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Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

Shaker Heritage Society requests authorization to accept a grant of \$102,000 awarded by the New York State Council on the Arts. The funds awarded will support improvements to our leasehold at the 1848 Meeting House.

This proposed scope of work includes replacing a non-code compliant fire escape stairway, regrading and building a new ramped sidewalk to the east entrance, and building a panel to screen an HVAC system from view. Matching funds for this grant will be secured through support from private foundations and individual donors. No additional funding is requested from the County.

Schematic designs and grant details are attached for your consideration. This project will additionally be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office for Covenant Review.

Many thanks for your consideration and support. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Johanna Batman
Executive Director
Shaker Heritage Society

Cc: Hon Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
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