

Maritime Heritage Grant Program FY25 Criteria and Scoring Rubric

FY25 Criteria – Max Total Points: 25

Program Objectives – Max Points 5

Extent to which the project meets the program objectives to promote the preservation of Maryland's maritime heritage. Does the project include the curation, instruction, interpretation, preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, or repair of maritime heritage collections, traditional maritime skills, historic maritime properties, or maritime history topics? Does the project approach maritime heritage in an innovative or creative way?

Educational Component - Max Points: 5

Extent to which the project demonstrates the potential for reaching a broad audience with effective educational outreach. Does the project provide public access to new information made possible by recent scholarships or investigations? Does the project aim to conduct new research or survey work to further document a topic, event, location, resource, etc., that has not previously been studied? Does this project facilitate a public connection and access to maritime heritage and resources?

Significance - Max Points: 5

Relative historical and cultural significance of the resource (s) the project involves. Has the resource been landmarked at the local, state, or national level? Is there an MIHP form? Is the resource a rare example of its style, typology, or cultural community?

Feasibility – Max Points: 5

Relative readiness and administrative capacity of the applicant to initiate and complete the project. Can the project be completed in the one-year grant term? Is the budget reasonable to complete the project objectives? Is the organization experienced enough to complete the project and/or have the most suited project team? If a cash match is provided, is it in-hand or pending?

Urgency of Need – Max Points: 5

Extent of need, urgency, or threat to significant historic maritime resources, including response to climate change adaptation and building resiliency.

FY25 Special Considerations – Max Total Extra Points: 2

Connection to America250 - Max Point: 2

Is the project being completed in connection with America or Maryland 250 efforts? Does the project have connections to events, people, or places associated with the founding of nation?