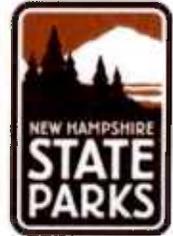




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March 21, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
 and the Honorable Council
 State House
 Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 12-A:10-f, authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, to accept a donation in the amount of \$25,676 from the Lighthouse Kids, Inc. for the purpose of restoring the generator room at the White Island Lighthouse Station at the Isle of Shoals, located off the coast of Rye, NH, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval. 100% Other Funds.

Funds will be deposited into the following account:

03-035-035-350010-53120000-402749- Historic Fund Site

FY2025
 \$25,676

EXPLANATION

In accordance with RSA 12-A:10-f, the State Historic Sites Fund is administered to support the duties of the Bureau of Historic Sites per RSA 12-A:10-e to include per section V. "Address the deferred maintenance of existing sites and develop a long-term maintenance plan for all state-owned historic sites". The Department uses the State Historic Sites Fund to restore historic sites across the state while maintaining the kinds of partnerships as illustrated by this donation from The Lighthouse Kids group.

Established in 2000, the Lighthouse Kids, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization and an affiliate of the American Lighthouse Foundation. Its mission is to preserve the White Island Lighthouse Station, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, through service-learning projects, fundraising and volunteer efforts. The Lighthouse Kids is a group of seacoast students, alumni, members of the community and its Board of Directors. Its roster includes members from Rye Junior High School, Winnacunnet High School, Rye Elementary School and the Rotary Club of Portsmouth.

In 2005, the Lighthouse Kids donated \$110,000 to the Division of Parks and Recreation for repairs to the lighthouse tower and the keeper's cottage. They raised and donated an additional \$100,000 for the reconstruction of the marine railway at White Island. The Lighthouse Kids seek to donate, upon approval of this request, \$25,676 to the Division of Parks and Recreation for the restoration of the generator room at White Island Lighthouse Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah L. Stewart
 Commissioner

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To: Torene Tango-Lowy and Matt Flanders, Division of Parks and Recreation

From: Susan Reynolds, Lighthouse Kids

Subject: Donation for Preservation of White Island Lighthouse Station

Date: September 26, 2024

Lighthouse Kids (LHK) was founded to preserve a treasure listed on the National Register of Historic Places, White Island Lighthouse Station at the Isles of Shoals. Our Mission Statement specifies that donated funds are to be used specifically for preservation, maintenance and repair projects on the historic site. (LHK Mission Statement composed by seventh graders - attached.)

In 2024 Rye Elementary School raised \$5,676 for the preservation of White Island Lighthouse Station located in their town of Rye. At this time LHK would like to donate \$25,676 (\$20,000 from the LHK savings and \$5,676 from the Rye Elementary School 2024 Walkathon). Funds to be applied to preservation, maintenance and repair projects on the historic site.

Portsmouth Rotary has shown recent interest in donating funds and assisting with a restoration project on White Island.

For your consideration: LHK is aware that the generator room was partially restored, but the project was incomplete. LHK purchased and donated the exterior entrance door to the generator room for a cost of \$2,122. Since delivery the door has been stored at Bear Brook State Park. LHK would like to see the door installed in the generator room, and exterior restoration completed to make the structure weather tight. Lighthouse Kids requests updates on any additional restoration or any damage to the generator room after 2017. Portsmouth Rotary assisted in deconstruction of the generator room in 2017 (project details -attached). If interest is shown, hopefully, this project could be completed in 2025.

Lighthouse Kids along with Portsmouth Rotary await your response.

Sincerely,



Susan Reynolds, President of Lighthouse Kids