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FILM AND RADIO GRANTS AWARDED IN SOUTHEAST MASS

Northampton, MA – The Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities has awarded grants for a film and a radio series documenting a wide range of local stories.

- **\$8,890 to the Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern MA** in New Bedford, for “Voices from the Port,” radio segments based on oral histories collected during New Bedford’s Working Waterfront Festival. WBSM and WCAI will broadcast the spots, which also will be available on several websites. Contact Laura Orleans, (508) 993-8894 or <mailto:lcorleans@verizon.net>
- **\$10,000 to the Center for Independent Documentary** of Sharon to support pre-production work for the documentary *Âs Nutayuneân – We Still Live Here*, about the life and work of Jessie Little-Doe, who single-handedly resurrected the Wampanoag language. Contact Anne Makepeace, (917) 674-1933, or <mailto:amakepeace@aol.com>

These are two of thirteen grants totaling \$109,972 that Mass Humanities made this quarter for humanities projects in communities across the state. “Voices of the Port” was funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council’s John and Abigail Adams Arts Program for Cultural Economic Development. Seven of the thirteen, totaling \$64,382, were made under the thematic initiative “Liberty and Justice for All,” for projects that explore these fundamental principles in American political life and their interplay, past and present

The Northampton-based Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities is affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Mass Humanities conducts and supports projects that use history, literature, philosophy, and the other humanities disciplines to strengthen and enhance civic life across the Commonwealth. For further information about initiatives, grant deadlines, and awarded grants, visit: www.masshumanities.org.

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