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Lake Champlain Basin Program Awards \$216,000 to Local Groups

Lake Champlain Quadricentennial Projects Reap Benefits

Grand Isle, Vt – Eighteen Vermont and New York local organizations will receive a combined \$216,000 through Lake Champlain Basin Program Quadricentennial grants to implement cultural heritage and recreational projects beginning this month. Examples of projects include Vergennes’s French Heritage day, improvements at Plattsburgh’s Waterfront Park, Burlington’s Waterfront Festival free public events and parade, and the Festival of Nations event to be held at Chimney Point, VT and Crown Point, NY in September. The funds originated through the National Park Service.

These appropriations, as well as other significant support for Lake Champlain stewardship, were obtained through the efforts of Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy, a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. “We continue to seek appropriations for the National Park Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies to benefit the Lake Champlain watershed. Our work with New York Congressman Maurice Hinchey to appropriate funds for the Quadricentennial Celebration will provide help to both Vermont and New York as we continue to commemorate Samuel de Champlain’s exploration of Lake Champlain this year,” said Senator Leahy.

“More than \$624,779 was requested through 36 applications in this grant round,” noted Bill Howland, Program manager for the LCBP. Howland indicated that the local grants program is critical for helping organizations and municipalities implement small, but important, steps of the overall management plan for Lake Champlain, *Opportunities for Action*. Additional implementation grants will be offered by the Basin Program this fall.

A full listing of the grants chosen to receive funds is available online at www.lcbp.org or a hard copy may be received by calling the Lake Champlain Basin Program at (802) 372-3213.

New York Proposals to Receive Funding through LCBP's Quadricentennial Grants

Organization	Project	Budget
Village of Ticonderoga	Samuel de Champlain Monument Legacy Project	\$14,000.00
Essex County Historical Society	2009 Champlain Quad. Commemorative Publication	\$25,000.00
Town of Champlain Quad Committee	Samuel de Champlain Monument Interpretive Panel Project	\$1,700.00
City of Plattsburgh	Improvements at the Champlain Park	\$10,000.00
Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc.	Quadricentennial Audio/Video Interpretation Project	\$10,000.00
Mountain Lake PBS	Dead Reckoning - Champlain in America	\$10,000.00
American Assn of Teachers of French	J'aime NY: A Bilingual Guide to the French Heritage of NYS	\$10,000.00
Clinton Community College	The Legacy of the Lake and Its People	\$5,500.00
L. Placid/Essex Co. Visitor's Bureau	400 Reasons to visit New York's Adirondack Coast	\$16,250.00
Battle of Plattsburgh Assn	Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration Parade	\$5,550.00

Vermont Proposals to Receive Funding through LCBP's Quadricentennial Grants

Organization	Project	Budget
Lake Champlain Committee	Festival of Nations Signature Event	\$10,000
Burlington City Arts	Waterfront Festival Signature Event Parade	\$25,000
Burlington City Arts	Waterfront Festival Signature Event Free Programs.	\$25,000
Addison County Chamber	French Heritage Day	\$5,000
LCMM	Participation in Burlington Waterfront Festival	\$17,750
Vermont Public Radio	Centennial Event Broadcast Coverage	\$2,500
Burlington City Arts	Waterfront Festival Signature Event Free Pageant	\$17,750
Champlain College	When the French Were Here	\$5,000