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Stanley-Whitman House Receives CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant from CT Humanities

FARMINGTON, CT (December 21, 2022) – Stanley-Whitman House, a ca. 1720 National Historic Landmark located in the historic village of Farmington, was recently awarded an **\$11,200** CT Cultural Fund (CCF) Operating Support Grant from CT Humanities (CTH). CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grants assist organizations as they recover from the pandemic and maintain and grow their ability to serve their community and the public.

Andres A. Verzosa, Executive Director of Stanley-Whitman House, commented, "As a colonial museum in today's world, it is more important than ever that Stanley-Whitman House provide effective programming to engage students, educators, researchers, and community members in the whole history of Farmington – not only the fascinating aspects of colonial life but also the hard histories of Indigenous and enslaved peoples here. This grant will allow us to continue providing important interactive programs that spark dialogue and new ways of thinking about our community."

Stanley-Whitman House was one of 725 organizations in Connecticut receiving a CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant. Totaling more than \$8.5M, these grants are part of a two-year, \$30.7M investment in arts, humanities, and cultural nonprofits by the CT General Assembly and approved by Governor Ned Lamont. This CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant is provided to Stanley-Whitman House from CT Humanities, with funding from the Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development/Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) from the Connecticut State Legislature.

Stanley-Whitman House, a National Historic Landmark, is a living history center and Museum that teaches through the collection, preservation, research, and dynamic interpretation of the history and culture of 17th- to 19th-Century Farmington, Connecticut. Visitors of all ages are encouraged to immerse themselves in history by doing, acting, questioning, and engaging in colonial life and the ideas that formed the foundation of that culture. The Museum facility is centered on a ca. 1720 house furnished with period antiques. Surrounding the house are period raised bed gardens, an apple orchard, and heritage stone walls. The Museum manages Memento Mori, Farmington's ancient burial ground on Main Street, Scott Swamp Cemetery on Route 6, and the Village Green, located at the intersection of Routes 4 and 10. Stanley-Whitman House is supported in part by the Farmington Village Green and Library Association. Hours of operation are Wednesday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and by appointment. Last tour leaves at 4:00 pm. For more information, visit https://s-wh.org/.

About Connecticut Humanities

CT Humanities (CTH) is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. CTH connects people to the humanities through grants, partnerships, and collaborative programs. CTH projects, administration, and program development are supported by state and federal matching funds, community foundations and gifts from private sources. Learn more by visiting <u>cthumanities.org</u>.

About Connecticut Office of the Arts

The Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) is the state agency charged with fostering the health of Connecticut's creative economy. Part of the state's Department of Economic and Community Development, the COA is funded by the State of Connecticut and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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