Conflict of Interest Statement

This provision applies to persons or organizations who participate in or influence the grant award decision-making process, gain information not available to the general public, or provide oversight or administration of any aspect of the National Maritime Heritage Assistance (NMHA) Grants Program.

No person shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of any grant, subgrant, contract, or subcontract if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, exists. No person shall engage in outside employment or have any direct or indirect financial interest that conflict or would appear to conflict with the fair, impartial, and objective performance of officially assigned duties and responsibilities for administration of the NMHA Grants Program.

Employees or agents of grantee organizations shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to potential or actual subgrant awards.

A conflict of interest or an apparent conflict of interest exists whenever:

• Circumstances are such that a person may benefit, or appear to benefit, from a position they hold with respect to the NMHA-assisted program.

• Circumstances are such that a person may be unable, or appear unable, to make impartial decisions or render impartial advice with regard to the NMHA Grants Program due to outside relationships or activities.

• Circumstances are such that a person may have, or appear to have, an unfair competitive advantage because of his/her relationship with the grantee organization.

I avow that no conflict of interest exists in this application for and potential administration of the proposed project.

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