

AGENDA ITEM 10.03

California Cultural and Historical Endowment Board Meeting
1/30/2013

STAFF REPORT

GRANTEE: City of Atascadero
PROJECT: Restoration of Atascadero City Hall
LOCATION: Atascadero
PROJECT SUMMARY: CCHE Round 4 funds will be used for fire/safety code and ADA requirement upgrades in order to allow maximum public access.
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

The City Hall was originally designed and constructed to be the centerpiece of the Atascadero Colony, a utopian community planned by Edward Gardner Lewis. Construction began in 1914 utilizing local resources including bricks made from local clay and completed in 1918.

The building houses two separate and distinct rotunda spaces on the first and fourth floors in the center of the building with offices ringing the perimeter. The first floor rotunda was designed to be a museum to showcase agricultural and mineral products. The fourth floor rotunda was planned to be the community library. The Hall is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a California Registered Historical Landmark.

The hall functioned as the Colony Holding Company headquarters until the Colony's bankruptcy in the mid-1920s. Later the site functioned as an administration building. Extensive damage occurred to the City hall as a result of the San Simeon Earthquake in 2003, rendering it uninhabitable.

CCHE Round 4 funds will be used for fire/safety code and ADA requirement upgrades in order to allow maximum public access to future visitors in order to grasp the significant of the buildings robust architecture and renovation.

REQUEST

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

BUDGET DETAIL

	CCHE BUDGET	MATCH
Building and Facility Costs	\$300,000	\$180,000
TOTAL	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>

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 of Atascadero, and concurs that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment based upon the criteria of the Guidelines of the State Secretary for Resources, Sections 15070 (Decision to Prepare a Negative Declaration), Public Resources Code Section 21064.5 (An Initial Study or Mitigated Negative Declaration may be prepared if the Initial Study identified a potentially significant effect for which the project proponent has made, or agrees to make, project revisions that clearly mitigate the effects), and due to implementation of applicable mitigation measures described in Exhibit A.

PROPERTY ARRANGEMENT

The ownership of Atascadero City Hall was transferred to City of Atascadero from the County of San Luis Obispo. A copy of the transfer resolution (No. 80-217) dated July 30, 1980, from the County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors, is on file.

MATCH REQUIREMENT

The applicant has met the 60% match requirement for this grant award.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board adopt the CEQA findings cited in Exhibit A that are applicable to the activities funded by CCHE as a condition of Grant Approval and approve the award in the amount of \$300,000.

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