

State sends \$680,751 for historic structures

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The New Jersey Historic Trust awarded a total of \$680,751 in grants this week to preserve five historic structures in Burlington County.

The trust awarded \$18 million for the preservation of 85 sites statewide.

The grant program was created to promote historic preservation and to encourage joint preservation efforts by the public and private sectors.

The recipient of the largest grant in the county was Whitesbog Preservation Trust, which received \$379,784. The grant will be used to maintain the buildings in historic Whitesbog Village in Pemberton Township.

"We've been doing things little by little to renovate and maintain the buildings," said Dave Orleans, president of Whitesbog Preservation Trust. "This will go a long ways towards getting us on top of a lot of those things."

Orleans said the news of receiving the grant had not sunk in yet. "We haven't seen that much money in a long time," he said.

Other recipients in the county were:
■ St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Beverly, which received \$39,075. The grant will be used to study the wooden structure in the church steeple and the

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■ Bordentown City, which received \$200,000 for renovations to Gilder House, the home of the city's historical museum since the 1930s. The house in

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■ The Lutheran Home at Moorestown, which received \$47,331. The grant will be used to hire an architectural and historic restoration specialist to determine how a portion of the building known as Breidenhart can be restored, said Paul Cranmer, administrator of the home. Breidenhart was built for Samuel Allen, inventor of the Flexible Flyer sled, in 1894.

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Look for a possible article in the Burlington County Times!

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