2023 Historic Preservation Grants Recommendations Summary

Background Summary: By providing matching funds on a competitive basis, the Historic Preservation Program supports projects that promote the public's access to county history. Funding is available for professional development, public education, and capital improvements or collections management.   Money is awarded from recording fees collected by the Snohomish County Auditor. The allocation of these fees for projects that "promote historical preservation or historical programs, which may include preservation of historic documents" is authorized under RCW 36.22.170. The revenues accrue to a dedicated fund and may not be used for any purposes other than those stipulated in the RCW.

Summary: The commission met on February 21, 2023 to review 13 grant requests. Commissioners Loren Kraetz, Jennifer Hushour, Frederick Cruger, Chris Jenkins and Franklin Ng, Cheri Ryan were present. There were $178,364.00 in grant requests which were submitted for $100,000 in grant funding. The Historic Preservation Commission recommends grant funding to 9 out of the 13 projects reviewed:

CHP 2023 01
Project Applicant: City of Lynnwood
Project: ADA Improvements Lynnwood Urban Railcar
Project Budget: $ 20,180
Amount Requested: $15,980
Recommendation: $ $15,980 full funding recommended

Purchase of a wheelchair lift and a lighter hatch to facilitate ADA access to the historic Urban Streetcar (Trolley) #55.

CHP 2023 02
Project Applicant: City of Granite Falls Historical Society
Project: Newspaper Digitization Sno-Isle Library
Project Budget: $20,000
Amount Requested: $19,500
Recommendation: $19,500 full funding recommended

The project proposes to digitize Snohomish Tribune newspapers from 1921 through 1941 (completing the pre-war era). The previous endeavor digitized newspapers from 1910 to 1920. This project is a continuation.

CHP 2023 03
Project Applicant: Sky Valley Arts Council
Project: Public Mural-Honoring Boeda Strand
Project Budget: $26,400
Amount Requested: $20,000
Recommendation: No Funding recommended

This project will produce a public mural honoring Sultan John's sister and basket maker Boeda Strand. The mural will incorporate public involvement during its creation. The mural will benefit tourism and history in the City of Sultan.

CHP 2020 04
Project Applicant: HistoryLink
Project: Snohomish County Writing our History
Project Budget: $33,230
Amount Requested: $8,000
Recommendation: $8,000 full funding recommended

Project will add Snohomish County content to HistoryLink.org focusing on Snohomish County people, businesses and places that have shaped the County's history. The 2023 focus will include 13 new articles and a one self-guided walking tour available online.

CHP 2020 05
Project Applicant: Lake Stevens Historical Society
Project: Storage Capacity Expansion
Project Budget: $3,799
Amount Requested: $3,099
Recommendation: $3,099 full funding recommended

Digitization of remaining newspaper collection as well as an early school newspaper and several smaller short-lived local papers. The digitization will preserve some of the more fragile newspapers and make them available to the public online.

CHP 2020 06
Project Applicant: Sno-Isle Genealogical Society
Project: Newspaper Digitization-Edmond Tribune
Project Budget: $19,114.20
Amount Requested: $20,000
Recommendation: $19,000 partial funding actual estimate of costs rec.

Digitization of the Edmonds Tribune from 1908 to 1927 and further if funding allows. This project will make these newspapers available and searchable by the public online.

CHP 2023 07
Project Applicant: Stillaguamish Valley Pioneer Museum #1
Project: Maintain and Digitize glass negatives and other photographs
Project Budget: $11,411.50
Amount Requested: $10,586
Recommendation: $ 4,890 Partial funding recommended

This project will clean, digitize and preserve 1,179 glass negatives, oversize photos and pioneer family photos. The commission voted to fung only the cleaning of glass negatives since this requires some expertise. No expenses for other activities as previous grants have funded the purchase of scanners, computers and software specifically for the purpose of digitization of historic photographs. The latter can be accomplished in-house by volunteers and does not require special skills.

CHP 2023-08

Project Applicant: Stillaguamish Pioneer Museum #2

Project: Mannequins and other display pieces

Project Budget: $5,250

Amount Requested: $4,200

Recommendation: No funding recommended

Purchase of mannequins, wig stands and other accessories to display historic clothing.

CHP 2023-09

Project Applicant: Evergreen State Fair Park

Project: Shannahan Cabin Roof Replacement

Project Budget: $20,886.61

Amount Requested: $13,500

Recommendation: $13,500 full funding recommended

The project proposes to replace the roof on the historic Shannahan Cabin at the EvergreenState Fair Park. The roof is deteriorated and allowing water to damage the interior. The Shannahan Cabin is the first building on the Snohomish County Register of Historic Places.

CHP 2023-10
Project Applicant: Cascade Art Museum
Project: Art Work Digitization
Project Budget: $48,000
Amount Requested: $25,000
Recommendation: No funding recommended

Digitization of current art collection and creation of a user-friendly website.

CHP 2023-11
Project Applicant: Edmonds South Historical Society
Project: Art Work Digitization
Project Budget: $5,050
Amount Requested: $5,050
Recommendation: $5,050 Full Funding Recommended

The project will create a travelling exhibit in partnership with the historic Edmonds Theatre which is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

CHP 2023-12
Project Applicant: Monroe Historical Society
Project: Art Work Digitization
Project Budget: $17,241
Amount Requested: $10,981
Recommendation: $10,981 Full Funding Recommended

Complete the digitization of the Monroe Monitor from the years 1980 to 1999.

CHP 2023-13
Project Applicant: Everett Museum
Project: Art Work Digitization
Project Budget: $25,628
Amount Requested: $22,468
Recommendation: No funding recommended

Purchase art storage system and work table for preservation and storage .