

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

May 16, 1983

Agency/Bureau: National Park Service

Fiscal Year: 1984

Appropriation: Operation of the National Park System

Activity: Operation of the National Park System

Proposed Amendment: +\$101,000 to be provided to maintain two new facilities, make up salary and benefit deficiencies, add two FTE positions, Lowell Historic Preservation Commission, Lowell, Massachusetts

Current Program: Commission ONPS budget for FY 1983 was \$407,000, 1.75% above FY 1980 level. Responsibilities include planning for and managing four major properties, 24 commercial tenants, grant and loan programs, maintaining technical services division, and administering \$3,600,000+ in construction projects.

Amount budgeted in FY 1984: A total of \$425,000 is recommended in the FY 1984 ONPS total.

Feasibility:

Capability: No maintenance funds are authorized despite the anticipated opening of two new facilities (Boott Mill Boarding House, Pawtucket Canal pedestrian walk and canal barge landing). Base increase does not cover automatic personnel increases for present or past years. Present personnel are not qualified to supervise current construction projects. Without additional funds, new facilities cannot be opened and dangerous conditions will occur at current properties, affecting visitors and tenants.

Outlay effect: Fiscal 1984 - \$101,000

Proposal made by: Congressman James M. Shannon