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## DHPSNY Awards First Planning & Assessment Sites of 2024

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 a new round of collecting organizations to be awarded <u>Planning & Assessment Services</u>. DHPSNY Planning & Assessment Services are designed to support organizations in improving and advancing collections-related program efforts and are offered comprehensively to eligible cultural 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.

#### Archival Needs Assessment Recipients

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

<u>Queens Historical Society</u> (Flushing, Queens County) <u>Cambridge Historical Society and Museum</u> (Cambridge, Washington County) <u>Yonkers Public Library</u> (Yonkers, Westchester County) <u>Dundee Library</u> (Dundee, Yates County) <u>Prospect Park Alliance</u> (Brooklyn, Kings County) <u>New York Studio School</u> (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.* 

Manitoga/The Russel Wright Design Center (Garrison, Putnam 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.

<u>Schenectady County Historical Society</u> (Schenectady, Schenectady County) <u>Lake Placid Olympic Museum</u> (Lake Placid, Essex County)

# Foundational Planning Assistance Recipients

Foundational Planning Assistance is an informal and accessible process for organizations looking to strengthen their organizational capacity.

Project Children (Greenwood, Orange County)

Application materials for DHPSNY Archival Needs Assessments, Preservation Surveys, Strategic Planning Assistance, and Condition Surveys are accepted year-round and reviewed three times a year. The next application review deadline is **Friday**, **March 8**, **2024**. Foundational Planning Assistance is accepted year-round on a rolling basis.

Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services for New York is a collaboration between two longrunning 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 New York State institutions, at <u>dhpsny.org</u>. For assistance, questions about eligibility, or additional information, contact the DHPSNY team at <u>info@dhpsny.org</u> or (215) 545-0613 ext. 337. Sign up to receive the DHPSNY newsletter for updates on services, deadlines, educational programs, and more at <u>bit.ly/DHPSNY E-News SignUp</u>.

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