

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

December 16, 2020

Katelyn E. Sullivan
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Dear Ms. Sullivan:

At its December 9th meeting the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) reviewed the City of Newburport's Letter of Intent (pre-application) for Fiscal Year 2021 Survey and Planning Grant funds. MHC is pleased to invite you to submit a full application for the Newburyport Historic Structure Survey Update Project. At this time the MHC is inviting you to submit a full application for the amount of \$15,000. Please note that the submission deadline is Monday, February 8, 2021. Full application materials are enclosed. Note that a letter of support from the Newburyport Historical Commission is required.

In the FY21 grant round MHC received twenty-seven (27) pre applications requesting a total of \$502,725. MHC's FY21 federal funding allocation has not yet been established. MHC must award a minimum of 10% of its federal funding for FY21 to Certified Local Governments. However an overall budget figure for total awards for the FY21 grant round has not yet been set. Six (6) CLG and twelve (12) non-CLG projects have been invited to submit full applications for the FY21 round, for projects requesting a total of \$282,000. The City of Newburyport's application falls in the Non-CLG category.

Your full application will be given every possible consideration, but funds are limited, and grants are awarded on a competitive basis. This invitation to submit a full application is not an assurance of project funding, or of the level of funding that MHC may offer, should a grant be awarded.

We strongly recommend that all invited applicants review their proposed project with MHC staff prior to preparing and submitting the full application. Within the upcoming weeks, please contact Peter Stott or me to discuss in more detail the development of the scope of work and budget for your project. As we are largely working remotely, please email us to set up a phone conversation, at peter.stott@sec.state.ma.usor michael.steinitz@sec.state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

Michael Steinitz

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Director, Preservation Planning Division Massachusetts Historical Commission

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xc: Glenn Richards, Chair, Newburyport Historical Commission