2018 Erie Canalway Grant Program Awards

Seven education and recreation projects will get off the ground this year with funding support from Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. The grants range from $2,000 to $7,000 and are leveraging an additional $77,231 in private and public project support contributed by grant recipients. These grants are aimed at inspiring people to learn more about New York's legendary canals and further explore the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

Corn Hill Waterfront and Navigation Foundation
Project Title: Environmental Education on the Erie Canal
Description: Provide opportunities for students from the Rochester City School District to participate in a new environmental education/STEM program on the Erie Canal aboard the boat Sam Patch.
Amount: $6,000
County: Monroe

Lockport Locks Heritage District Corporation
Project Title: Lockport Canal Heritage Interpretation Project
Description: Install interpretive signs to explain the significance of the Locktender Tribute Monument and the Erie Traveler, a replica Durham-style boat at the Flight of Five Locks in Lockport.
Amount: $3,750
County: Erie

Madison County
Project Title: Reconnect to the Water: Old Erie Canal Boat Launch Design Plan
Description: Conduct a feasibility study for four potential hand-launch sites for paddlers along the Old Erie Canal State Park between Dewitt and Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum.
Amount: $7,000
County: Madison

Montgomery County
Project Title: Storytelling Along the Erie Canal App Project
Description: Develop an app for use along the Erie Canalway Trail through Montgomery County to share stories of the people and history of the Mohawk Valley.
Amount: $7,000
County: Montgomery
Rochester Accessible Adventures
Project Title  Access the Erie Canal Corridor 2018
Description  Expand access to recreational opportunities along the Erie Canal to people with disabilities and their family and friends. Funding will support replication of RAA’s adaptive paddling and cycling center model in Fairport to a second location at CityGate in Rochester and potentially a third location in Lockport. The CityGate location will enable use by Monroe Community Hospital rehabilitation programs.
Amount  $7,000
County  Monroe

Schenectady County Historical Society
Project Title  Rowin’ the River: An Early Mohawk Experience
Description  Support a suite of programs and events that enable visitors to experience rowing on the river in replica bateau – vessels that traveled and traded along the Mohawk River prior to construction of the Erie Canal. Funds will be used for boat repair and promotion for rowing programs at the Mabee Farm.
Amount  $2,200
County  Schenectady

Village of Newark
Project Title  Art in Education: Life on the Erie Mural Painting
Description  Support art in education in the Newark School District. Working in partnership with Mural Mania, students will refurbish an existing mural and create a new mural on the Erie Canal.
Amount  $2,000
County  Wayne