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Dear Lighthouse Enthusiast:

The Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to announce the availability of fiscal year 2026 Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP) grant applications. **The deadline for submittal is Friday, November 20, 2026.**

Funds are available for both planning and rehabilitation activities. Copies of the grant manual and application materials can be found on our website at www.michigan.gov/saveourlights.

Applications must be submitted as a single PDF document and must be emailed to the SHPO Grants Manager/Budget Specialist at HigginsS3@michigan.gov. If you anticipate any issues with the submittal format, please contact us in advance of the deadline.

As you know, proceeds from the sale of the Save Our Lights license plates are used to assist in the rehabilitation of Michigan's lighthouses. We cannot assist stewards like you in preserving Michigan's lighthouses without funds for the MLAP; we urge you to help us promote the Save Our Lights license plate. You can find more information on the Save Our Lights license plate at the Secretary of State web page at www.michigan.gov/sos. In addition, the public can now donate directly to MLAP, with donations going directly back into our grant programs. You can find more information on how to donate on our website at www.michigan.gov/saveourlights.



Questions about the grant application or the grant process can be directed to Alan Higgins, Grants Manager/Budget Specialist, at HigginsS3@michigan.gov. Technical questions about proposed project scopes can be directed to Bryan Lijewski, FAIA, Architect Specialist, at LijewskiB@michigan.gov.

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

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer



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