

***Report to the Governor  
and the General Assembly on the  
Financial Status of the Lighthouse  
Preservation Special Fund***

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### Background

The Maryland Lighthouse Commission was created by the General Assembly in 1989 (Chapter 642, 1989 Laws of Maryland). The Lighthouse Preservation Special Fund was created in 1992 (Chapter 309, 1992 Laws of Maryland) and funded primarily by private gifts and donations. The statute creating the Commission was repealed in 1996, however the Fund was continued in order to fund outstanding lighthouse preservation efforts. The balance of the Lighthouse Preservation Special Fund, including interest earned, totaled \$17,029.98.

In 1995, Governor Schaefer reserved \$150,000 of the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) Historic Preservation Grant Fund specifically for lighthouse projects. This funding for lighthouses was a one-time set-aside, separate from the Lighthouse Preservation Special Fund.

Grant expenditures for Maryland Lighthouse projects dating from 1988 through 1997 were previously documented in a report submitted by Orlando Ridout V, Chief of the MHT Office of Survey, Research, and Development, on July 11, 1997 to the Honorable W. Ray Huff, former Chair of the Maryland Lighthouse Commission and lighthouse preservation advisor appointed by the DCHD Secretary under the statute establishing the Fund. Projects dating from 1998 through 2002 were documented in the report "Financial Status of the Lighthouse Preservation Special Fund, FY95-FY01" and the "2002 Report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the Financial Status of the Lighthouse Preservation Special Fund."

### Activities During Calendar Year 2004

No activities were undertaken in Calendar Year 2004.

### Conclusion

The uncommitted balance of the Lighthouse Preservation Special Fund totaled approximately \$45.62 at the close of 2004. The Fund balance will carry forward until the statute creating it (Article 83B, Section 5-614.1) is repealed. The Governor and General Assembly may wish either to add funds to reactivate the Special Fund or close out the Fund by repealing the Lighthouse Preservation Special Fund statute.