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BISHOP ANNOUNCES GRANT FOR SHELTER IS. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Group to Receive \$7,890 Through IMLS

Shelter Island, NY—Congressman Tim Bishop (D-Southampton) today announced a grant to the Shelter Island Historical Society from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

The grant for \$7,890 was given through the Institute's Conservation Assessment Program, which supports a two-day visit by a conservation professional who reviews the overall condition of the museum's collection, storage, exhibition conditions, and collections practices. The conservator's recommendations help the museum establish a long-term plan.

"The Historical Society plays a vital role in teaching us about the history and character of Shelter Island," Bishop said. "This grant will help the Shelter Island Historical Society effectively plan and preserve its unique treasures for generations to come."

IMLS is a federal grant-making agency that promotes leadership, innovation, and a lifetime of learning by supporting the nation's museums and libraries. Created by the Museum and Library Services Act of 1996, IMLS administers the Library Services and Technology Act and the Museum Services Act. It receives its funding from Congress.

"Museums play an important role in preserving our historical heritage," Bishop said. "These grants help museums like the Shelter Island Historical Society to more efficiently maximize their resources, which leads to increased educational opportunities."

Museums of all types of sizes benefit from IMLS grants. However, the program gives special priority to smaller museums. Nearly 50% of all IMLS grants go to museums with budgets of less than \$250,000.

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