

KENANSVILLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

501(c)3 Not-for-Profit Organization, EIN 59-3551864

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NEWS RELEASE:

The Kenansville Community Association, Inc. has been awarded a historic preservation grant provided by the Bureau of Historic Preservation, Division of Historical Resources, Florida Department of State assisted by the Florida Historical Commission. This small matching grant in the amount of \$30,000 is for the 1917 Kenansville School - Osceola County's oldest school building. The School was originally built with funds from the Henry Flagler Estate. School Chairperson, Myra McWhorter states "this grant will be used to replace the roof of the school. The school has been the cornerstone of our community for many years and will continue to be when restoration is completed." This is the second preservation grant that the Kenansville Community Association, Inc. has been awarded. The first grant received in 2012 was used for architectural services for the planning phase of restoration and preservation. The matching portion of this grant comes from donations from Progressive Waste Solutions of FL, Inc., the Holopaw Homeowners Association, community members and fund-raising efforts by the Kenansville Community Association.

The school currently serves as an art gallery and studio for local artist Eldon Lux. Once restored, the school will house a museum, serve as an education center and be a place for special events and meetings.

The Kenansville Community Association, Inc. is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization founded in 1998 to enhance the quality of life and preserve the rich heritage of the Kenansville, Florida, area. Our goals and objectives are: preserve, restore and maintain the historic Kenansville School building, Post Office building and property; provide assistance for the community, especially children and seniors; arrange for continued communication and interaction with local, county and state officials and pursue fund-raising activities, grants and donations.

For more information, please visit our webpage at www.kenansvilleschool.com or call Myra McWhorter at 407-436-1529.