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Historic Rural Revitalization Projects in the Mohawk Valley to Receive Grant Funding

Application Window Extended Through June 30, 2025

WATERFORD, NY- The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor is pleased to announce the first award recipients of the Mohawk Valley Historic Rural Revitalization Grant Program. The program makes brick-and-mortar investments in National Register-listed historic properties and properties that contribute to a listed historic district, located within small rural Mohawk Valley communities adjacent to the NYS Canal System. Recipients include:

- **Old Fort Johnson** in Fort Johnson has been granted **\$100,000** to replace its aging roof and ensure that the 275-year-old building remains protected from the elements for future generations.
- The **Montgomery County Old Courthouse** in Fonda has been awarded **\$100,000** in grant funding to restore its three-story, 1836 façade.
- **Canal Side Inn** in Little Falls has been awarded **\$58,873** to replace its roof and upgrade its electrical system to better accommodate guests and enhance visitors' experience.
- The **Little Falls Public Library** will receive **\$75,000** to preserve its original 1878 construction, including its front doors, basement windows, and masonry.
- **West Hill School** in Canajoharie has been awarded **\$100,000** for structural repairs and the restoration of its historic Bell Tower.

"I am proud to support the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor's Mohawk Valley Historic Rural Revitalization Grant Program in its crucial mission to invest in our historic sites across Upstate New York. These funds will ensure significant sites such as the centuries-old Old Fort Johnson and the Little Falls Public Library are preserved for future generations to learn from and enjoy," **said Congresswoman Elise Stefanik.**

“These grants provide critical funding for projects that will help to maintain the integrity of these important sites. With the support of the National Park Service and our local partners, these preservation efforts contribute to the unique sense of place and heritage of the Mohawk Valley, while contributing to the continued revitalization of the region,” **said Bob Radliff, Executive Director of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.**

The Erie Canalway is extending the application window for the 2025 grant cycle. New applications will be accepted through **June 30, 2025**, or until all remaining funds are awarded.

Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and awards will be granted to projects that meet program criteria.

Erie Canalway’s Mohawk Valley Historic Rural Revitalization Grants are funded by the National Park Service’s Paul Bruhn Historic Rural Revitalization Grant Program.

For information and to apply, visit: [Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor :: Mohawk Valley Historic Rural Revitalization Grants](#)

ABOUT THE ERIE CANALWAY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR

Since its grand opening in 1825, the Erie Canal remains an iconic symbol of American ingenuity and determination. The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor works to preserve the Nation’s extraordinary canal heritage, promote the Corridor as a world-class tourism destination, and foster vibrant communities connected by more than 500 miles of waterway. It achieves its mission in partnership with the National Park Service, New York State agencies, non-profit organizations, local residents, and more than 200 communities across the full expanse of upstate New York.

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