

AGENDA ITEM 9.01

California Cultural and Historical Endowment Board Meeting
9/29/2011

STAFF REPORT

GRANTEE: Isleton Brannan Andrus Historical Society
PROJECT: Bing Kong Tong Phase 1 Stabilization
LOCATION: Isleton
PROJECT SUMMARY: Structural stabilization of the Bing Kong Tong Building including installation of a new roof and restoration of the building's Main Street façade.
FUNDING RESERVED: \$140,800
FUNDING RESERVATION DATE: 4/5/2011
FUNDING APPROVAL DATE: 04/05/2011
IN GRANT AGREEMENT?: No
GRANT AGREEMENT TERM:
FUNDING ROUND: Funding Round 4

BACKGROUND INFO

The Bing Kong Tong building located in the city of Isleton, represents a significant example of Chinese American architecture, as well as a tangible connection to the cultural heritage of the town. Erected in 1926, this "tong" or meeting hall was a community center organized under a benevolent society. It operated a Chinese language school and offered the local Chinese Americans social services and a place to gather. The building was recognized in the National Register nomination for the Isleton Asian-American Historic District as the "most interesting building" in the Chinese section of town and "the only one that retains any distinctly Chinese inspirations." The CCHE Round 4 grant will help fund the stabilization of the building including replacing the severely deteriorated roof and the restoration of the building's Main Street façade.

REQUEST

Applicant seeks approval of funding in the amount of \$40,800, which is the remainder of the original request that was not approved for funding at the April 5, 2011, Board meeting due to insufficient residual funds to make a full award. Additional funds have resulted from closed-out projects, enabling the ability to fund the balance of the request for the applicant.

BUDGET DETAIL

	CCHE Budget	Match
PreDevelopment Costs:	\$0	\$20,000
Building and Facility Costs:	\$128,000	\$56,850
Contingency:	\$12,800	\$0
Indirect/Admin:	\$0	\$7,685
 Total:	 \$140,800	 \$84,535

CEQA STATUS

CCHE staff has reviewed the environmental effects of the Project and concurs with the Lead Agency for this Project, the City of Isleton, that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301(d) of the CEQA guidelines (Existing Facilities). The project consists of the structural stabilization of the building including installation of a new roof and restoration of the building's Main Street façade.

PROPERTY ARRANGEMENT

The applicant, Isleton Brannan Andrus Historical Society, was granted the property (Bing Kong Tong of Isleton) from the Bing Kong Tong Benevolent Association, as evident by a Grant Deed recorded on December 7, 1994.

MATCH REQUIREMENT

The applicant has demonstrated that they have the required match of 60% of CCHE funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends the Board approve the CEQA exemption cited above and approve the award in the amount of \$40,800.

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