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Southold Historical Society Receives Robert D. L. Gardiner Foundation COVID-19 General Operating Support Grant

Southold Historical Society is pleased to announce that it is a recipient of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation's COVID-19 General Operating Support Grant. This grant was offered solely to Nassau and Suffolk County history mission organizations to counter the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Society received \$2000 which was the maximum award. Awards were made available to alleviate expenses related to general operations including technology support, database functions, building monitoring and security, landscape maintenance, utilities, etc. Applications were accepted through June 30 and funding notifications and reimbursement awards were disbursed July 15, 2020.

As a historical society whose mission is to educate, collect and preserve our local history, Southold Historical Society has continued to operate virtually during the pandemic. Using new initiatives, they have offered virtual exhibits, a "collections corner" program which features different artifacts from the collection as well as other virtual programming. Society executive director, Deanna Witte-Walker states, "This award from the Robert D. L. Gardiner Foundation comes at the perfect time. It has been a difficult few months, but this grant award supports the Society as we discover different ways to grow as an organization."

For more information on the Society's grant award or for general information please call 631.765.5500 or email info@southoldhistorical.org.