

RESOLUTION 24-22
ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT
APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE'S
"MICHIGAN LIGHTHOUSE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" AND TO ACCEPT REQUIRED
LOCAL MATCH FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office is accepting applications for consideration of competitive grant funds through the "Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program" to provide grant funds for the purpose of renovations to the designated historic lighthouses along Michigan's shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the program may provide up to a maximum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) in grant funds with a local match requirement of a minimum of 50%; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse and surrounding property is owned and operated by St Clair County as a public asset and is recognized as a beloved historical landmark, not only in Port Huron, but also throughout St. Clair County and southeastern Michigan coast; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse tower's interior stair well and stairs have not been painted in over 20 years and are in need of surface preparation and paint, in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and with paint colors that were provided in the historic paint analysis; and

WHEREAS, cost estimates for this type of work has been estimated to be within the range of seventy thousand dollars to eighty thousand dollars (\$70,000-\$80,000); and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Fort Gratiot Light have agreed to support the submission of the grant application and to provide local matching funds not to exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commission does hereby support and authorize the submission of a "Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program" grant application to the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office in an amount not to exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) to be combined with a local match commitment of up to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) from the Friends of the Fort Gratiot Light, local donations, in-kind services or similar sources as available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon notification of a grant award, the St. Clair County Board of Commission does hereby authorize the St. Clair County Administrator, a position currently held by Karry Hepting, to enter into, execute and record all necessary grant agreements, historic preservation easements and any other required documents.

Dated: October 17, 2024

Reviewed and Approved As To Form By:



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