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Grants Awarded to Preservation Projects Across Washington

Washington Trust for Historic Preservation Announces 2026 Valerie Sivinski Fund Grant Awards

SEATTLE - The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation provides grants through the Valerie Sivinski Fund each year to community groups and organizations engaged in historic preservation across the state. Founded in 1976, the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation is a nonprofit organization with a mission to promote sustainable and economically viable communities through historic preservation. The Valerie Sivinski Fund grant program embodies the mission of the Washington Trust by supporting preservation projects where they really happen: at the local level.

Named in memory of Valerie Sivinski, a beloved former board member of the Washington Trust who served as president in the early 1990s, the Fund was established in 1997 with the first grants awarded in 1998. Since its establishment, the Fund has awarded around \$270,000 in cash grants and building assessment services to more than 200 projects across the state to local organizations and historic preservation advocates.

Recipients of the 2026 Valerie Sivinski Fund grant awards were publicly announced on December 9, 2025, at the Washington Trust's annual Sivinski Holiday Benefit, held at the Stimson-Green Mansion, their landmark headquarters. All proceeds from the benefit go to support the grant program. The 2026 grants were awarded to the following 13 organizations in amounts ranging from \$1,450 to \$3,000, with more than \$35,000 awarded:

- **Quincy Valley Historical Society:** In support of repairing and repainting the exterior of the historic 1904 Pioneer Church in Quincy.
- **Whidbey Island Maritime Heritage Foundation:** In support of restoring, repairing, and replacing deteriorating floor timber of the historic Schooner *Suva* in Coupeville.
- **Immanuel Presbyterian Church:** In support of restoring and preserving 22 stained glass windows in the historic 1901 California Mission-style church in Tacoma.

- **Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust:** In support of restoring the Thorp Mountain Lookout, a historic, gable-roofed L-4 cab lookout built in 1930 on the western side of the Teanaway Community Forest in the Cascades.
- **Snohomish Historical Society:** In support of remediating and stabilizing a moisture-damaged storage room at the historic 1878 Blackman House Museum in Snohomish.
- **Temple Beth Hatfiloh:** In support of the textile restoration of the 1938 parochet valance, the curtain that sits in front of the Torah ark, at the synagogue located in Olympia.
- **Northwest Railway Museum:** In support of an in-person preservation field school using the octagonal cupola windows of the historic Snoqualmie Depot as a teaching example.
- **Yakima Valley Trolleys:** In support of new stanchions and signage to protect and interpret the 1911 electrical equipment powerhouse in Yakima.
- **Thorp Mill Town Historic Preservation Society:** In support of digitizing, cataloging, and providing public access to up to 5,000 pages of historical documents.
- **Kettle River History Club:** In support of purchasing exterior paint for the historic 1907 Ansorge Hotel Museum in Curlew.
- **Woman's Club of Spokane:** In support of installing a new HVAC system in the Rose Room of the historic 1928 club in the South Hill neighborhood of Spokane.
- **Everett Museum of History:** In support of the design of an alternative window solution that safeguards the historic exterior of their building, the 1903 Everett Daily Herald Building.
- **Job Carr Cabin Museum:** In support of education and interpretation related to the history of fruit trees in the region.

To see or download images of the award-winning projects, please visit the Washington Trust's website: <http://preservewa.org/sivinski>.

About the Washington Trust:

The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to partnering with communities to preserve, share, and shape the future of historic places in Washington State. For additional information regarding the 2026 grant recipients or for information on contributing to the Valerie Sivinski Fund, visit www.preservewa.org or call 206-624-9449.

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