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WORK PROGRAM 1997

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2000

LCMR Workprogram 1998:

I. PROJECT TITLE: Native American Perspective of the Historic North Shore

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TOTAL BIENNIAL PROJECT BUDGET:

\$LCMR:	\$60,000.00	\$Match:	\$64,000.00
-\$LCMR Amount:	37,177.67	\$Match amount spent	64,000.00
=\$LCMR Balance:	\$	\$Match Balance	\$0

A. Legal Citation: ML 1997, [Chap. 216], Sec. [15], Subd.5 (g). Historic.

Appropriate Language: This appropriation is from the Future Resources Fund to the Minnesota Historical Society for an agreement with the Sugarloaf Interpretive Center Association for an interpretive study of Native Americans on the North Shore of Lake Superior. This appropriation must be matched by at least \$30,000 of non-State money. (a) The availability of the appropriations for the following projects is extended to June 30, 2000 Laws 1997, chapter 216, section 15, subdivision 5, paragraph (g) Native American Perspective of the historic north shore...

Status of Match Requirement: The Grand Portage Reservation Council approved the \$30,000 match requirement as stated in the December 31, 1997 Letter of Agreement. Please note that the Grand Portage National Monument has elected to join this project and contributed \$34,000 to the match, bringing the total match up to \$64,000.00.

PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS:

The history of Native Americans on the North Shore of Lake Superior has not been documented except in very general terms. The historical societies of St. Louis, Cook, and Lake Counties have very sparse information on the subject. Much of the historical information is in the form of oral history maintained by resident Native Americans. The present LCMR project gathered and recorded this information to make it available to the Grand Portage Reservation Council, area historical societies, and the future Sugarloaf Interpretive Center to be located at Sugarloaf Cove. The results are recorded oral histories and interviews, which will be added to and maintained as historical records in the local archives. The archives of local, state and Canadian historical societies (and churches) were reviewed to supplement knowledge

gained from the oral histories. An interpretive brochure was developed based on key stories included in the interviews and a summary report is being written based on the reports and maps.

III. PROGRESS SUMMARY:

The annotated bibliography has been completed and a copy is attached.

The oral history interviews are completed and a list of interviewees is attached. All tapes have been transcribed and the transcriptions, consisting of about 4 inches of paper, are available upon request. The transcriptions will be provided to the Grand Portage Tribal Council and the Grand Portage National Monument. The interpretive brochure is completed and a copy is attached. The final report from the contractors is not completed at this time, but is expected within 4 weeks, and will include in introduction to the 1854 Treaty, a brief history of the Grand Portage Band, excerpts from the interviews, pictures of interviewees, and maps summarizing the stories. This final report will be submitted as soon as possible.

IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS

RESULT 1: Conduct interviews and gather oral histories.

Grand Portage Reservation Council members, in conjunction with SICA staff, secured the services of two trusted individuals that have an understanding of and sensitivity to the Native American culture AND that have the experience and ability to conduct reliable oral history interviews. Council members and SICA staff assisted these individuals in developing an approach to the interviews and in determining the best method for recording the information gathered. Specific sensitivity was paid to Council member concerns regarding privacy, tribal lore that must not be made public, and family issues. Thirty interviews have been completed on audio tape and transcribed. Still pictures were taken of each interviewee.

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
LCMR	\$5,000	\$0
Match	\$64,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$69,000	\$0

Projected completion date: April 30, 2000

RESULT 2: Conduct archive research at state and local historical societies.

Records at the Minnesota State Historical Society in St. Paul, as well as local and regional historical societies in Grand Marais, Two Harbors, Schroeder, Silver Bay, and St. Louis County, will be reviewed for information pertaining to Native American history on the North Shore. Churches in Thunder Bay and Fort Frances will also be contacted regarding archival data they may hold. An annotated bibliography of available Native American historical information has been prepared and is attached.

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
LCMR	\$15,000	\$
Match	0	0
TOTAL	\$15,000	\$

Projected completion date: June 30, 2000

RESULT 3: Publication and distribution of results.

A series of pamphlets and papers is in the process of being developed based on the results of the literature review and oral histories. Educational packages will be generated for potential use by the Grand Portage Reservation Council in local schools. Pamphlet content and approach will be based on

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the targeted audience. After working on the project this long, the team decided the following materials would be appropriate:

- ⇒ transcribed tapes of all interviews (completed)
- ⇒ annotated bibliography (completed)
- ⇒ formal report, including pictures and stories and integrating materials (pending)
- ⇒ 10 maps showing land use practices (pending)
- ⇒ a summary brochure showing the use of the North Shore by Native Americans (completed)

Funding Source	Budget Amount	Balance
LCMR	\$40,000	\$
Match	0	0
TOTAL	\$40,000	\$

Completion date: July 31, 2000

V. Dissemination

The annotated bibliography will be made available to state and local historical societies and libraries. This document, along with the maps, final report, and summary brochure will be provided to area residential environmental learning centers and public and private schools in Northeastern Minnesota. Additional pamphlets and displays may also be generated for interpretive use by the Grand Portage Reservation Council and the Sugarloaf Interpretive Center Association.

VI. Context

A. Significance:

There is little written information available in libraries, historical societies, or over the Internet, which delineates the role of and use by Native Americans on the North Shore of Lake Superior prior to European settlement. Writing down that which has been told from generation to generation may provide a better understanding to all cultures living in Northeastern Minnesota just what life used to be like along the North Shore, prior to European settlement. The challenges faced and the values held by Native Americans prior to European settlement did contribute to the culture of the current Grand Portage Reservation members. Learning how the land and lake were used will contribute to a better interpretation of the Sugarloaf Cove area and will raise the level of awareness of all audiences targeted in this project.

B. Time:

This project will be completed by July 31, 2000

VII. Cooperation

The Grand Portage Reservation Council has agreed to be both a cooperator as well as the source of the match component of this project. SICA staff met with the head of the Council on May 13, 1998 and he reiterated his intense interest in and commitment to the project. A plan of action was agreed to at that meeting.

To date, the Cook County Historical Society, the Grand Portage National Monument, and the Northeast Minnesota Historical Society have agreed to participate in this project as well.

VIII. Reporting Requirements

Quarterly Workprogram reports will be submitted by the Daily Contact to the LCMR staff no later than April 30, 1999; July 30, 1999; October 30, 1999; January 30, 2000; and April 30, 2000. A draft final Workprogram report will be submitted by June 30, 2000 and the final on July 31, 2000.

TASK 1. Oral History Interviews

Oral history interviews were conducted with the following elders of the Grand Portage Ojibwe Band. All interviews were conducted in the narrator's place of residence.

INTERVIEW #	NARRATOR	INTERVIEWER	DATE OF INTERVIEW	NUMBER OF TAPES	LENGTH
1	Amyotte, Bill			1	90 min.
2	Anderson, Donna			1	90 min.
3	Anderson, Richard	Don Auger/Paul Driben	6/8/99	1	90 min.
4	Blank, Doris			1	90 min.
5	Caribou, Gilbert			1	90 min.
6	Deschampe, Norman	Don Auger	9/29/99	1	90 min.
7	Deschamps, Irene			1	90 min.
8	Deschamps, Loraine			1	90 min.
9	Duhaime, Buddy			1	90 min.
10	Gagnon, Curtis			1	90 min.
11	Hackell, Carol			1	90 min.
12	Hendrickson, Mary Jane	Don Auger/Paul Driben		2	180 min.
13	Hoffman, Betty Lou			1	90 min.
14	Johansen, Dorothy			1	90 min.
15	Kasames, Dora			1	90 min.
16	LaPlante, Coconut (Jim)			1	90 min.
17	Morrison, George			1	90 min.
18	Morrison, Michael	Don Auger	10/6/99	1	90 min.
19	Mrs. Jourdain			1	90 min.
20	Myers, Bill			1	90 min.
21	Olson, Ed			1	90 min.
22	Olson, Ellen	Don Auger	8/10/99	2	180 min.
23	Rev. Fr. Maurice			1	90 min.
24	Russell, Christine			2	180 min.
25	Sullivan, Irene	Don Auger	7/30/99	1	90 min.
26	Wilson, Loraine			1	90 min.
27	Wipson, Jim			1	90 min.
28	Zimmerman, Susan			1	90 min.

TASK 2: ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

An annotated bibliography, with the transmittal letter containing additional reference material is attached. The bibliography is considered a living document by the authors, although is considered complete under this project. Additional information may be gathered in the future and will be forwarded to the Minnesota Historical Society if desired.