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Active and New Requests – Summary with Itemized Listings

The Maritime Heritage Education & Preservation Grants support eligible projects that protect historic maritime properties, collections, and traditional maritime skills. The FY25 Maritime Heritage Preservation and Education requests highlight statewide efforts to protect historic maritime structures and advance cultural education, with preservation projects focused on critical repairs and systems upgrades, and education projects centered on traditional skills, community interpretation, and broadened public access to Alaska's maritime history.

Grant Requests Maritime Heritage (MH) Education Requests – FY2025

Kodiak Maritime Museum and Art Center: Bristol Bay Boat Restoration Project (\$38,750)

Grant funds will refurbish a historic fishing boat for an interpretive exhibit and to demonstrate historic fishing and sailing techniques. This will allow public access to and education about a historically important fishing vessel.

City of Ketchikan, Ketchikan Museum: Carrying the Tradition Forward (\$45,000)

Grant funds will pay a Tlingit Master Carver, stipends for two apprentices, and support public demonstrations during a 16-week canoe build, transmitting traditional maritime skills, strengthening cultural continuity, and engaging the wider community.

Valdez Museum & Historical Archive: Valdez: Life with the Water (\$10,106.12)

Grant funds will support displaying, interpreting, presenting, and teaching Valdez maritime history by incorporating VMHA maritime collections into existing exhibits. This work ensures public access to and connection with our local maritime history.

Eldred Rock Lighthouse Preservation Association: Eldred Rock Keeper Program & Self-guided Tour (\$50,000)

Grant funds will create interpretive signs, videos, and training materials for a self-guided tour at Eldred Rock Lighthouse, supported by Volunteer Keepers. This preserves living maritime skills and expands public access to the light station.

City of Ketchikan, Ketchikan Museum: Cedar and the Sea (\$29,590)

Grant funds will support professional photography of maritime heritage collections and documentation of the 2027 Canoe Journey. They will also cover speaker honoraria, travel, and logistics for a public Canoe Conference.

Katlian Collective: K'alyáan's Naaxein (\$50,000)

Grant funds will support weaving K'alyáan's Naaxein, a Chilkat robe documenting the Tlingit people's first sighting of foreign ships, to share Tlingit maritime living history.

Sitka Maritime Heritage Society: Sitka & Southeast Alaska's Trolling History (\$20,100)

Grant funds will create a ± 20-minute educational documentary promoting awareness of the historic significance of the trolling fishery in SE Alaska and how it has changed over time.

King Island Native Community: Traditional Umiaq (\$10,000)

Grant funds will document and build a traditional-style hunting boat to preserve cultural knowledge.