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## **Preservation Connecticut Launches**

### **Charles Barlow Fund for Historic Preservation in New Milford**

Hamden, CT (December 15, 2025) — With a generous \$460,000 donation from the New Milford Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Connecticut is pleased to announce the launch of the Charles Barlow Fund for Historic Preservation, an annual matching grant program of up to \$20,000 to support the preservation of historic properties in New Milford, Connecticut.

The Fund is named in honor of Charles Beach Barlow (1926-2016), a descendant of a prominent New Milford mercantile family, long-time resident, philanthropist who supported a wide range of local efforts. He owned the last private residence on the town green, a historic Colonial home (built 1774), which he bequeathed to the New Milford Trust for Historic Preservation in 2018. His generosity and interest in historic preservation was widely known. He was a true citizen of the town and a keeper of its history.

As the home became more difficult for the New Milford Trust for Historic Preservation to maintain, the decision was made to sell the property to a family who is conscious of its historic past and will care for its maintenance. The Charles Barlow Fund was created with the proceeds from the sale of the property. Pat Catchpole, spokesperson for the New Milford Trust for Historic Preservation, says, "New Milford residents can be assured the fund will be well managed to support the preservation of historic properties in New Milford. This includes restoration projects, strategic planning, and efforts that prevent demolition while enhancing character and pride. The Trust is comforted by the fact that Preservation Connecticut has the best experts and processes in the field to evaluate, manage and award grants."

Jane Montanaro, Executive Director at Preservation Connecticut states, "We are honored that the New Milford Trust for Historic Preservation has entrusted this award and the legacy of Charles Barlow with us. We look forward to working with them and the local community to distribute the fund and uplift historic preservation efforts in New Milford."

Grants from the proceeds of the Fund will be awarded annually through a matching grant program. The total number of grants awarded each year shall be based upon demand and competitive application.

Applications for funding are due by Monday, March 2, 2026. To learn more about the grant program, please visit [www.preservationct.org/barlowfund](http://www.preservationct.org/barlowfund).

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**About Preservation Connecticut**

Preservation Connecticut's mission is to enhance and sustain the culture and vitality of Connecticut's varied communities by preserving, protecting, and promoting historic places which embody the stories of our shared past and enrich our shared future. For five decades, we have successfully championed the protection of remarkable community assets all over the state by leveraging funding, advocating for places, providing education opportunities, forming partnerships, and promoting stewardship.

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