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The Town of Langdon has been awarded a grant of $53,324 by the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program, LCHIP.

The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has granted the Town Of Langdon, through its Heritage Commission, $53,324 for rehabilitation work on its original 1803 Meetinghouse.

LCHIP is an independent state authority that makes matching grants to NH communities and non-profits to conserve and preserve New Hampshire's most important natural, cultural and historic resources. Through this investment Program every $1 in resources brings back more than seven times local, private, federal funds, and helps to secure NH's greatest business advantage: The quality of life and traditional values of our state.

LCHIP works in partnership with New Hampshire municipalities and non-profits to acquire land and cultural resources, or interests therein, with local, regional and statewide significance. The legislatively mandated mission of the program is to ensure the perpetual contribution of these resources to the economy, environment and quality of life in New Hampshire.

The Langdon Meetinghouse was listed as one of New Hampshire Preservation Alliance's "Seven to Save" structures in 2008. This designation recognizes historic sites and buildings that are important to the landscape and heritage of New Hampshire. This historic building is also on the New Hampshire Registry of Historic Places. Langdon's official, annual town meeting has been held here every year since its construction in 1803, a state and perhaps a national record. It is the signature building for our small NH village. It continues to be a vital meeting place for school plays, Memorial Day services, family celebrations, civic functions, NH Council of the Arts presentations and other community activities. It is the anchor building of our town.

The work to be done involves making the first floor compliant with fire and life safety codes as well as Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.