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## **Garden City Historical Society Awarded Gardiner Grant**

The Board of Trustees of The Garden City Historical Society is pleased to announce that the Society has been approved for a Capacity Building and Infrastructure Development grant by the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation in the amount of \$38,764.55 for the purchase of technology, hiring of consultants, software training, and internal operations and strategic planning.

"We are both grateful and thrilled to have been awarded this grant and look forward to the technology upgrades it will provide," says Mary Mahoney, President of The Garden City Historical Society. "The grant will arm the Society with the tools to engage and educate residents and visitors from other communities about the valuable history our unique village has to offer."

The grant was awarded on July 13, 2018, by the Board of Trustees of the Robert D. L. Gardiner Foundation. The Foundation was formed to educate and inform the general public about NY State history, particularly concerning culture, art and tradition, and to sponsor and encourage the preservation, restoration, scholarship and exhibition by existing historical societies and museums.

"Our Capacity Building Grants are very important in helping our 501(c)(3) historic stewards reach their goals toward sustainability. Through these awards each organization learns the best practices to engage a new audience and increase its visibility in its community," remarks Kathryn M. Curran, Executive Director of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation. "It is our purpose to make regional history a vital and engaging part of the Long Island cultural and educational landscape."

The Garden City Historical Society Museum is located at 109 Eleventh Street in Garden City. The building is one of the original A. T. Stewart-era structures built in 1872. The Society was founded in 1975 and received an Absolute Charter from the New York State Department of Education in 1978. Their mission includes preservation and education.

The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, established in 1987, supports the study of NY State history. Robert David Lion Gardiner served, until his death in August 2004, as the 16th Lord of the Manor of Gardiner's Island. The Gardiner family and their descendants have owned Gardiner's Island since 1639, obtained as part of a royal grant from King Charles I of England. The Foundation is inspired by Robert David Lion's personal passion for New York History.

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**Caption:**

Gardiner Foundation Executive Director Kathryn Curran, second from left, congratulates members of The Garden City Historical Society Board of Trustees, from left, Francine Ryan, Mary Mahoney, Kate Schmidt and Bill Garry, on the Society's grant award.

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