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State Rep. Fiola Receives Funding for Restoration of Fall River Fire Museum, Inc.

Fall River, MA (October 15, 2018)- State Representative Carole Fiola earmarked, advocated for, and received \$30,000 in the FY2019 State Budget for restorations of the Fall River Fire Museum, Inc.

"On behalf of the Fall River Fire Museum, Inc. Board of Directors, I would like to thank Representative Fiola for supporting the museums' dedicated efforts in securing state funding to help us restore our building so we can open our museum to the public," said Michael Lepage, President of the Fall River Fire Museum, Inc.

"Over the past five years, I have been impressed by the Fall River Fire Museum, Inc's active fundraising efforts and their commitment to working to secure grants," said State Representative Carole Fiola. "I am pleased to have secured this funding to assist in the restoration of this historic gem in our community that has been around since 1873 and I look forward to its planned opening in late 2019."

The Fall River Fire Museum, Inc.'s mission is to collect, preserve and exhibit artifacts that properly document the history of the Fall River Fire Department. They are dedicated to educating the public in fire safety and prevention, and to serve as a memorial to those who have given their lives to the fire service.

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