

Administered by the National Maritime Heritage Program of the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior in partnership with the Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation

Maritime Heritage Grants--Funding

No funds are specially appropriated for establishing and administering the Grants Program. Amounts for the program are derived from the proceeds of disposed obsolete vessels of the National Defense Reserve Fleet which accrue in an account managed by the Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Each fiscal year a new amount, based on these proceeds, will be transferred to the Department of the Interior (DOI) and will remain in the DOI account until expended on the Grants Program. These amounts are no-year money and funds not obligated in one grant cycle may be carried over to the next grant cycle.

Current Amounts Available:

Approximately **\$1,700,000** is available for the 2015 grant cycle. Funding levels for the current grant cycle are set at \$15,000-\$200,000.

Amounts for Education and Preservation Grants:

Half of the Grants Program funds are available for preservation projects and half are available for education projects. Additionally, not more than 40% of the total funds available may be obligated to projects relating to federally owned or managed resources. The funding range for education projects is \$15,000-\$50,000; the range for preservation projects is \$50,000-\$200,000. Grants are awarded on a 1-to-1 matching share basis.

Grant Priorities:

Assistance needs of historical U.S. maritime resources are extensive and diverse. Therefore, rather than establish grant funding priorities according to resource or project type, project selection is driven by the total funds available for the current grant cycle and the funding levels set for that period.

Applicants are requested to propose project activities that conform to project category descriptions which can be successfully be carried out within the limits of grant funding levels. The goal of this approach is to generate a variety of proposals which tie project objectives to realistic budget. This will allow the Grants Program to support a variety of maritime resources and choose a group of projects which will provide the maximum benefit to U.S. maritime heritage for the funds available.