

**P. Skaneateles Historical Society – Museum Expansion (W438)**

March 26, 2010

- Grantee:** Skaneateles Historical Society (the “Society”)
- ESD Investment:** A grant of up to \$75,000 to be used for renovation and expansion costs associated with an expansion of the Creamery, a local history museum.
- Project Location:** 24-28 Hannum Street, Skaneateles, Onondaga County
- NYS Empire Zone (or equivalent):** N/A
- Project Completion:** February 2010
- Grantee Contact:** Joan Thomsen, Treasurer  
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- Project Team:** Project Management Meg Paskins  
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Affirmative Action: Helen Daniels

**Project Description:**

Background

The Skaneateles Historical Society was founded in 1962 as a not-for-profit community agency. It primarily serves a suburban and rural area in southeast Onondaga County and nearby communities in Cayuga County. The Society offers educational programs, conducts historical research and manages the Creamery, a local history museum. The Creamery was originally a late 19<sup>th</sup> - early 20<sup>th</sup> century milk processing plant that was renovated by the Society in 1992 as a local history museum. It houses various historic artifacts and includes public meeting space open to all groups. The Village of Skaneateles holds the deed to the Creamery, and the Society manages the museum under a long-term lease.

The Project

The project consisted of a four-part expansion of the Creamery and adjacent structures. The old Creamery boiler plant was renovated and expanded as a boat and transportation museum and incorporated into the Creamery. A wing was constructed to connect the two buildings, and a small addition was built at the northeast corner of the Creamery. The project will double the footprint of the existing facility. The expanded structure will provide needed additional space for artifacts, displays, archives, records, and public space, and will expand the museum gift shop to generate increased income. Total cost for the entire project was \$700,000; ESDC funds were used only for the Creamery renovation and archive addition, which are complete.

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Upon completion of the project, the Grantee will furnish a final report describing the impact and effectiveness of the project.

Financing Uses	Amount	Financing Sources	Amount	Percent
Creamery Renovation/Archive Expansion	\$75,000	ESD Grant	\$75,000	100%
Total Project Costs	\$75,000	Total Project Financing	\$75,000	100%

**Statutory Basis – Community Capital Assistance Program:**

The project was authorized in accordance with Chapter 84 of the Laws of 2002 and reappropriated in the 2009-2010 New York State budget.

**Disclosure and Accountability Certifications:**

The Grantee has provided ESDC with the required Disclosure and Accountability Certifications. Grantee's certifications indicate that Grantee has no conflict of interest or good standing violations and, therefore, staff recommends that the Corporation authorize the grant to the Grantee as described in these materials.