



EBEY'S LANDING
NATIONAL HISTORICAL RESERVE

Press Release

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Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve

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\$85,000 in Grant Funds Awarded to Reserve's Historic Buildings

The Trust Board of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve and the Friends of Ebey's are pleased to announce that 11 historic buildings will receive Ebey's Forever Grants for preservation in 2022.

Grants funding was awarded for the following projects: The Abbott/Knowles House; Bearss/Barratt House; Captain Whidbey Inn; Comstock Well House; Haller House; Hampton/Gould House; Joseph Libbey House; E.O. Lovejoy House; McWilliams Barn; Dr. White House; and the Zylstra House.

The Ebey's Forever Grant program is a community-driven grant program supporting the preservation, rehabilitation, and continued use of historic buildings within Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve. By providing annual matching grants, the Reserve helps property owners stabilize and sustain heritage buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Kevin & Angela Turkington, owners of the E.O. Lovejoy House were the recipients of an Ebey's Forever Grant for a new roof on their 1890 home. *"We are extremely grateful for the work the Trust Board, the Advisory Committee and of course Ebey's Forever Grant Program are doing for our community! We so appreciate your continued investment in our wonderful Lovejoy home, but also into our community and least of all in us! This indeed is our forever home and the generosity we have received will ensure it will remain part of Coupeville's history for many years to come,"* said Turkington.

The Ebey's Forever Grant program has been funded entirely through private donations to the Friends of Ebey's, a local non-profit organization that supports the Reserve. *"The Ebey's Forever Grant Program is a powerful reflection of the community,"* said Julie Dougherty Winger, executive director of the Friends of Ebey's. *"The Ebey's Forever Grant was born out of an idea between the Trust Board and local residents. Not only does the program help care for structures used by local businesses, property owners, and farmers, it has also contributed well over \$1.6 million into the local economy. The grant program is community supported heritage preservation and local economic development. As the world seems to be in constant flux, it's comforting and humbling to know that the care and consideration the community shows the Reserve is continuous. This grant program would simply not be possible without donations from individual donors."*

Since its inception, the Ebey's Forever Grant program has provided funding for over 100 preservation projects, ranging from painstaking roof replacements on Victorian homes to foundation repair for some of the Reserve's important working barns and agricultural buildings.

Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve was established in 1978 to protect a rural community and its significant history. Preservation is accomplished through partnerships, conservation easements, local land use regulation, and the cooperation of landowners.

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