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**Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation**

### **Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation Awarded \$100,000 dollars for the restoration of the Fort Hamilton Barracks**

The Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation was recently awarded a 100 thousand dollar grant to continue the restoration of the Fort Hamilton Barracks located on Rose Island in Newport, RI. This grant was awarded by the van Buren Charitable Foundation to assist in the manufacturing and installation of 19 windows and nine doors on the historic structure. The barracks building built in 1798 is considered one of the best examples of first system forts left in America.

David McCurdy the Executive Director of the Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation is excited to begin the second phase of the Fort Hamilton Restoration Project. In 2007 we completed the first phase of the restoration with the construction of a new roof and two chimneys. Phase II of the restoration process includes manufacturing and installing new windows and doors throughout the 211 foot long barracks building. Masonry repairs will also be a big part of the project as historic chimneys have been bricked over and a great deal of the exterior masonry needs attention.

Once completed the Fort Hamilton Barracks will be utilized in several different ways. The east and west ends of the building will be used for overnight stays. A museum will also be constructed in a central chamber. This museum will help educate the more than 7,000 island visitors annually about the surrounding island and the historical uses of the island. Upon completion of the second and final phase of this project we will have preserved this historically significant building for future generations to enjoy. Visit, Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation [online](#)



Image - Looking west at Fort Hamilton Barracks Building