

STAFF REPORT

Date: February 14, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of a Major Project Grant from Nevada Humanities to support the research, design, fabrication, and installation of up to seven historic markers recognizing historic events, places, or people associated with public historic buildings, Reno's historic Douglas Alley, and the site of Reno's historic Chinatown in the amount of \$5,625.

From: Megan Berner, Arts and Culture Manager

Department: City Manager's Office – Arts and Culture

Summary:

On January 12, 2023, Nevada Humanities approved funding of a Major Project Grant in the amount of \$5,625 to support the research, design, fabrication, and installation of up to seven historic markers in the downtown area. This grant requires a cash match of \$5,000. The match will come from Room Tax and Council Donations.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?		X
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		X
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?	X	
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	0.000006%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources

Previous Council Action:

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Background:

In their 2023/2024 Strategic Plan Work Program, the Historical Resources Commission (HRC) identified historic markers and informational display panels as something to pursue to further create a forum for shared educational resources and provide knowledge of Reno's historic resources. The City of Reno Master Plan outlines the importance of protecting and preserving Reno's heritage and historic assets, including providing educational resources and recognizing historic resources. (Reimagine Reno GP 7.5)

At their meeting on August 10, 2023, the HRC voiced support for staff to write a historic marker proposal and a grant application to Nevada Humanities for a Major Project Grant to support research, design, fabrication, and installation of up to 7 historic markers in the downtown area.

Discussion:

Staff applied for a Nevada Humanities Major Project Grant in September 2023. On January 11, 2024, Nevada Humanities notified the City of an award of \$5,625. The grant requires a 1:1 match that can be part cash and part in-kind. The grant application stated a \$5,000 cash match. The period of performance for this grant is November 1, 2023, to October 31, 2024.

The proposed marker locations are outlined in the attached proposal and include the Old Washoe County Courthouse at 75 Court Street, Lake Street Bridge (Site of Reno's Chinatown), McKinley Park School at 925 Riverside Drive, Douglas Alley, Lear Theater at 501 Riverside Drive, California Building at 75 Cowan Drive, and Reno City Hall at 1 E. First Street.

Financial Implications:

This grant requires a cash match of \$5,000. The match will come from Room Tax and Council Donations.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approval and acceptance of the grant funding of \$5,625.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

2024 NV Humanities Major Project Grant Agreement
Historic Markers Proposal