DHPSNY Awards First Round of 2022 Planning & Assessment Sites

Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services of New York (DHPSNY), a joint program of the New York State Archives and the New York State Library, has announced the first round of 2022 sites to be awarded Planning & Assessment Services. DHPSNY Planning & Assessment Services are designed to support organizations in improving and advancing collections-related program efforts and are offered comprehensively to eligible historical collecting institutions throughout New York State.

These services are a valuable tool in future fundraising and have proven to lead to the following institutional and public outcomes: improved adherence to the standards and best practices for preservation and accessibility; increased dissemination of New York’s historical records and library research materials through accessible channels; and increased use of the records and research materials at New York collecting institutions by policymakers, educators, students, researchers, and the general public.

From a competitive pool of applicants, the program’s independent advisory committee and field reviewers selected 12 organizations to receive virtual Archival Needs Assessments, Preservation Surveys, Strategic Planning Assistance, and Foundational Planning Assistance.

Archival Needs Assessment Recipients

Archival Needs Assessments thoroughly examine an institution’s archival program, identifying and addressing specific organizational needs.

- Mina Rees Library, CUNY Graduate Center (New York, New York County)
- New York Botanical Garden (New York, Bronx County)
- Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History (Kingston, Ulster County)
- Renee & Chiam Gross Foundation Inc (New York, New York County)
Preservation Survey Recipients

Preservation Surveys focus on preventive care and mitigating deterioration and damage by analyzing policies, practices, and conditions in an institution and their impact on collections.

Haverstraw Brick Museum (Haverstraw, Rockland County)
Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library (Cold Spring, Putnam County)
Syracuse Polish Community Foundation Archives (Syracuse, Onondaga County)

Strategic Planning Assistance Recipients

The DHPSNY Strategic Planning Assistance curriculum was developed in partnership with the New York Council of Nonprofits (NYCON) and assists organizations in completing a three-year strategic plan.

Whaling Museum of Cold Spring Harbor (Cold Spring Harbor, Suffolk County)

Foundational Planning Assistance Recipients

This new service is intended for organizations that need to invest in resource development and capacity building before they can reasonably embark on implementing recommendations frequently found in our other services.

Allegany Area Historical Association (Allegany, Cattaraugus County)
Breezy Point Historical Society of New York (New York, Queens County)
Sag Harbor Historical Society (Sag Harbor, Suffolk County)
Utica Public Library (Utica, Oneida County)

Application materials for DHPSNY Archival Needs Assessments, Preservation Surveys, and Strategic Planning Assistance are accepted year-round and reviewed three times a year. The next application review deadline is Friday, March 18, 2022. Foundational Planning Assistance is accepted year-round on a rolling basis.

Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services for New York is a collaboration between two long-running New York programs dedicated to service and support for archival and library research collections throughout the state: the New York State Archives Documentary Heritage Program and the
New York State Library Conservation/Preservation Program. DHPSNY is supported by the New York State Archives, New York State Library, Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts (CCAHA), and the New York State Education Department. DHPSNY’s Strategic Planning Assistance curriculum was developed in collaboration with the New York Council of Nonprofits (NYCON).

Learn more about DHPSNY programs and services, all offered free of cost to NY institutions, at dhpsny.org. For assistance, questions about eligibility, or additional information, contact the DHPSNY team at info@dhpsny.org or (215) 545-0613 ext. 338. Sign up to receive the DHPSNY newsletter for updates on services, deadlines, educational programs, and more at bit.ly/DHPSNY_E-News_SignUp.

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