



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

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Johanna Grace Batman  
Executive Director  
Shaker Heritage Society  
25 Meeting House Rd  
Albany, NY 12211-1004

Application Number: PF-293415

Dear Ms. Batman:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that application PF-293415 entitled "Environmental Upgrades in the 1848 Shaker Meeting House" under the direction of Johanna Grace Batman has been approved to receive an offer for funding. The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) offers Shaker Heritage Society support for this project in an amount not to exceed \$98,273.00 in outright funds, subject to the following conditions:

1. Pursuant to the Build America, Buy America Act ([Pub. L. 117-58 § 70901, et seq.](#)), beginning May 14, 2022, NEH may not obligate funds for a project involving, construction, renovation, facility infrastructure unless all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials that the project uses are produced in the United States. The requirements of this article must be included in all subawards, contracts, and purchase orders for work or products under this award.

You must provide a statement in eGMS messages that you have read the [Build America, Buy America Act Award Term](#) and the [Recipients and Subrecipients Assurance](#) and agree to abide by the BABA contract and certification requirements. The BABA requirements apply to federal funds and mandatory third-party, nonfederal gifts expended on the scope of this project.

2. All NEH-funded projects involving construction, renovation, repair, rehabilitation, or ground or visual disturbances must comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 54 U.S.C. §306108, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800. Per item 32 of the General Terms, please note that the NEH has formally initiated a Section 106 review of your project and will therefore require your assistance to complete this review. All responses and documentation must be submitted through eGMS Reach. NEH is responsible for initiating and leading the Section 106 review, and for consulting with other parties, including your State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), and the public about your

project. Although NEH bears ultimate responsibility for Section 106 review, NEH cannot meet its obligations without your assistance. Your organization cannot begin any physical work (construction, renovation, repair, rehabilitation, or visual or ground disturbances) – and NEH cannot release any federal funds – until NEH completes its NHPA review. Challenge grant matching funds may be used for activities such as the completion of preliminary design documents, SHPO/THPO consultation, and preparation of Environmental Assessments, as applicable. For additional information on Section 106, please visit NEH's Section 106 webpage (<https://www.neh.gov/grants/manage/section-106-the-national-historic-preservation-act>).

3. Provide details regarding how the total of \$32,390.00 in Subaward/Consortium/Contractual costs requested in the budget is calculated.

If you wish to accept this offer of support, your response to the above condition(s) and the requested document(s) must be submitted via eGMS Reach, NEH's online electronic grant management system no later than September 15, 2023. **Please upload the requested documents prior to clicking on the "Accept Offer" button in eGMS Reach.** Instructions for accessing eGMS Reach can be found below. Please note that the Endowment's review of the material requested and the preparation of the award documents require approximately four weeks.

NEH is making available to you our online electronic grant management system, eGMS Reach. You will be able to view offer and award letters, view and submit reports, receive alerts and notifications regarding the grants you manage, and send messages to NEH staff to raise questions and concerns.

When accessing eGMS Reach for the first time, go to <https://securegrants.neh.gov/eGMS-Reach/>, click the Sign In Help link, and follow the on screen instructions. An e-mail message will be sent to you with a link to select a password.

This “offer” letter does not constitute an award. It formally communicates the level of funding recommended for the project and the conditions that must be met before an award will be issued by NEH. You may not make any public announcements or issue any press releases until you receive a Notice of Action – Award document through eGMS Reach from the NEH Office of Grant Management. Should you have any questions concerning this offer of support, please feel free to contact Christopher Sciotto at [CSciotto@neh.gov](mailto:CSciotto@neh.gov), or Sean Ferguson at [SFerguson@neh.gov](mailto:SFerguson@neh.gov).

NEH staff look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shelly Lowe', with a stylized, cursive script.

Shelly Lowe  
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