



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 11, 2019

DATE: Thursday, June 06, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Andrea Tavener, Public Information and Development Officer, Library
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THROUGH: Jeff Scott, Library Director

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve grant funds from the State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Commission For Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation in the amount of [\$10,632; no County match] for a grant term beginning July 1, 2019 through May 1, 2020, for Downtown Reno Library Renovations; Direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize the Library Director to sign the grant award documents. (Commission District 3.)

SUMMARY

The Library is requesting Board's approval of grant funds from the State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Commission For Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation in the amount of [\$10,632; no County match required] for a grant term beginning July 1, 2019 through May 1, 2020, for Downtown Reno Library Renovations; Direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize the Library Director to sign the grant award documents.

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Stewardship of our community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Library initially applied for a \$75,000 State Historic Preservation Office grant to help defray costs to renovate the Downtown Reno Library, restore original functions, and expand the children's section of the library. The State Historic Preservation Office awarded us \$10,632. in grant funding to support the public art and restoration of historic features of the building.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Downtown Reno Renovations.

Scope of the Project: Grant funding is awarded via a competitive process through the State of Nevada. These funds will be used to provide and enhance the outdoor area of the Downtown Reno Library. The planning design includes a protective decorative cap or artistic fence that would sit on top of the planter wall around the Downtown Reno Library. The cap will allow the exterior wall to be preserved while providing a small decorative cap highlighting the historic library. The design will replicate a shelf of books and will also say LIBRARY in block letters.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Public Art is a major component of the City of Reno Downtown Culture Master Plan. The Downtown Reno Library sits right in between Downtown and Mid-Town Reno making it the linchpin to keeping the community connected. It is not only directly connected to other cultural resources, but also has historical connections to the City of Reno. As one walks around the area, one can see large sculptures and cultural resources throughout the Downtown area. We are adjacent to the Terry Lee Wells Discover Center and the Nevada Museum of Art. The Downtown Reno Library is a key piece of the cultural community both in the services it provides and the buildings it inhabits. The Washoe County Library System intends to use the grant funds to beautify the surrounding area to increase visibility, but also to make this great cultural resource stand out to better serve the population. Sculptures and other public art will surround the building to make the library more visible and consistent with the Downtown Reno look. The Downtown Reno Library holds a historical archive that's an asset to the community.

On-Going Program Support: N/A: Grant funds will not be used to support costs of ongoing programs.

Award Amount: \$10,632.00

Grant Period: July 1, 2019 through May 1, 2020

Funding Source: State of Nevada

Pass Through Entity: N/A

CFDA Number: N/A

Grant ID Number: CCCHP-17-08

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the Library’s FY19 adopted budget will be increased by \$10,632.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
11577-432100	State Grant Revenue	\$10,632.00
11577-710205	Repairs and Maint.	\$10,632.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve grant funds from the State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Commission For Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation in the amount of [\$10,632; no County match] for a grant term beginning July 1, 2019 through May 1, 2020, for Downtown Reno Library Renovations; Direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize the Library Director to sign the grant award documents.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move approve grant funds from the State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Commission For Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation in the amount of [\$10,632; no County match] for a grant term beginning July 1, 2019 through May 1, 2020, for Downtown Reno Library Renovations; Direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize the Library Director to sign the grant award documents.”