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Milton Free Public Library Celebrates Completion of LCHIP-Funded Improvements to Historic Building

The Milton Free Public Library, an important landmark in the village of Milton Mills that was built in 1875, received a \$60,700 grant award from the NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) to support repairs to its mansard roof, second floor windows, interior plasterwork, and the metal crest work and weathervane that were absent from the bell tower for many years. The library is pleased to announce the work is now complete, and encourages the public to make a trip to Milton Mills to appreciate the historic beauty of the building and especially the eye-catching weathervane atop the bell tower.

“The library looks spectacular and we are so grateful for LCHIP’s continuing investment in our unique building,” said Library Director Grace Wing. “Milton Mills is a town rich in history and our historic buildings are valued by the community. The library is a beloved landmark and a popular stop for residents and visitors alike.”

LCHIP grant recipients are required to match each dollar contributed by LCHIP with a minimum of one additional dollar, and to complete the funded projects according to the program’s rigorous standards. The library’s grant award was matched by funds raised through warrant articles on the town ballot, and library trustees are requesting that more funds be designated in 2025 by Milton’s Capital Improvement Program Committee to help support future rehabilitation work, including repainting the exterior, continued improvements to the aging plaster work, and eventually, wheelchair access to the second floor. A list of previously completed LCHIP-funded projects can be found at www.miltonfreepubliclibrary.org under the “About” menu.

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About New Hampshire’s Land and Community Heritage Investment Program

The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) is an independent state authority created by the legislature in 2000 to ensure the perpetual contribution of natural, cultural and historic resources to the economy, environment, and quality of life in New Hampshire. Since 2000, LCHIP has provided 564 matching grants to municipalities and non-profit organizations, investing over \$58 million to help partners conserve more than 236,000 acres of land and rehabilitate 341 historic buildings. Grants have been awarded in all parts of the state and in 195 of New Hampshire’s 234 communities. The money for LCHIP grants comes from a surcharge assessed when recording documents at county Registries of Deeds. For more information about LCHIP, visit LCHIP.org or call (603) 224-4113

About Milton Free Public Library

The Mission of the Milton Free Public Library is to provide quality library services to all members of the community, to enrich and inform our lives through the power of books, the resources of technology, and special programs for lifelong learning, for entertainment and enjoyment, for knowledge of our world and democratic heritage. For more information about the Milton Free Public Library visit www.miltonfreepubliclibrary.org or call (603) 473-8535.

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