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LOWELL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
FY 1985 CONSTRUCTION BUDGET REQUEST

BOOTT MILLS, CULTURAL CENTER AREA

Acquisition of parking lot opposite former H&H Paper Co. building, replacement of 130 private parking spaces.....	\$1,400,000
Landscape park, develop outdoor performance center.....	1,000,000
Immigrant, labor exhibits.....	200,000

CANAL RELATED

Pawtucket Canal project completion, canal area improvements (relocate bridge utilities, remove piers, trash boom, landscape canal bank opposite Georges building).....	600,000
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GRANTS

Boott Mill area: Boott Mill facades, Surf Hotel, Bridge St. Boarding House, Kearney Sq. Garage site, Cotton Warehouse).....	750,000
Nationally significant Park, Preservation District buildings...	750,000

TROLLEY

All season closed historic trolley car.....	300,000
Track extension to Pawtucket Canal/Lower Locks, hotel site.....	225,000
Track upgrading.....	150,000

PROJECT PLANNING

Architectural/engineering, construction supervision services...	500,000
TOTAL	\$5,875,000

SUMMARY

The primary goal of the above requests is to finish major Commission projects including Boott Mill area work, Central Street/Pawtucket Canal improvements, and the Historic Trolley.

With only three full fiscal years remaining prior to the end of the Commission's term in 1988, this represents an outstanding opportunity to complete the Commission's mandated projects.

Failure of the Commission to complete its work will have a severe adverse impact on the Lowell National Historical Park. The Park does not have the legislative latitude to provide the type of incentives that have resulted in more than \$20 million in private investment related to historic preservation--the direct result of Commission programs. The funds requested will guarantee the portrayal of the complete Lowell story in a restored setting, connected by an historic transportation system responsive to local and visitor needs, and with additional private development governed by Commission endorsed design standards.

A full project-by-project justification will be prepared by January 30.