



# St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea

## An Episcopal Summer Chapel

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### **St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea Celebrates \$25,000 Grant Award**

LCHIP awards \$4.7 million to Support Natural and Historic Resource Projects Statewide including the Historic Summer Chapel, St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea in Rye Beach, NH

The Board of Directors of the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) is delighted to announce the awarding of over \$4.7 million in matching grants for forty projects supporting both historic preservation and land conservation. Projects are well distributed among the state's ten counties, including St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea in Rye Beach. Governor Chris Sununu has this message for the grant recipients: "Congratulations to all of this year's LCHIP grant award recipients," said Governor Chris Sununu. "These grants help preserve and define the character of our local communities. It's what New Hampshire is all about."

Located on New Hampshire's beautiful Seacoast, the chapel was built in 1876 and named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2002. It is open annually from June to October. The chapel has received a \$25,000 grant award to enable the Chapel to repoint the building, the last remaining project in a ten-year, four-phase restoration of the Chapel.

"We are very appreciative of LCHIP's investment in preserving St. Andrew's for the next 140 years, said Anne Richter Arnold, the chapel's Senior Warden. "The LCHIP award is key to St. Andrew's continued service to the Seacoast community from summer Sunday services and hospitality to beloved annual events like Music-by-the-Sea and Candlelight Caroling."

Since the 2011 start of the restoration program the interior wood of the Chapel has been refurbished, stained windows reset and repaired, trees removed, the Lychgate reconstructed, and a new slate roof put in place. This was all made possible through the generosity of a previous LCHIP award, a capital appeal and estate gift, a Diocese loan, and funds from the annual draw from the endowment. The cost of this final repointing project is \$68,550.

LCHIP funds will support projects in all ten of the state's counties. The natural resource projects awarded funding in this grant round include land to help meet the increased interest in outdoor recreation activities, farmland to supply local food for local people, land with scenic and environmental values and working forests to sustainably transform a highly visible part of the landscape into products needed by the people of the state. The historic resource grants include projects as straightforward as new roofing to as complex as near-total rehabilitation of elaborate buildings. Coincidentally, the oldest and newest buildings receiving grants are both town halls: Salem (1738), now historical society headquarters and Wilmot (1906) suffering from flood-induced water damage.

LCHIP grant recipients are required to raise a minimum of one dollar for each dollar provided by LCHIP. This year's awards of \$4.7 million will be matched by \$19 million that the project proponents will raise from other public and private sources, infusing a total of twenty-three million dollars into the state's economy in direct project activity.

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### **About St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea**

A group of summer worshippers founded Saint Andrew's-by-the-Sea on July 17, 1864. Over time they began making plans for a church building. The Farragut Hotel's owners, Eliza Philbrick and her son Frank, donated land near the Rye Beach hotel for a chapel. Church planners organized fundraising efforts, including concerts, fairs, and a public reading by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Summer residents from Boston, Concord, New York City, Philadelphia, and St. Louis contributed the roughly \$4,000 needed for design and construction. Architects Walter Winslow and George H. Wetherall of Boston designed what became St. Andrews-by-the-Sea. Except for 2020, Sunday services have been held in the chapel every summer since it opened in 1876.

For more information about St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea visit [StAndrews-by-the-Sea.org](http://StAndrews-by-the-Sea.org).

### **About New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program**

The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program is an independent state authority created by the legislature in 2000. LCHIP's legislative mandate is to ensure the perpetual contribution of natural, cultural and historic resources to the economy, environment, and quality of life in New Hampshire. LCHIP does this by providing matching grants to New Hampshire municipalities and non-profits to conserve and preserve the state's most important natural, cultural and historic resources. The program has provided 530 grants which have helped to conserve close to 300,000 acres of land for food production, water quality, ecological values, timber management and recreation and has supported projects to study and rehabilitate 324 historic structures and sites. Grants have been awarded in all parts of the state and in 179 of New Hampshire's 234 communities. Fifty-four million dollars of state money have led to a total project value of more than \$312 million. The money for LCHIP grants comes from fees on four kinds of documents recorded at the Registry of Deeds in every county of the state.

For more information about LCHIP, visit [LCHIP.org](http://LCHIP.org) or call (603) 224-4113.

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