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HISTORIC ROEBLING MACHINE SHOP WINDOWS DAMAGED BY HURRICANE SANDY ARE REPLACED THANKS TO GRANT FUNDING

Trenton, N.J. — A \$17,475 grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs enabled the city to replace ten windows damaged by Hurricane Sandy at the former Roebling Machine Shop, the city announced today.

"The grant is reimbursing the city's costs for the temporary boarding and final window replacement," said Monique King-Viehland, the city's Director of Housing and Economic Development, which oversees management of the historic building.

Today the Roebling Machine Shop, which was built in 1890 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1997, is an event space, hosting the likes of Art All Night and the Trenton Punk Rock Flea Market. The historic building is protected by an easement between the city and the New Jersey Historic Trust. The Machine Shop was part of a sprawling manufacturing complex that was operated by the John A. Roebling's Sons Company, which manufactured steel used in many famous bridges, including the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. John A. Roebling, the company's founder, designed the Brooklyn Bridge in New York.

The New Jersey Historic Trust underwrites and promotes the restoration and preservation of historic sites throughout New Jersey. The Machine Shop's historic designation deemed it eligible for the Sandy Disaster Grants for Historic Properties, a federal grant that is funded by the National Park Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Historic Preservation Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The New Jersey Historic Trust and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs administer the grant program.

Event organizers interested in renting the historic space should call Walter Denson in the real estate division of the city's Department of Housing and Economic Development at (609) 989-3511.

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