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Lippitt House Museum Receives Champlin Grant for Historic Roof Replacement

(Providence, RI) Lippitt House Museum is delighted to announce it has received a grant from the Champlin Foundation for replacement of the building's roof. Champlin is a lead funder with a grant of \$294,085 and joins other grant makers and private donors in the massive project to replace the current failing 1983 asphalt roof with a historically appropriate lead-coated copper roof. Built in 1865 for Henry and Mary Ann Lippitt, the house remained in the Lippitt family for four generations and has operated as a museum since 1993.

In addition to replacing the current roof with a metal roof similar to the original 1865 roof, the project will restore cast iron acanthus leaves and egg and dart moldings on the exterior cornice, as well as repair original wooden gutters. The project will preserve and extend the life of this National Historic Landmark building. Restoring the original metal roof and decorative cornice is not only critical to preserving the historic character of the building, but also allowing the museum to continue to host a vibrant array of educational programs and community events.

Carrie Taylor, Lippitt House's Director said about the Champlin Foundation grant, "All Rhode Islanders benefit from the support the Champlin Foundation gives cultural organizations around the state for capital projects. No other organization in Rhode Island supports historic preservation projects on this scale for cultural organizations in our state. We couldn't do this vital project at Lippitt House Museum without their help."

Since 1932, The Champlin Foundation has awarded more than \$550 million to fund capital projects and equipment for Rhode Island non-profit organizations. These investments have fostered better medical care, improved education, expanded access to social services, conservation of open spaces, preservation of historic buildings, enrichment of the arts, advancement of animal welfare and more.

About Lippitt House Museum

Preserve Rhode Island's 1865 Lippitt House Museum offers guided tours, special exhibitions, lectures, art installations, concerts, and family programs. A National Historic Landmark, Lippitt House has one of the best preserved Victorian interiors in America and is a time capsule of 19th century design. Following the Lippitt family's example of public service, the Museum's cultural programming promotes civic engagement, the arts, and history of Providence. www.lippitthouse.org

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