

2. The sum of \$120,000 is requested for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 in total to be appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for:

A. Underwater Preserves.....\$60,000

All underwater historic sites in the Vermont waters of Lake Champlain belong in public trust and under the authority of the Division for Historic Preservation. It is the Division's responsibility to protect, manage, and interpret this public heritage and keep it safe for the diving and boating public. The Capital appropriation provides funds for mooring buoys and underwater signs, emergency response equipment for the boat provided by the Vermont State Police for Underwater Preserve monitoring, for the identification of additional sites that could be opened to the public as Preserves, conservation of recovered artifacts, and above water interpretive displays.

B. Roadside Historic Markers .....\$30,000

These funds are requested for the continued erection of Roadside Historic Site Markers. This program, which has been active since 1947, places new markers and replaces damaged markers across the State to identify historically significant places, events or people.

C. Unmarked Burial Fund.....\$30,000

According to Statute 18 V.S.A.§5212b, the fund shall be used to monitor excavations; protect, preserve, move, or reinter unmarked burial sites and human remains; to perform archaeological assessments and investigations, including radar scanning and any other nonintrusive technology or technique designed to determine the presence of human remains; to provide mediation and other appropriate dispute resolution services; and to acquire property or development rights.

Total Request for FY 2016	\$393,000
Total Request for FY 2017	<u>\$295,000</u>
Total Request for Section 5 FY 2016 and FY 2017	\$688,000