

Canton Historical Society, Inc.
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November 6, 2018

Michael J. Heffernan, Secretary
Executive Office of Administration & Finance
Room 373, State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Secretary Heffernan,

The Canton Historical Society, Inc. is restoring and preserving the David Tilden House in Canton. Working closely with the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), we are well underway with Phase I stabilization and structural work at this historic property. The David Tilden House was built in 1725 and is one of the oldest surviving first-period homes in Norfolk County. The property is owned by the Town of Canton and the work we are doing is funded through Community Preservation Funds, private fundraising and an emergency stabilization grant from the MHC.

I am writing to you to inquire as to the process of making available the \$100,000 that was appropriated by in Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018, the FY2019 budget. The funding was included within account 1599-0026, a reserve to support municipal improvements. The language within the reserve account specifically provided "that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the restoration of the David Tilden House in the town of Canton." As the leaseholder of the property we are responsible for this project. We are aware that the Executive Office of Administration and Finance is responsible for allocating the funding for this project. We respectfully request that your office inform us as to the process for getting access to this funding as soon as possible so that we may proceed. Please reach out to the project coordinator, George Comeau at geocomeau@gmail.com or by phone at 617-593-5095.

We are blessed with support from the people of the Commonwealth. Canton is a historic community that takes pride in our cultural sites. Thank you for your support as we move forward with this project.

Regards,



Paul Mitcheroney
President

Cc: Representative Robert A. DeLeo, Speaker of the House
Representative William Galvin, 6th Norfolk
Senator Walter Timilty, Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth