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Welcome!

Amid the slow coming of spring and the careful reopening of the state, the LCHIP 2020 Grant Round opened on May 1. A few Intent to Apply forms have already been received and are being processed. The rest are due no later than May 15. Intent to Apply forms help LCHIP staff screen potential projects for eligibility and are required for each project.

The new, streamlined-for-2020 application materials are posted for applicants on the LCHIP website. Find Historic Resource information and forms at [Historic Resource Grant](#). Natural Resource information and forms are at [Natural Resource Grant](#).

We will continue to monitor the situation before determining whether it will be safe to hold site visits for this grant round, even though they are an important and treasured part of the grant review process.

I hope you and all of those you care about are staying healthy and able to get out to enjoy lightly-used walking destinations near you.



Because construction work is considered essential under the stay-at-home order, Hinsdale House got its new roof.

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LCHIP Projects Completed

Essential Work Continues on LCHIP Projects Despite Pandemic Hinsdale House has a new roof and Evans Farm is conserved

While it seems much activity across the State has come to a halt awaiting the passing of the coronavirus pandemic, for LCHIP grant recipients, urgent construction jobs and time-sensitive land conservation work have continued.

The [Hinsdale House](#), a 1759 Connecticut River gentry house owned and operated as a house museum by the Hinsdale Historical Society, has a new roof, thanks to a \$5,000 matching grant from LCHIP and the good work of five workers from the Finnell Roofing Company of Brattleboro Vermont. The workers were able to maintain social distancing. The new roof will protect the building and the collections within from the weather for years to come.

In Chesterfield, the [Monadnock Conservancy](#) used some creative problem solving to complete protection of Barb and Lucius "Lucky" Evans' 37-acre farm on March 24, just ahead of a March 31, 2020 federal funding deadline. The farm's expansive hay fields offer travelers along Route 63, a [nationally designated scenic byway](#), the chance to enjoy amazing sunset views of the Vermont hills beyond the fields. "We hope people enjoy it, not just driving by but to walk or snowshoe or ski around too," said Lucky. A \$50,000 LCHIP grant helped fund the project. A celebration of the project will take place when it becomes safe to do so. Read more about Evans Farm [here](#).



Up close and personal on the Hinsdale House roofing job



View westerly from Evans Farm toward Stratton Mtn and Mt. Snow in Vermont.

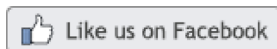
2019 LCHIP Grant Recipients

Belmont - Belmont Library	Newmarket - Clarke Farm
Bethlehem - Ammonoosuc River Project	Newmarket - Newmarket Community Church
Boscawen - Morrill Dairy Farm	Newport - Newport Opera House
Bow - Crossroads Community Church	Portsmouth - Moffatt-Ladd House
Chesterfield - Stone House Tavern Museum	Portsmouth - South Church
Dunbarton - Koerber Family Forest	Rindge - Rindge Conservation Project
Gilmanton - First Baptist Church	Somersworth - Furber Memorial Chapel
Gilsum - Surry Mountain Forest	South Hampton Baptist Church
Gorham - Gorham Congregational Church	Statewide - Preservation Planning Grants
Grafton - Grafton Center Meetinghouse	Stratford - Marion Blodgett Museum
Grantham - Sawyer Brook Headwaters	Sutton - South Sutton Meetinghouse
Hinsdale - Hinsdale House	Tilton - Tilton Town Hall Planning Study
Lancaster - Parker J. Noyes Building	Tuftonboro - Mt. Pleasant
Lee - Tuckaway Farm, Emerson Tract	Wentworth Congregational Church
Loudon - Pearl Farm	Winchester - Center Church
Mason - Nissitissit River Headwaters	Winchester - Picadilly Farm
Moultonborough - Castle North Tower	



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Headline Photo: *Flowering trees are starting to bloom across New Hampshire. Enjoy a walk through your town or city and you might be pleasantly surprised to see what creatures the blossoms attract. The photo is of a white-throated sparrow in a fruit tree in Concord.*



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