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Greenwich Historical Society Announces STEAP Grant

Funding from the State of Connecticut Will Assist with Landscape Plantings, Accessible Pathways and Other Improvements for the New Campus

COS COB, CT, April 18, 2018--Greenwich Historical Society is thrilled to announce that it has received a \$389,800 STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) grant from the State of Connecticut to assist with the completion of site improvements and walkways for the Greenwich Historical Society's expanded campus at its Bush-Holley House site. The program funds economic development, community conservation and quality-of-life capital projects because "preserving the historical integrity and beauty of our small towns is vital to our economy and quality of life," according to the Office of Policy and Management.

This funding from the Connecticut State Bond Commission will complete the Greenwich Historical Society's historic Bush-Holley Campus with landscape plantings, pathways, accessible ramps and walks, and restored landscape features as well as drainage, slope and embankment protection.

These improvements will concurrently restore the site's bucolic character as a park amenity for public enjoyment while also making its programs, green space and museums accessible to the thousands of school children who annually visit the Historical Society as part of their curricula.

About the Greenwich Historical Society

Greenwich Historical Society preserves and interprets the history of Greenwich to build a stronger community connected to our past, each other and future generations. Founded in 1931, the Historical Society operates a nationally accredited museum, library and archives and is home to the circa 1730 National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House, which was the site of Connecticut's first influential American Impressionist art colony from 1890 to 1920.

Greenwich Historical Society educates thousands of school children annually and connects visitors to the history of this vibrant, globally influential community through rotating exhibitions, engaging lectures, stimulating events and fun family programs. The organization receives no town funding and relies on private donations and grants to continue its work.

The Historical Society has embarked on a major capital campaign to advance its

mission and secure its future at the forefront of America's historical institutions. A dynamic campus transformation is underway that will accommodate more visitors, expanded program initiatives and an increased endowment. The newly imagined campus will be completed in fall 2018. Learn more at greenwichhistory.org.

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The Honorable Dannel Malloy, Governor of Connecticut, with the Greenwich Historical Society's Curator of Education Anna Greco (left) and Director of Development Katrina Dorsey (right) in Hartford on April 13, 2018 after the State voted to award the STEAP Grant to the Historical Society.

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