

Good To Great Grant

The Good to Great grant is designed to be a catalyst that moves an organization's ability to serve its audience from "good to great". This program blends the importance of art, historic preservation, and tourism and reinforces the message that Connecticut's cultural resources are vital to the economic development of the state. One recent example of the program's success is the Connecticut Trolley Museum's restoration of Connecticut Company Car #3001. Trolleys were critical in the development of transportation routes in Connecticut; whole neighborhoods sprang up around the newly-laid trolley lines. Adding the circa 1922 Company Car #3001 into the fleet allows the Trolley Museum's visitors to experience a time before the automobile dominated the streetscape. DECD is thrilled to help make this project a reality and looks forward to seeing Car #3001 in action.



Photo: July 18, 2019 check presentation at the Connecticut Trolley Museum in East Windsor. Pictured from left to right: Michael Speciale, Dulcie Giadone, East Windsor First Selectman Robert Maynard, State Representative Chris Davis, Deputy Commissioner David Kooris, and Gina Alimberti.

National Trust Funding Announcement

Enhance your efforts to save the historic places within your community—participate in the National Trust Preservation Funds grant program. This annual

program supports local preservation organizations' efforts to **preserve and protect** important places in their communities.

Funding ranges from **\$2,500 to \$10,000** and supports **preservation planning and educational projects**. The next **deadline is October 1**.

Grant projects have included engineering and architectural consulting services; tours that are accessible via smart devices; and market studies to assist in prioritizing preservation objectives.

For more information, visit <http://forum.savingplaces.org/preservation-funds> or contact Grants@savingplaces.org.

A note from the SHPO: *Because these grants are used for historic preservation planning and education, they are a perfect match for our Survey and Planning or Partners In Preservation grants! If you are considering applying for a grant from our office be sure to explore the funding possibility offered by the National Trust. Their list of eligible activities and recently funded projects align perfectly with our grant funding initiatives.*

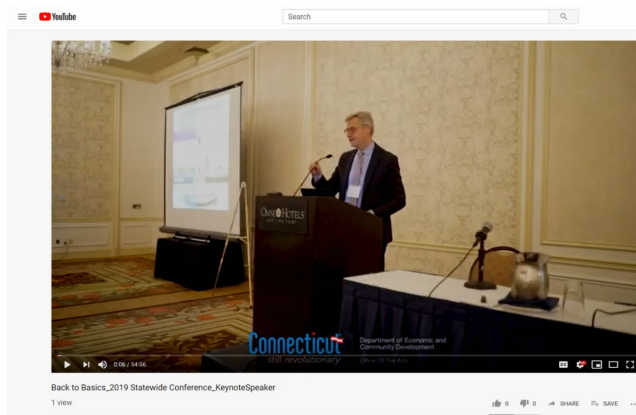
In Other News from the National Trust

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is interested in gaining an understanding from stakeholders across the preservation field of their core values, the challenges they are currently facing, and the work in which they are currently engaged. This information will help the NTHP better understand the opportunities that are available for meaningful collaboration.

To that end, the NTHP is soliciting your input through a brief survey on the challenges and innovations occurring in the preservation field. Here's the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z56NXDT> A synthesis of the findings will be shared later this fall with all survey participants and we look forward to discussing further at our [PastForward conference](#) in Denver and the October NCSHPO meeting.

The deadline for completing the survey is Wednesday, September 18th.

Conference Videos on YouTube



Videos from last spring's statewide historic preservation conference are now on YouTube. Most of the breakout sessions, as well as Tom Mayes' Keynote Address and the closing panel are available for viewing. Check out the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office's channel [here](#).

Programming Announcement - Update

The SHPO will begin accepting new applications to the [Historic Homes Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program](#) on October 1, 2019. Only applications

postmarked on or after October 1 will be accepted. For questions or additional information, please email Homestaxcredits@ct.gov.

The [Historic Restoration Fund Grant](#) continues to be on hold for new applications. Existing grants with active contracts will be processed as usual. For questions or additional information, please email HRFgrants@ct.gov.

Thank you for your patience.

News from the Museums



Henry Whitfield State Museum

Visit the museum's booth at the 9th annual [Hammonasset Festival](#), honoring the environment and Native American cultures, October 5 & 6 at the Guilford Fairgrounds. See photographs of the 1639 and 1641 treaties between local Native American tribes (Menuncatuck, Niantic, and Mohegan) and Guilford's English colonists, and learn about their implications. Make your mark like Native

American leaders by drawing an image representing you and your message. A variety of books, jewelry, and other items from the museum gift shop related to Native American cultures and the environment (did someone say Smokey the Bear bobbleheads?!) will be available for purchase.

Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine

Beautiful views of changing leaves and picturesque ruins make fall the perfect time to visit Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine. Look forward to our upcoming events including a concert featuring The Jolly Beggars on September 15th and Escape from New-Gate Reenactment on September 21st. Halloween is a highpoint of the season at Old New-Gate, and the site will be decorated for a historically haunted holiday throughout October. This year we are hosting two different Halloween events: Halloween at Old New-Gate on October 12th and 19th from 6-9pm and Halloween at Old New-Gate: East Granby Night on October 25th from 5:30-7:30pm. Halloween at Old New-Gate is geared towards adults and will include a beer tasting and live music, while East Granby Night will be family-friendly and include festive games and activities. Both events will be outdoors so dress for the weather and wear closed toed shoes.

