

Hunterdon Historic Societies and Readington Museum Awarded Historic Grants

Grants Preserve Heritage and Support Tourism

The Lambertville, Delaware River Mill, and Hunterdon County Historical Societies, as well as the Readington Museums, will benefit from \$35,000 in County History Partnership Program (CHPP) grants, approved by the Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners in January.

Board of Commissioners Deputy Director Zach Rich, who serves as liaison to the County's Cultural and Heritage Commission, said "These grant funds are valuable and important to continuing the operations of local societies and museums, enriching the lives of our residents and helping the tourism economy by drawing those interested in history to our area.

The local non-profit organizations explained they will use the funding to expand programs, increase outreach to the community, enhance existing programs, increase the number of virtual programs, and upgrade existing exhibits."

Grant recipients and funds awarded by the Board of Commissioners, on the recommendation of the County's Culture and Heritage Commission, include:

Readington Museums, \$9,000

The Readington Museums are a collection of buildings and properties associated with the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, the Eversole-Hall House, the Cold Brook School and Taylors Mill. Each of these locations contains vital artifacts and preserves a living history on which the present generation can reflect.

Hunterdon County Historical Society, \$9,000

The Historical Society was founded in 1885 in Flemington in an effort to retain Hunterdon County historical facts for future generations to learn about past. Collections include Lenape Indian artifacts, genealogies of Hunterdon families, records of its businesses, churches and civic groups, historical manuscripts, photographs, maps and more.

Lambertville Historical Society, \$7,000

The Lambertville Historical Society sponsors events and activities which promote Lambertville's history and architecture that can be shared with the community. Collecting and preserving historical items that are historically interesting for education, information and inspiration is their mission.

Delaware River Mill Society, \$10,000

A ten-building complex that includes a grist mill, linseed oil mill, sawmill and granary, the Delaware River Mill is home to the Prallsville Mill and is a National Register historic site which dates back to the late 1700s. The buildings are considered a significant example of early American industrial architecture and include the Prall House, built by John Prall himself, and is built entirely from stone.

Rich continued, "Historical societies and museums are important in protecting and preserving the history and legacy of those who have gone before, contributed to the establishment of the county, and assist with helping future generations understand their heritage.

Receiving this significant grant award from the New Jersey Historical Commission, and sharing it with important county organizations, is important to preserve the rich history Hunterdon County maintains."

Funding for the grant program comes from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State. Click [here](#) for more information.