

AGENDA ITEM 9.07

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

STAFF REPORT

GRANTEE: Northern California Indian Development Council
PROJECT: Carson Block Building Facade Project
LOCATION: Eureka
PROJECT SUMMARY: Reconstruction of the facade of the Carson Block Building including architectural and engineering plans required to restore turrets and facade.
FUNDING RESERVED: \$411,856
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 Carson Block Building and the Ingomar Theater is a 51,544 square foot Nationally Registered historical building in Old Town, Eureka. The Carson Block served as the hub of cultural and social activity of the region through the first part of the 20th century. The building was designed by Samuel Newsom and constructed in 1892 of local redwood and pressed brick in the Queen Ann architectural style. The wood facade was graced with terra cotta panels, copper flashing, numerous bay and arched windows and three turrets. The purpose of this project is to reconstruct the facade of the Carson Block which was drastically altered during a modernization in the 1950's, in which the decorative panels and one turret were removed and stucco added to cover the original wood exterior.

REQUEST

Applicant requests funding in the amount of \$411,856.

BUDGET DETAIL

	CCHE:	Match:
Architectural and Engineering plans	\$47,220	\$8,680
Facade & Turret Restoration	346,745	231,163
Admin. Costs - Indirect	17,891	11,927
Total:	<u>\$411,856</u>	<u>\$251,770</u>

CEQA STATUS

CCHE has independently reviewed the Project and concurs with the Lead Agency, City of Eureka, that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15331, Class 31, Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation of the CEQA Guidelines. The project consists of the rehabilitation of the building facade and the required architectural and engineering costs associated with the facade restoration.

PROPERTY ARRANGEMENT

Applicant owns the building.

MATCH REQUIREMENT

Applicant indicates that the match consists of a City Facade Program grant, NCIDC revenue, cash from fundraising and Historic Tax Credits.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends the Board approve the CEQA exemption cited above and approve the award in the amount of \$411,856.

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