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The Smithtown Historical Society received grant from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, Inc. for a new project “Smithtown History ...going forward.”

The Smithtown Historical Society is delighted to have received a \$10,568.00 grant from The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation. The grant was endowed by the Gardiner Foundation for the purpose to develop a new website with a walking tour mobile app and new technology equipment.

We are starting this project to update the existing website and make it more accessible and user-friendly. This project will also include a new mobile walking tour app and new technology equipment such as computers and iPads. Fresher, more efficient technology will bring in newer demographics to the Historic Society. For our members, it will improve the overall experience of accessing the information and registering for our events. For our staff, this project will assist in dispersing out information and will significantly increase the productivity of working hours.

Executive Director Marianne Howard said, “Thank you to the Robert D.L. Gardiner Foundation for their support towards the Smithtown Historical Society during this crucial time of our growth. By recognizing our need to reach younger audiences and visitors, this foundation has enabled the Society to take a look at our website, make crucial changes, develop an audio tour app for visitors, and modernize our equipment. We are extremely appreciative for this award, and look forward to sharing our new and modern web look with you in 2018!”

“The Smithtown Historical Society is a vital part of their community. This grant will help them make their entire campus interactive with new technology. They are engaging the public in new and innovated ways to bring Long Island history to life,” said Kathryn M. Curran, Executive Director of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation.

The Smithtown Historical Society works to preserve the historic properties in our town and we seek to expand and improve upon programs for both adults and children while sharing Smithtown’s rich history. All these activities require funding, and we have been fortunate enough to have the support of our wonderful friends and neighbors in Smithtown. Our community, which plays a vital role in supporting our cause and through the years, has helped build our Society.