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Dear Lighthouse Enthusiast:

The State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce the availability of fiscal year 2012 Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP) grant applications. Funds are available for both planning and rehabilitation activities. **The grant application deadline is November 15, 2011.** Applications must be postmarked no later than November 15, 2011. Copies of the grant manual and application materials can be found on our web page at <http://www.michigan.gov/shpo>, under the *SHPO Programs* heading, click on *Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program*.

If you are no longer active with lighthouse preservation and want to be removed from this lighthouse mailing list, or if your lighthouse affiliation has changed and you would like to update us with your new affiliation, please email Denise Sachau at sachaud1@michigan.gov.

Questions about the grant application or the grant process can be directed to Denise J. Sachau, Grants Manager/Budget Analyst at sachaud1@michigan.gov or (517) 373-1904. **Grantees are limited to having two MLAP grants open at one time. New this year, one grant must be for planning and one grant must be for rehabilitation. A grantee may not have two grants of the same type open at the same time. A grant must be closed before the grantee can submit a new application for a grant of the same type.**

To allow for larger projects, we are raising the cap on the maximum award amount from \$40,000 to \$60,000. The match requirement remains at 50% of the grant amount.

Also new this year, we are placing more emphasis on 1) receiving complete grant application materials at time of application; and 2) projects that are ready to begin work at application time, and not dependent on future actions, approval or cooperation from other organizations before the project can begin. Please refer to Page 6, Lighthouse Assistance Program Scoring Criteria, to see how your grant application will be evaluated.

Note that MLAP rehabilitation grants require a historic preservation easement in perpetuity.

Updates on MLAP grant projects and additional resources can be found on our blog at <http://michigan-lighthouses.org/>

As a reminder, you can contribute to the future of Michigan's historic lighthouses by purchasing a Michigan lighthouse license plate. You can find more information on the lighthouse license plate at the Secretary of State web page at <http://www.michigan.gov/sos>, then click on *Owning A Vehicle*, then *License Plate Store*, and then on *Fundraising License Plates*. The proceeds from the sale of lighthouse license plates are used to assist in the rehabilitation of Michigan's lighthouses.

We look forward to receiving a Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program grant application from your organization.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Conway, State Historic Preservation Officer