

We are pleased to announce that the Congregational-Christian Church of Franklin has received a \$35,000 grant from Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) to help renovate our steeple and add lightning protection our historic church.

LCHIP funds will support projects in all ten of the state's counties. The natural resource projects awarded funding in this grant round include land to help meet the increased interest in outdoor recreation activities, farmland to supply local food for local people, land with scenic and environmental values and working forests to sustainably transform a highly visible part of the landscape into products needed by the people of the state. The historic resource grants include projects as straightforward as new roofing to as complex as near-total rehabilitation of elaborate buildings.

LCHIP grant recipients are required to raise a minimum of one dollar for each dollar provided by LCHIP. This year's awards of \$4.7 million will be matched by \$19 million that the project proponents will raise from other public and private sources, infusing a total of twenty-three million dollars into the state's economy in direct project activity.

Thank you LCHIP for appreciating the historic value of our church and assisting us in keeping our mission to help our community vibrant.

