyn, to bring awareness and preservation to this area that is rich in history and culture, especially for diverse communities of the Caribbean diaspora. Work with HDC and the consultants within this phase include research on the history and significance of the Little Caribbean neighborhood and community, establishment of registration requirements and major themes for properties that may be nominated in the future, an initial list of significant buildings and sites proposed for inclusion, and a robust community outreach and crowdsourcing campaign to identify additional sites of significance for preservation and commemoration.

At its 2023 meeting, an independent grant panel selected **19 applicants in 17 counties to receive support totaling \$279,936**. Each grant supports important arts and cultural initiatives, as well as economic development related to our state's arts and cultural heritage. Many of these grants will lead to historic district designation or expansion, telling the stories of communities throughout the state and allowing property owners to take advantage of the New York State and Federal Historic Tax Credits. With the announcement of the 2023 awards, support provided by Preserve New York since its launch in 1993 totals more than \$3.7 million to 529 projects statewide.

The Preserve New York program is a regrant partnership between the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Preservation League, made possible with the support of the Office of the

Governor and the New York State Legislature. The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation has generously provided additional funds to support nonprofit projects in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Since 1993, Preserve New York has been providing funds to municipalities and nonprofit organizations that need technical, professional assistance to guide a variety of preservation projects. The building condition reports, cultural landscape reports, and cultural resource surveys funded through this program lead to positive outcomes across New York's 62 counties.

2023 PNY Grant Recipients:

Albany County: Shaker Heritage Society, \$20,000 | **Cattaraugus County:** Leon Historical Society, \$6,720 | **Chautauqua County:** Patterson Library, \$16,000 | **Essex County:** Fort Ticonderoga Association, \$18,800 | **Franklin County:** Harriestown, \$13,600 | **Green County:** Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society, \$20,008 | **Livingston County:** Village on Nunda, \$12,980 | **Madison County:** Oneida Community Mansion House, \$18,940 | **Monroe County:** Connected Communities / Beechwood Neighborhood Coalition, \$20,000 | **Nassau County:** Long Beach Historical & Preservation Society, \$7,876 | **New York County:** Historic Districts Council, \$16,000 | **Orange County:** The Fullerton, \$12,000 | **Otsego County:** Otsego Land Trust, \$14,780 | **Suffolk County:** The Center for Environmental Education and Discovery, \$10,632; Wainscott Heritage Project, \$14,400 | **Ulster County:** The Center for Photography at Woodstock, \$14,000; Village of New Paltz, \$14,000 | **Warren County:** Silver Bay YMCA, \$11,200 | **Westchester County:** Historic Hudson Valley, \$18,000

"The breadth of these projects across our state will safeguard the rich and diverse history of New York for generations to come," said **Mara Manus, Executive Director of NYSCA**. "We applaud the Preservation League of New York State for this critical preservation program. From all of us at NYSCA, a hearty congratulations to the grantees and our gratitude for the essential work you do."

"This year's Preserve New York grant cycle was one of the most competitive in the program's history," said **Jay DiLorenzo, President of the Preservation League of NYS**. "The 19 projects funded truly rose to the top and represent a great cross-section of historic resources found across the state. From a Shaker Washhouse upstate to the Little Caribbean neighborhood in Brooklyn, each project helps tell the story of New York's rich history."

About the Preservation League of New York State

Since its founding in 1974, the Preservation League has built a reputation for action and effectiveness. Our goal has been to preserve our historic buildings, districts, and landscapes and to build a better New York, one community at a time. The Preservation League of New York State invests in people and projects that champion the essential role of preservation in community revitalization, sustainable economic growth and the protection of our historic buildings and landscapes. We lead advocacy, economic development, and education programs across the state. Connect with us at preservenys.org, facebook.com/preservenys, twitter.com/preservenys, and [instagram.com/preservenys](https://youtube.com/c/PreservationLeague), and youtube.com/c/PreservationLeague.

About Historic Districts Council

The Historic Districts Council (HDC) is the advocate for all of New York City's historically, culturally, and architecturally significant neighborhoods. Our mission is to ensure the preservation of neighborhoods, buildings and public spaces, uphold the integrity of New York City's Landmarks Law, and further the preservation ethic. We work directly with people who care about our city's historic neighborhoods and represent a constituency of more than 500 local community organizations across all five boroughs.

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