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Sixteen stages and stores from across the province will be given a new life under the Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program, as delivered by the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador. Foundation Chair Robert Mellin says "the goal of this program is to preserve and protect our fisheries-related architecture. We are happy to be able to provide the means to restore a community's waterside to better reflect its fisheries history".

The funds will be used to restore existing buildings, not for upgrading or construction of new structures. The projects were disbursed through an application process. Mellin says "we were able to approve the majority of the applications this year. Total approvals were just shy of \$46,000.00. It's a great day when we can have that kind of impact on our built heritage".

Age, weather extremes, and out-migration can take a toll on the outbuildings once used by fishing families. These stages and stores represent the livelihood of a fishing community, their bright red ochre paint standing out against the shore and sea. Since the creation of the Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program, the Heritage Foundation has seen steady growth in the number of communities interested in heritage conservation.

Established in 1984, the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador promotes the culture of conservation of the province's built heritage. The Foundation manages the Provincial Register of Historic Places, an online listing of heritage buildings at www.heritagefoundation.ca.

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Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program 2005-2006

APPROVALS

COMMUNITY	BUILDING
English Harbour	Wells' Stage
Fermeuse	Mr. Martin's Store
Fleur de Lys	Silvey's Stage
Fogo	Fogo Fisheries Project
Gilliams	Gilliams Fisheries Project
Goose Cove	Murrin Family Property
Green Island Cove	Leonard McLean Property
Griquet	Pilgrim's Fish Stage
Keels	Welcher Property
Melrose	Donovan Property
Placentia	Coady Family Stage
St. Anthony	Budgell Stage
St. John's	King/Reid Stage
Templeman	Howell Stage
Tilting	Dwyer's Twine Store
Trinity	Trinity Fisheries Project