Society Update

United States Lighthouse Society Preservation Grants . . .

I am pleased to announce that the U.S. Lighthouse Society will be awarding Lighthouse Preservation Grants to lighthouses in 2022. Our grant committee made up of Society Board of Directors, have now selected important projects to fund. Keep in mind, supporting the U.S. Lighthouse Society’s Lighthouse Preservation Fund gives us the ability to award grants to lighthouses each year. The more we can raise, the more we can give away. Please consider making a donation by clicking this link:

https://uslhs.org/lh-preservation-grant-donation

Lighthouse projects from New England to Alaska will benefit from United States Lighthouse Society grants this year, as the Society transitions back from emergency organization support grants to its traditional Preservation Grants Program.

Work on lighthouses on the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf Coasts will be done with this year’s grants, which total $30,800. Grant money comes from investment interest on the Society’s dedicated Preservation Grants Fund, which is supported by donations. As the fund grows, more grant money will be available in future years.

This year’s grants have been awarded to Five Fingers Lighthouse in Alaska, Bolivar Point Lighthouse in Texas, Pomham Rocks Lighthouse in Rhode Island, Hudson-Athens Lighthouse in New York and Seguin Island Lighthouse in Maine.

Awards were approved by the Society board of directors after two rounds of evaluations of 30 projects. Some of the projects that will benefit from the grants include:

- **Five Fingers Lighthouse, AK**
- **Bolivar Point Lighthouse, TX**
- **Pomham Rocks Lighthouse, RI**
- **Hudson-Athens Lighthouse, NY**
- **Seguin Island Lighthouse, ME**

These projects are essential to preserving our nation’s lighthouse heritage and ensuring that these historic structures continue to serve as landmarks for seafarers and as symbols of our maritime history.
proposals, leading to recommendations by a grant committee. The Society’s grants program is led by board member Kraig Anderson and Vice President Henry Gonzalez.

At the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse, a rare lighthouse-mounted fog bell will have its deteriorating support timbers renewed, in a $10,000 project that is both a preservation and a public safety project for the river light.

At Bolivar Point Lighthouse, a $7,500 grant will be added to successful fundraising for a $21,500 project to block water intrusion from the gallery level of the tower.

For the Pomham Rocks Lighthouse, a $10,000 grant will help design, fabricate and install exterior window shutters, matching original elements in a way that will protect the lighthouse interior, including its displayed Fresnel lens, against increasingly severe coastal storms.

Five Fingers Lighthouse will benefit from a $2,000 grant to fund the first phase of a study to evaluate the lantern and provide the assessment that will allow volunteers to prioritize preservation work.

A request for $1,300 was approved for Seguin Island Light, off the Maine coast, to fund a professional assessment of deteriorated wood windows and plan future work.

Invitations to submit applications for up to a maximum of $10,000 in the 2023 grants cycle will be announced early next year.