

**S. Huntington Historical Society – David Conklin Farmhouse Restoration (W366)**  
March 26, 2010

**Grantee:** Huntington Historical Society (the “Society”)

**ESD Investment:** A grant of up to \$50,000 to be used for the restoration of the David Conklin Farmhouse (the “Conklin Farmhouse”).

**Project Location:** 2 High Street, Huntington, Suffolk County

**NYS Empire Zone (or equivalent):** N/A

**Project Completion:** September 2010

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**Project Description:**

Background

The Huntington Historical Society was founded in 1903 in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the European settlement of Huntington. Two house museums are preserved by the Society – the David Conklin Farmhouse and the Dr. Daniel W. Kissam House.

The Conklin Farmhouse, circa 1750, is on the National Register of Historic Places and has a rich history dating back to the American Revolution. The building, which was given to the Society in 1911 and served as its first home, is used as a museum illustrating life in Colonial, Federal and Victorian times. Educational programs serve individuals and groups, including students, scouts and community organizations, who visit the house to learn about the area’s history and life in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The Project

The project consists of the partial restoration of the Conklin Farmhouse, which needs extensive work on its exterior due to deterioration. One side of the original building’s cedar-shake roof and the flat roof over the exhibit room, added in 1922 and expanded in 1955, need to be replaced. Upgrades to the electrical system and plumbing and heating systems, which include the original waste pipes, are essential in order to extend the useful life of the structure.

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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
Structure restoration including roof replacement, exterior painting and restoration, window replacement, and plumbing and electrical upgrades	\$50,000	ESD Grant	\$50,000	100%
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>Total Project Financing</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Environmental Review:**

ESD staff has determined that the project constitutes a Type II action as defined by the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the implementing regulations for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. No further environmental review is required in connection with the project.

Due to the building's listing on the National Register of Historic Places, ESD will ensure that consultation is completed with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation pursuant to the requirements of Section 14.09 of the of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

**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.