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Wisconsin Historical Society Awarded Historic Preservation Grant to City of Fitchburg

Fitchburg, Wis. – The Wisconsin Historical Society has awarded the City of Fitchburg with a \$13,750 historic preservation grant to conduct an intensive survey of historic properties in the city. These Certified Local Government subgrants are part of a federal program administered by the Wisconsin Historical Society.

"The Society's historic preservation program supports the work of local governments to educate their citizens about their past, identify and document their historic properties, assist in their preservation and provide economic assistance through grants and historic tax credits," said Jim Draeger, State Historic Preservation Officer at the Wisconsin Historical Society.

These funds will be used to conduct an intensive survey of historic properties in the Fitchburg community to support the city's continuing historic preservation efforts. The project will identify and document important properties that may benefit from economic and technical assistance provided through the Society's historic preservation program. The information from the survey will aid property owners, promote economic development and reinvestment, support historic tourism and provide the city with information to assist future planning for the preservation of these irreplaceable resources.

"The City of Fitchburg is pleased to be the recipient of the Historic Preservation Fund Subgrant from the Wisconsin Historical Society," said Jason Gonzalez, Mayor of Fitchburg. "This grant will enable the City's Landmark Preservation Commission to work with a consultant to inventory historic properties within Fitchburg. The information provided in the project can be used to generate greater public knowledge of the City's rich heritage and assist current and future owners of historic properties identify potential tax credits."

The Society's historic preservation program also helps preserve places of enduring value by administering the state and national register programs and providing an array of technical assistance. Only units of government with approved historic preservation programs are eligible for these subgrants.

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About the Wisconsin Historical Society

The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. As both a state agency and a private membership organization, its mission is to help people connect to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing stories. The Wisconsin Historical Society serves millions of people every year through a wide range of sites, programs and services. For more information, visit wisconsinhistory.org.

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