

Press Release

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ESSEX RECEIVES STEAP GRANT FOR THE IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE

IVORYTON, CT: The Ivoryton Playhouse announced today that it is the recipient of a \$75,000.00 grant from the Connecticut Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) to replace its roof and heating system. The grant application was made by the Town of Essex to benefit the Playhouse. STEAP provides financial assistance for projects that encourage economic development and preserve the character of the state's less populated towns.

"The Ivoryton Playhouse is not only a historic treasure; it is the major economic driver for the Village of Ivoryton. Over 25,000 people attend its professional theatrical productions and community events yearly. The selectman saw the critical need and applied for the STEAP grant this spring. We are delighted to have this application funded and will continue to work with the Playhouse to complete the work as soon as possible," stated First Selectman, Phillip Miller.

"We are thrilled that the State of Connecticut and the Town of Essex share our belief in the preservation of this historic building and the importance of the arts in our community. We are very proud of our theatre and its place in the history and future of American theatre," Playhouse Executive Director Jacqueline Hubbard said. "We are particularly grateful to Governor Jodi Rell, Senator Eileen Daily, Representative Jamie Spallone and First Selectman Phil Miller for all their efforts on behalf of the Ivoryton Playhouse. This project is much needed and will benefit not only the residents of Ivoryton, but all of our patrons from across the state."

Additional funds are needed to complete the two projects before year end. The Playhouse is seeking donations from area businesses and patrons. Essex Savings Bank made the first commitment to lead the community fund raising effort. Donations have been received from the Playhouse Trustees, patrons and friends. Additional donations are

The Ivoryton Playhouse

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further information contact the Playhouse at 860-767-7318.

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