

**VILLAGE OF SHERMAN
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT RECIPIENT
PETER RIPLEY HOUSE
SHERMAN'S FRENCH CREEK YORKER MUSEUM**

Technical Assistance Grant Recipient



**Limited Condition
Assessment of the Peter
Ripley House / Sherman's -
French Creek Yorker Museum**



**Council on
the Arts**

Village of Sherman Awarded a Technical Assistance Grant from the Preservation League of NYS

This grant will fund a Limited Condition Assessment of the Peter Ripley House / Sherman's - French Creek Yorker Museum

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SHERMAN, NY, 1/29/25 — The Preservation League of New York State and their program partners at the New York State Council on the Arts are thrilled to announce that the Village of Sherman is a recipient of a 2024 [Technical Assistance Grant](#). **This grant of \$4,000 will fund a Limited Condition Assessment of the Peter Ripley House at Sherman's - French Creek Yorker Museum.** At the end of 2024, an independent panel of preservation professionals met to select this cycle's grant recipients, with **20 projects representing 13 counties across the state being awarded a total of \$75,290.**

"The TAG award will greatly contribute to the restoration and accessibility of the museum's historic assets to be experienced and appreciated for generations to come," said **Village Mayor, Colleen Meeder**. "This is in line with the Village of Sherman's vision of 'Preserving our past, ... while working toward our Future'."

Project Description

Heritage conservation specialists from Clinton Brown Company Architecture, pc, which has had a long association with renewing the Village of Sherman, will prepare an Exterior Building Conditions Summary Report of the historic, ca. 1830, Peter Ripley House. **Project Manager Jill Nowicki** said, "We are thrilled to work on protecting this signature home, now part of the Yorker Museum movement of the 1940s to educate about settler life, to reinvigorate its purpose for local students and regional visitors."

The French Creek Yorkers established the museum in 1946, creating a collection of 6 original buildings and related artifacts dating back to 1750. This includes the Peter Ripley House, which is the oldest frame building in Sherman, depicting life in the mid-1800s. The Village of Sherman, with the stewardship of the Sherman Historical Society, endeavors to continue the work of founder, Genevieve Larson, in celebrating their rich local heritage.

"The targeted studies made possible by Technical Assistance Grants provide crucial support for strategic preservation planning as organizations look to the future," said **Preservation League President Jay DiLorenzo**. "The League is proud to support so many worthwhile projects across the state through this partnership with the New York State Council on the Arts. And we are equally grateful for additional funding from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation on Long Island and the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, which allows TAG funding to go further."

The Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) program is a partnership between the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Preservation League of New York State, made possible by NYSCA with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. The Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area has provided additional support for the projects within the National Heritage Area boundary. The TAG program supports arts centers, historic sites, music halls, theaters, libraries, and other cultural nonprofit or municipal entities that steward historic buildings throughout New York State.

With the announcement of the 2024 awards, support provided by TAG since its launch in 2012 totals \$743,970. These grants have directly advanced the efforts of 230 preservation projects.

“New York’s renowned arts and cultural sites not only benefit their communities today, but must plan to serve the residents, learners, and visitors of tomorrow,” said **Erika Mallin, Executive Director of NYSCA**. “NYSCA is proud to provide this key funding for organizations to identify their needs and proactively design their futures. Congratulations to all of this year’s grantees, we applaud your dedication and commitment to preserving the arts and culture of this great state.”

The 2024 TAG grantees are: **Albany County:** Albany County Historical Association | **Cayuga County:** Howland Stone Store Museum | **Chautauqua County:** Village of Sheman | **Erie County:** Town of Orchard Park & Village of Orchard Park | **Essex County:** Minerva Historical Society; The Fort Ticonderoga Association | **New York County:** New Amsterdam Musical Association | **Niagara County:** Niagara County Historical Society | **Queens County:** Historic House Trust of New York City; Sculpture Center, Inc.; Flux Factory | **Schenectady County:** Village of Scotia | **Schoharie County:** Schoharie County Historical Society | **Suffolk County:** The Bridgehampton Museum; Mastic Peninsula Historical Society; Sagtikos Manor Historical Society | **Ulster County:** Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History; Unison Learning Center, Inc.; Village of New Paltz on behalf of the Dr. Margaret Wade-Lewis Center | **Wyoming County:** Arcade Historical Society

About the Preservation League of New York State

Since its founding in 1974, the Preservation League of NYS 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 League empowers all New Yorkers to use historic preservation to enrich their communities, protect their heritage, and build a sustainable future. We lead advocacy, economic development, and education programs across the state.

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