

January 25, 2021

Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Shaker Heritage requests legislative authorization to apply for a New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) Capital Projects Grant in the amount of \$49,500. Shaker Heritage meets the application requirements for this special opportunity as the recipients of NYSCA General Operating Support for over five years, and a long-term lease agreement. The anticipated due date for the application is March 11th, 2021 although the actual date will most likely be somewhat later due to the global pandemic.

If awarded, the funds from this grant will be matched by donations and pledges from foundations and private donors and applied towards facilities upgrades in the 1848 Meeting House. We seek to install a more energy efficient heating and cooling system, and improve building insulation to facilitate better climate control in the building year-round.

Albany architectural firm Lacey Thaler Reilly Wilson (LTRW) has supplied construction documents for improved building insulation, and Connecticut-based engineering firm Landmark Facilities Group (LFG) is currently conducting research on options for our HVAC system and preparing design documents for the grant. The LTRW documents are enclosed for your review, and a preliminary plumbing and electrical report from LFG is also enclosed.

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
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel