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Old Economy Village recipient of Rivers of Steel Grant

Grant to Help Fund "Bringing History Alive" Initiative

AMBRIDGE, PA, January 23, 2018 - The Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation of Homestead, PA has awarded a matching grant of \$12,000 to the Friends of Old Economy Village of Ambridge, PA.

The grant will help fund year one of a two-year initiative called "*Bringing History Alive at Old Economy Village.*" The primary objective is to increase attendance at the Village from 13,000 to 25,000 visitors annually. The initiative will also focus on the recruitment of more volunteers, as well as increasing the number of members at the Friends of Old Economy Village.

Plans for the grant include implementing the zone system of interpretation for tours at the Village; providing ongoing crafts, trades, daily life education classes, and hands-on learning opportunities; as well as a significant effort to increase marketing for events and programs year-round. Work on the *Bringing History Alive* initiative has already commenced and will extend through the end of 2019.

Old Economy Village preserves and presents the life, thought, and material culture of the Harmony Society, a highly successful and entrepreneurial 19th century religious community. Old Economy Village is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) and is actively supported by the Friends of Old Economy Village (FOEV) which is a non-profit community-based organization.

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If you would like more information about "*Bringing History Alive*" or Old Economy Village, please check out our website at www.oldeconomyvillage.org, or call Jason Weber at 724-266-4500 ext. 101, or email c-jaweber@pa.gov.