

# AGENDA ITEM 9.08

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

## STAFF REPORT

**GRANTEE:** San Francisco Museum and Historical Society  
**PROJECT:** The Mint Project  
**LOCATION:** San Francisco  
**PROJECT SUMMARY:** CCHE funds will be used to support the planning and development of sustainable interventions, schematic design for museum galleries and ground level vaults.  
**FUNDING RESERVED:** \$250,000  
**FUNDING RESERVATION DATE:** Not Applicable: On Wait List  
**FUNDING APPROVAL DATE:**  
**IN GRANT AGREEMENT?:** No  
**GRANT AGREEMENT TERM:**  
**FUNDING ROUND:** Funding

## BACKGROUND INFO

The San Francisco Mint, also known as the Old Mint, was a branch of the United States Mint that was opened in 1854 to serve the gold mines of the California Gold Rush, turning gold bullion into coins. In 1874, Mint operations moved into a new, larger building made of granite, sandstone, and concrete. This new structure was the sole physical structure that survived the 1906 earthquake in the Yerba Buena district and has been a National Historic Landmark since 1961. The San Francisco Museum and Historical Society is adapting the building to create a visitor center and museum.

This multipurpose project will preserve and restore the 1874 Old Mint building and establish the San Francisco Museum - to tell the diverse stories of San Francisco, illuminating the City's role in the cultural, social and economic development of California.

The Mint's goal is to be the most energy-efficient, sustainable National Historic Landmark in the country, as well as a model for the innovative conversion of historic buildings.

Round 4 CCHE funds will be used for the completion of design development documents for sustainable interventions and the schematic design of Vault Galleries.

## REQUEST

Applicant requests approval of funding award in the amount of \$250,000.

## BUDGET DETAIL

	CCHE Budget	Match
Predevelopment Costs	\$ 167,805	\$149,998
Interpretive Exhibit/Cap. Asset Costs:	\$42,700	\$37,500
Contingency Costs:	\$18,445	\$0
Indirect/Admin:	\$21,050	\$0

Total:

\$250,000

\$187,498

**CEQA STATUS**

CCHE has reviewed the environmental effects of the Project as described in the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the Lead Agency, the City and County of San Francisco, and concurs that there is no substantial evidence that the Project could have a significant effect on the environment based upon the criteria of the Guidelines of the State Secretary for Resources, Sections 15064(Determining Significant Effect), 15065 (Mandatory Findings of Significance) and 15070 (Decision to Prepare a Negative Declaration) and due to implementation of applicable mitigation measures described in Exhibit A.

**PROPERTY ARRANGEMENT**

The applicant holds a Quitclaim Deed recorded on August 5, 2003, granting the City and County of San Francisco the right, title and interest to the Old U.S. Mint from the United States of America.

**MATCH REQUIREMENT**

The applicant has stated they have more than 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 \$250,000.

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