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Potential National Maritime Heritage Grant Applicant,

This letter is to inform you of the return of the National Maritime Heritage Grants administered by the U.S. National Park Service. $1.7 million will be available this year to fund historic preservation and education projects. The application deadline is fast approaching and we do not want you to miss out on this great funding opportunity!

Under the provisions of the National Maritime Heritage Act, the grant program is funded by the net proceeds of sales by the federal Maritime Administration of obsolete ships from the National Defense Reserve Fleet. With funding now available through the National Park Service, grant awards for educational projects can range from $25,000-$50,000 and grant awards for preservation projects can range from $50,000-$200,000.

Grant proposals will be accepted until Sept. 23, 2014. The application process is competitive and requires one-to-one matches with non-federal assets from non-federal sources. Project grants will be administered through the National Park Service and the State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs). Please notify the SHPO if you are planning on submitting a grant application.

Information on the National Maritime Heritage Grant, including application instructions, can be found at www.nps.gov/maritime/grants/2014.htm. For questions or project notification, please contact Bryan Lijewski, Architect, Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, at lijewskib@michigan.gov or 517-373-1631.

We look forward to reviewing your project applications.

Sincerely,

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