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Leslie Barras  
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Louisville, KY 40206

**Re: Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges (LSIORB) Historic Preservation and Enhancement Fund  
Grant Application for the Jefferson Jacob (Rosenwald) School Preservation Project at 6517 Jacob School  
Road in Prospect, Jefferson County, KY**

Dear Ms. Barras:

The Kentucky Heritage Council has received for review and consideration the above referenced grant application to rehabilitate the Jefferson Jacob (Rosenwald) School at 6517 Jacob School Road in Prospect, Jefferson County, Kentucky. The project outlined in the grant application is eligible to receive funding as stipulated in paragraph II.2.B of the LSIORB Settlement Agreement.

This project has been proposed in three phases: Phase I – Assessment Report; Phase II – Implementation of recommended treatment methods; and Phase III – Preservation Easement. As you are aware, the Historic Preservation and Enhancement Fund does not require a match, and funding is available in advance of project activities. However, funding for Category 1 type projects is made available in advance of each phase. For this project, we would therefore anticipate two funding allotments that are contingent upon the approval of each preceding phase.

Based on the information provided, and the amount of funding available in the initial grant round, the Kentucky Heritage Council is pleased to inform you that up to \$150,000.00 is being *made available* to fund the Jefferson Jacob School Preservation Project. We regret that your request for \$475,000.00 cannot be accommodated. For that reason, we recommend that the project scope be adjusted down to focus on exterior rehabilitation rather than the property's full rehabilitation.

Phase I of this project (Assessment Report) is specifically **approved** in the amount of \$20,000.00. While the outline provided for Phase II is consistent with general expectations regarding a rehabilitation project of this type, the completion of Phase I by a Secretary of the Interior (SOI) qualified historic architect/engineer will provide a more concise treatment plan and a better overall cost estimate in relation to the available funding.

Please be advised that the use of \$20,000.00 for Phase I will not require the placement of a preservation easement on the property. The Assessment Report will inform decision-making for physical repairs in relation to the remaining funds (\$130,000.00). Once physical repairs are approved and initiated, the requirement to place a preservation easement on the property will take effect.

Additional items of note:

- 1) The completion of a Historic Structures Report (as defined in National Park Service *Preservation Brief 43 – The Preparation and Use of Historic Structures Reports*) will not be required for this project. Rather, we request the development of a treatment plan and cost proposal that follows the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Tax Credit Application process (<http://heritage.ky.gov/incentives/>). Recommendations should be based on the Secretary of the Interior's standards and guidelines for rehabilitation.
- 2) Total funding for the project in the amount of \$150,000.00 is being made available but is not guaranteed. The successful completion of Phase I and the feasibility of rehabilitation in relation to available funding will be necessary to receive approval to fund additional phases.

Please contact me at your convenience to receive instructions on receiving advanced funds to initiate Phase I activities.

Sincerely,



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State Historic Preservation Officer