

# AGENDA ITEM 9.05

California Cultural and Historical Endowment Board Meeting

9/29/2011

## STAFF REPORT

**GRANTEE:** Fullerton Historic Theatre Foundation  
**PROJECT:** Fox Fullerton Theatre Restoration  
**LOCATION:** Fullerton  
**PROJECT SUMMARY:** This Round 4 project consists of the restoration and preservation of various architectural and artistic features of the Fullerton Fox Theatre.  
**FUNDING RESERVED:** \$300,000  
**FUNDING RESERVATION DATE:** Not Applicable: On Wait List  
**FUNDING APPROVAL DATE:**  
**IN GRANT AGREEMENT?:** No  
**GRANT AGREEMENT TERM:**  
**FUNDING ROUND:** Funding Round 4

## BACKGROUND INFO

The Fullerton Fox Theatre in Orange County is a classic 1925 "movie palace," the last of its kind in the county with restorable elements. It served as a vaudeville and silent picture venue and was the first theater in Orange County wired for "talkies." The theater fell into disrepair in the 1980s and closed in 1987.

The reopened theater will provide a venue for classic-film screenings, live performances, community events, and education outreach programs.

The Round 4 grant will be used to restore and preserve the various architectural and artistic features of the theatre, including dimensional plaster work, unique hand-stenciled artwork, hand-crafted murals and ceiling plaster and decoration.

## REQUEST

Applicant seeks approval of funding in the amount of \$300,000.

## BUDGET DETAIL

	CCHE Budget	Match
<b>PreDevelopment Costs:</b>	<b>\$93,000</b>	<b>\$55,800</b>
<b>Building and Facility Costs:</b>	<b>\$207,000</b>	<b>\$124,200</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$300,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$180,000</u></b>

## CEQA STATUS

CCHE staff has independently reviewed the environmental effects of the Project and concurs with the Lead Agency, the City of Fullerton, that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15331, Class 31. Class 31 consists of projects limited to maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation,

conservation or reconstruction of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings. The project consists of the restoration and preservation of architectural and artistic features of the historic Fullerton Fox Theatre.

**PROPERTY ARRANGEMENT**

The applicant holds a Deed recorded on January 24, 2005.

**MATCH REQUIREMENT**

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

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends the Board approve the CEQA exemption cited above and approve the award in the amount of \$300,000.

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