

LESSEE APPLICANT LETTER OF CERTIFICATION

RESILIENT LAKESHORE HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAM

As a condition making an application to the Resilient Lakeshore Heritage Grant Program (the "Grant Program") through the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (the "SHPO"), the undersigned applicant(s) (separately and collectively, the "Applicant") hereby certifies, represents and acknowledges:

1. The Applicant is the lessee of a property located in the County of _____ (the "County"), with a physical address of _____ (the "Property").
2. _____ is the legal owner of the Property (the "Property Owner").
3. The Applicant has received authorization from the Property Owner, as evidenced by the attached Property Owner Authorization Form (attached hereto as Exhibit B), to seek funding from the Grant Program to complete the Scope of Work (as defined below) at the Property.
4. The Applicant has provided the SHPO with the following documents:
 - a. A copy of a deed recorded in the County demonstrating the Property Owner's ownership of the Property.
 - b. Copies of all known liens, easements, covenants or any other restrictions the Property is subject to.
 - c. Fully executed copy of Property Owner Authorization Form.
5. The Applicant has reviewed the Grant Program manual (the "Manual") and understands that they are subject to all applicable Grant Program, state and federal guidelines.
6. If approved for an award under the Grant Program, the Applicant acknowledges that they must enter into a grant agreement (the "Grant Agreement") with the SHPO and the Property Owner must enter into a Historic Preservation Easement (the "Easement") with the SHPO. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a Form of the Easement.

7. The Applicant understands and agrees that Grant Program funds will be dispersed by the SHPO on an expense reimbursement basis. Additionally, the Applicant agrees that Grant Program funding will be subject to the following requirements:
 - a. The maximum amount available to the Applicant for reimbursement of expenses will be the amount identified in the Grant Agreement (the "Maximum Reimbursement").
 - b. The Applicant is responsible for providing the SHPO with detailed and accurate invoices and documentation for any work for which the Applicant is seeking reimbursement. The work in such reimbursement requests should correspond to the work identified in the scope of work section of the Applicant's Grant Program application (the "Scope of Work").
 - c. The SHPO has sole discretion in determining the sufficiency of any Applicant supplied documentation. The SHPO may require additional documentation, if needed, prior to disbursing any reimbursement.
 - d. Expenses incurred prior to execution of the Grant Agreement are not eligible for reimbursement.
 - e. Pursuant to the Grant Program application, the Applicant has the option to receive (i) one reimbursement after completion of all work identified in the Scope of Work ("Reimbursement Option One") or (ii) two reimbursements, one reimbursement after completion of fifty percent of work (the "Approved Work Completion"), according to the Scope of Work, (the "Interim Reimbursement") and a final reimbursement after completion of all work identified in the Scope of Work consisting of an amount not to exceed the difference between the Maximum Reimbursement minus the Interim Reimbursement (the "Final Reimbursement") (selecting to receive the Interim Reimbursement and the Final Reimbursement, "Reimbursement Option Two"). The Approved Work Completion must be (1) agreed to in writing by the Applicant and the SHPO at the time the Grant Agreement is executed and (2) be at least ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars (the "Option 2 Requirements"). If the Applicant is unable to meet the Option 2 Requirements, then they must proceed for reimbursement under Reimbursement Option One.
 - i. If the Applicant elected Reimbursement Option One, the Maximum Reimbursement will be eligible for reimbursement when all work identified in the Scope of Work has been completed to the satisfaction of the SHPO and the Applicant provides the SHPO with a complete and properly recorded copy of the Easement.
 - ii. If the Applicant elected Reimbursement Option Two, then:
 1. the Interim Reimbursement will be eligible for reimbursement upon Approved Work Completion, has been completed to the satisfaction of the SHPO and

2. the Final Reimbursement will be eligible for reimbursement when all work identified in the Scope of Work has been completed to the satisfaction of the SHPO and the Applicant provides the SHPO with a complete and properly recorded copy of the Easement.
8. The Applicant shall indemnify and hold the SHPO, the Michigan Strategic Fund, the State of Michigan, and their agents, officers and employees harmless from all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including, but not limited to attorney fees, arising out of or resulting from any activity relating to the performance or non-performance of any work by or on the behalf of the Applicant.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto subscribed my signature on _____, 2022.

APPLICANT

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

)ss.

COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing Lessee Applicant Certificate was acknowledged before me in _____ County, Michigan, this _____ day of _____, 20____,
by _____ .

Notary Public, State of Michigan, County of _____
My Commission Expires: _____
Acting in _____ County, State of Michigan

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EXHIBIT A

Form Historic Preservation Easement

[Follows under this cover]

[FORM MICHIGAN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE]

HISTORIC PRESERVATION EASEMENT

This Historic Preservation Easement (the "Easement") is made between the (NAME OF ENTITY), a (type of entity (e.g., municipal corporation)), whose address is (full street address of entity) (the "Grantor"), and the STATE OF MICHIGAN, MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND, a principal state department acting through its STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (the "SHPO" or "Grantee"), whose address is 300 North Washington Square, Lansing, MI 48913.

WHEREAS, the Grantee is the recipient of a Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant (the "Paul Bruhn Grant") in the amount Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$750,000) from the Historic Preservation Fund in 2021, which is administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service (the "NPS"), and was established to promote economic development and assist in the funding of historic preservation projects in rural communities.

WHEREAS, the Grantee awarded the Grantor (amount of grant funding) (\$XXX) in Paul Bruhn Grant Funds (the "Grant Award").

WHEREAS, the Grantor used the Grant Award to (brief project description) (the "Project") of the building located at (full street address of the project site) (the "Property"). The consideration for this Easement is the Grant Award that was used for construction materials and labor to complete the Project.

WHEREAS, the Property is the (NAME OF PROPERTY), a historically and architecturally significant building listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The Property is located on a parcel of land located at (full street address of the project site) in the (official name of municipality), County of (County), State of Michigan, and is more particularly described as:

(LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC PROPERTY)

Parcel# (parcel number)

NOW, THEREFORE, this Easement is executed consistent with Subpart 11 of Part 21 of Article 1, Conservation and Historic Preservation Easements of the Michigan Environmental Protection Act, MCL 324.2140 *et seq.*, and is executed subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. In accordance with NPS's Paul Bruhn Grant policy, the Grantor grants an historic preservation easement for a period of (number of years) (XX) years.
2. The Grantor assumes all costs necessary to preserve the historic integrity of the features, materials, appearance, workmanship and environment of the Property pursuant to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* (the "Treatment Standards"). Nothing in this Easement prohibits the Grantor from seeking financial assistance from any other source (including Historic Preservation Fund Development grants) for additional preservation efforts.
3. The Grantor assumes the cost of the continued maintenance and repair of the Property so as to keep it in a sound state of repair, prevent deterioration and preserve the architectural, historical, and archaeological integrity of the Property and enhance those qualities that make the Property eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

4. In order to preserve and enhance the distinctive materials, features and spaces that caused the Property to be listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, the Grantor shall maintain and preserve the Property in accordance with the recommended approaches in the Treatment Standards. The Grantor acknowledges that no visual or structural alterations will be made to the Property without prior written permission from the Grantee, its successors or assigns.
5. If the Grantor intends to undertake future work outside the scope of this Easement that may affect the Property, the Grantor must give prior written notice to the Grantee, through the SHPO or the SHPO's successors or assigns. The Grantor also agrees to notify in writing the Grantee of any action or undertaking proposed by another governmental agency upon becoming aware of the proposed action or undertaking.
6. The Grantor agrees that no ground-disturbing activities will be permitted to be undertaken which would affect any historically significant or archaeological resources without receiving prior written permission from the Grantee and affirming that such work will meet the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Archaeological and Historic Preservation*, 48 Fed. Reg. 44716 (September 29, 1983) (the "Archaeological Standards"). The Grantor also agrees to ensure that any relic and material excavated will be placed in a repository that will care for the relic and material or will care for them in the manner prescribed in the Archaeological Standards, or will comply with the requirements of the Native Americans Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990, 25 U.S.C. § 3001 *et seq.*, and with 36 C.F.R. § 79 and 43 C.F.R. § 10.
7. The Grantor will permit the Grantee, its agents, officers, employees, subcontractors or designees to enter onto the Property at all reasonable times to inspect and ascertain compliance with the conditions of this Easement or carry out remedial actions as necessary. These rights shall be exercisable in any case in which an inspection, remedial action, response to remedial action, or corrective action is found to be necessary after the date this Easement is executed. The Grantor will not unreasonably withhold its permission from the Grantee to access and inspect the Property.
8. The Grantor will provide public access to the Property no less than twelve (12) days each calendar year so that the general public can view the grant-assisted work and investment of public funds on the Property. The days the Property is available to the public will be equitably spaced. The Grantor may take into account seasonal and other factors that will most effectively afford public access while implementing the purpose and intent of the Paul Bruhn Grant. The Grantor will also provide access to the Property by appointment.
9. The Grantor and the Grantee acknowledge that as long as the grant-assisted work is clearly visible from a public right-of-way, public access to the Property is not required. Public access is also not required when interior development work such as electrical or plumbing repairs would not be visible if general access to the Property were to be provided.

10. If the Property is not open to the public except for the required twelve (12) days per calendar year and where the improvements assisted by the Paul Bruhn Grant are not visible from the public right-of-way or the Property was acquired with Historic Preservation Fund grant funds, the Grantor agrees to provide public notification in the community or area in which the Property is located, giving the dates and times when the Property will be open to the public. The Grantor will annually publish dates and times when the Property will be open to the public.
11. The Grantor may charge a reasonable nondiscriminatory admission fee to the public that is comparable to fees charged at similar facilities in the area. The Grantor will not discourage public visitation of the Property.
12. The Grantor agrees to maintain flood insurance on the premises as required by Section 102 (a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. § 4001 *et seq.*, as amended, if the Property is situated in a location designated by the U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development as a location with special flood hazards.
13. The Grantor shall comply with the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1976, M.C.L. § 37.2101 *et seq.*, as amended, the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act of 1976, M.C.L. § 37.1101 *et seq.*, as amended, and all other state, federal and local fair employment practices and equal opportunity laws and covenants that it shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, to be employed in the performance of this Easement with respect to his or her hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or any other matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of his or her race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status, or disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position. The Grantor agrees to include in every subcontract entered into for the performance of its obligations under this Easement this same covenant not to discriminate in employment.
14. The Grantor must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*, as amended, and with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 701 *et seq.*, as amended, when interior public access is required at least twelve (12) days per calendar year and at other times by appointment. The Grantor is not required to make every part of the Property accessible to and useable by disabled persons by means of physical alterations. During public access periods, videos, slide presentations and/or other audio-visual media should be used to depict otherwise inaccessible areas or features. The intent of this paragraph is to communicate that the preservation/accessibility issue must be addressed and that the solution is to take careful steps to determine what can be done to improve access without sacrificing historic fabric.
15. The Grantor covenants that upon receipt of a written request from the Grantee, the Grantor shall promptly furnish the Grantee with written certification that to the best of the Grantor's knowledge, the Grantor is in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Easement.
16. The Easement runs with the land and is binding on the Grantor, its successors and assigns. The Grantor agrees to provide notice of the Easement in any deed or other legal instrument in which it divests itself of either fee simple title or some other lesser estate in the Property.
17. If the Grantor plans to sell the Property or enter into a long-term lease during the term of this Easement, the Grantor covenants to first offer the Property to the Grantee for purchase or lease, at the same price and on the same terms of the intended sale or lease. If the Grantor proposes a conveyance other than a sale or long-term lease, the Grantor, before completing the conveyance, shall first offer the Property to the Grantee at a price based on the fair market value of the land,

structures and improvements thereon. The Grantee has thirty (30) days from receipt of the offer to accept or reject it in writing.

18. If the Grantor leases the Property, the Grantor covenants to incorporate into the lease all of the terms, conditions and covenants of this Easement.
19. The Grantor covenants not to employ any subcontractor, manufacturer or supplier who appears in the register compiled by the State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, pursuant to the State Contracts with Certain Employers Prohibited Act of 1980, M.C.L. § 423.321 *et seq.*
20. The Grantor covenants to consult with the Grantee through the SHPO or the SHPO's successors or assigns, to ensure that any contracts entered into for the performance of the obligations of this Easement comply with the applicable barrier free design laws, including the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. § 4151 *et seq.*, and the Utilization of Public Facilities by Physically Limited Act of 1966, M.C.L. § 125.1351 *et seq.* It is understood that the Grantor may apply for lawful exemptions from the requirements of these laws.
21. The Grantor, its successors and assigns, shall pay all legally required property taxes and special assessments, if any, on the Property as they become due and will not permit any taxes and assessments to become delinquent.
22. In the event that the Property is damaged by flood, snow, ice, rain, windstorm, fire, earth movement or any other natural disaster or casualty, the Grantor agrees to notify the Grantee, through the SHPO or the SHPO's successors or assigns, in writing within fourteen (14) days of the damage or destruction, further indicating what, if any, emergency work has already been undertaken and completed. The Grantor agrees not to undertake repairs or reconstruction of any type, other than emergency work to prevent further damage to the Property or to protect public safety, without the Grantee's prior written approval, which specifies that the proposed work will conform with the Treatment Standards. The Grantee agrees to give its approval or denial of work requested by the Grantor under this paragraph within sixty (60) days of receiving the Grantor's request.
23. The Grantor acknowledges that the Grantee, after providing written notice to the Grantor, may institute action(s) to enjoin violations of this Easement, to require specific performance, and to require restoration of the Property in conformity with Treatment Standards. The Grantee has available to it all legal and equitable remedies to enforce the Grantor's obligations under this Easement. If the Grantor is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have violated any of its obligations, the Grantor shall reimburse the Grantee for all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the Grantee's enforcement of the terms of this Easement, including but not limited to all court costs, attorney's fees, architectural fees, engineering and expert witness fees.
24. This Easement constitutes the entire easement between the parties and may only be amended in writing by the Grantor with the written consent of the Grantee, provided the amendment is consistent with the preservation purpose of the Grant Award and does not reduce the Easement term. No amendment will be effective unless it is executed in the same manner as this Easement was originally executed, expressly refers to the Easement and is recorded in the Register of Deeds' Office in the county in which the Property is located.
25. This Easement will be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan.

26. If any provision of this Easement or any amendment thereto is found to be illegal or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision will be severed from the remainder of the Easement and such action will not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of the Easement.
27. Upon execution, the Grantee covenants to promptly record this Easement in the Register of Deeds Office in county in which the Property is located.

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NOT FOR EXECUTION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor subscribes its name on the date set forth below:

GRANTOR:
(NAME OF ENTITY)

By: (Name and Title of Authorized Signatory)

Date: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss.
COUNTY OF (County))

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this ____ day of _____, 202X, by (Name), the (Title) of the, (NAME OF ENTITY), a (type of organization), on behalf of such (type of organization).

Print Name:
Notary Public, _____ County
State of Michigan
Acting in _____ County
My Commission Expires: _____

DRAFTED BY AND WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:

(Name of Assigned Attorney)
Michigan Department of Attorney General
525 W. Ottawa Street
P.O. Box 30754
Lansing, MI 48909

EXHIBIT B

Property Owner Authorization Form

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