On February 19, the 1772 Foundation announced a grant to the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) in the amount of $75,000 to rehab three homes in Detroit’s Nardin Park Neighborhood. The grant will need to be matched with $245,000. MHPN has contributed $175,000 from its revolving fund, leaving $70,000 to be raised for the project.

Nardin Park spans 588 acres (.92 sq miles) and includes 3,611 properties. Of those, 1,920 belong to the Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA), some with vacant buildings and homes and others that are vacant land where homes or businesses once stood. In 2018, the City of Detroit begin community meetings in Nardin Park and the neighboring Russell Woods Historic District to develop one of fifteen Neighborhood Framework Plans across the city. The meetings concluded in June of last year and while the City is finalizing the written document, the residents have determined its four priorities, with one being “stabilize residential blocks.” The DLBA’s “Rehabbed and Ready” program is beginning work on properties in Russell Woods with plans to extend into Nardin Park. This project will build on these efforts.

In the upcoming months, MHPN will select the specific properties to be rehabbed with a plan to purchase three in close proximity to magnify the success of each individual rehab. The rehab will follow the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and a covenant will be placed on each property to ensure its long-term maintenance and preservation.

MHPN thanks for the 1772 Foundation for its support of this effort. For more on the 1772 Foundation grant awards, see press release below.
THE 1772 FOUNDATION NEWS RELEASE

Providence Foundation Awards Historic Preservation Grants

The 1772 Foundation announces 27 grant recipients

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PROVIDENCE, RI – The 1772 Foundation, based in Providence, RI, plays a leading role in promoting historic properties redevelopment programs (HPRPs), also known as revolving funds, nationwide. At their quarterly meeting, its trustees awarded HPRP grants totaling $1,648,000. Individual grants ranged in amount from $10,000 to $150,000. In Rhode Island, the Providence Revolving Fund received $50,000 and AS220 received $100,000. In Massachusetts, New Bedford's Waterfront Historic Area League (WHALE) received $125,000.

Other grant recipients were Boyle Landmark Trust in Danville, KY ($10,000), Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization in Butte, MT ($16,000), Columbus Landmarks in Columbus, OH ($20,000), DeFuniak Springs Landmarks in DeFuniak Springs, FL ($15,000), Preservation Texas in Austin, TX ($15,000), The Foundation for Restoration of Ste. Genevieve in Ste. Genevieve, MO ($15,000), Downtown Joplin Alliance in Joplin, MO ($100,000), Galveston Historical Foundation in Galveston, TX ($50,000), High Point Preservation Society in High Point, NC ($50,000), Historic Columbus in Columbus, GA ($75,000), Kentucky Trust for Historic Preservation in Frankfort, KY ($25,000), Nevada Preservation Foundation in Las Vegas, NV ($75,000), Preservation Buffalo Niagra in Buffalo, NY ($150,000), Preserve the ‘Burg in St. Petersburg, FL ($75,000), Cincinnati Preservation Association in Cincinnati, OH ($50,000), Cleveland Restoration Society in Cleveland, OH ($100,000), Fairmount Park Conservancy in Philadelphia, PA ($35,000), L’Enfant Trust in Washington, DC ($50,000), Landmark Trust USA in Dummerston, VT ($75,000), Michigan Historic Preservation Network in Lansing, MI ($75,000), Montana Preservation Alliance in Helena, MT ($20,000), Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans in New Orleans, LA ($75,000), Preservation South Carolina in Prosperity, SC ($125,000), and Restore Mobile in Mobile, AL ($75,000)

"Support for historic properties redevelopment programs continues to be a key granting priority of The 1772 Foundation," according to President B. Danforth Ely. "This year, we received many more grant applications than in the past from organizations across the country. To stretch its resources as far as possible, the foundation favors collaboration with local partners to leverage funds and achieve the greatest possible neighborhood impact."

Executive Director Mary Anthony stated, "Active real estate intervention of the kind practiced by historic properties redevelopment funds is critically important to historic preservation and, by extension, economic revitalization, neighborhood development, equitable housing, and Smart Growth. The entrepreneurial approach greatly increases the number of historic buildings saved, often as adaptive reuse projects."

The 1772 Foundation was named in honor of its first restoration project, Liberty Hall in Union, NJ, which was built in 1772 and is the ancestral home of the Livingston and Kean families. The late Stewart B. Kean was the original benefactor of The 1772 Foundation. The 1772 Foundation works to ensure the safe passage of our historic buildings and farmland to future generations. More information about The 1772 Foundation may be found at www.1772foundation.org.