Maritime Heritage Grants--Who May Apply

Eligible Applicants:

Any State, Federally-recognized Tribal, or local government, or private nonprofit organization may apply for grants to support their maritime heritage education or preservation activities.

Federal Applicants. While State or local governments or private nonprofit organizations may apply for grants to support their maritime heritage education or preservation activities, Federal agencies may not apply directly for assistance. However, projects involving federally owned maritime properties are eligible for funding. Proposals relating to federally owned or managed maritime resources should be submitted by a nonfederal organization working in agreement with a Federal agency to carry out the objectives of the project. Any grants awarded will be made to the nonfederal applicant, not the Federal agency owning or managing the Federal property. No more than 40% of funds available in any one fiscal year may be used for federally owned or operated properties.

Additional Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a grant, at a minimum, applicants must:

- Demonstrate that the project has the potential for reaching a broad audience.
- Match the requested grant amount on a 1-to-1 basis with nonfederal assets from non-federal sources, which include cash or in-kind services fairly valued.
- Maintain and allow access to records which will allow for an effective accounting of
 project funds and any required audits, including the amount and disposition of the
 proceeds of the grant and the total cost of the project.