Historic Resources Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes - November 6 - 7, 2025

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The Minnesota Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) met on November 6 and 7, 2025, to make recommendations for applications in the Fiscal Year 2026 Summer Large grant cycle of the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants program. These grants are made possible by the people of Minnesota, who voted on November 4, 2008, to pass the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment to the Minnesota Constitution to support efforts to preserve Minnesota's land, water, and legacy, including our state's history and cultural heritage.

Day 1 - November 6, 2025

HRAC Members Attending: Chair Tisha Allen, Hillary Swanson, Kate Thomas, Jennifer Andries, Melissa Christenson Ekman, Katie Phillips, Kate Dietrick, Milissa Brooks-Ojibway, Merlin Peterson, Maureen Kelly Jonason, Crystal Boyd, Madelyn Sundberg, Margaret Hedstrom (Zoom)

HRAC Members Absent: Peter Reyes, Jr., Thomas Forsythe

Staff Attending for all or part of the meeting: Carolyn Veeser-Egbide, Todd Mahon, Joe Hoover, Melinda Hutchinson, Ryan Maciej, John Beaty, Gillian Maguire, John Fulton, Avi Viswanathan

Chair T. Allen called the meeting to order at 9:59 am by announcing the ninth biennial Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants program HRAC meeting and making general public announcements. HRAC members and staff introduced themselves.

Chair T. Allen asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the May 16, 2025 meeting. M. Kelly Jonason made a motion to approve the minutes; K. Dietrick seconded. Vote 12-0-0. Motion carried.

Chair T. Allen gave the public announcements about the grant program and large grant round and explained the meeting norms.

There is $4 million available to award. The low funding threshold will be $1 million. Explained the new scoring system. Total possible points can range from 0 to 27. M. Hedstrom had a question about the scoring and asked how it's comparable to last year. T. Allen explained that this is a different scoring system from last year. H. Swanson suggested looking at all the applications that scored over 23 points. The committee started at the top and worked their way down the list. K. Dietrick asked a clarifying question about applications from the same organization–whether they are allowed to choose both or

only one. C. Veeser-Egbide said there is no rule about how many applications an organization can put in so it is up to the committee to decide.

Discussion started with the Science Museum of Minnesota (SMM). M. Peterson mentioned that they have a lot of Legacy funds already and felt that is something to consider. T. Allen noted that they are not disqualified so the committee needs to discuss the merits of the application. K. Phillips noted that this one was ranked very well. This is a genuine collaboration between SMM and Lower Sioux. In addition, the person involved in the project is well-respected. K. Thomas noted that the application should refer to “pre-contact,” not “pre-history.” M. Hedstrom said it is not part of the criteria to look at whether the applicant gets other sources of funding. C. Veeser-Egbide noted that if HRAC wants this to be part of the criteria, they can discuss it at the Spring Meeting. M. Peterson noted that he did rank this application highly. M. Sundberg mentioned the amount of erosion. K. Thomas mentioned that there are applications that are just a bit under the $100K peer review. Is there a way to encourage peer review?

2507-30737 *Science Museum of Minnesota*	The Science Museum of Minnesota’s Minnesota River Valley Collections and the Fred Kienlen Site: Windows into the Precontact History of the Central Minnesota River Chair T. Allen called for a motion. K. Phillips made the motion to recommend funding at $99,887. K. Dietrick seconded. No further discussion. Vote 12-0-0. Motion carried.

Discussion of Regents of the University of Minnesota Libraries. M. Brooks-Ojibway, K. Dietrick, and C. Boyd recused themselves. M. Kelly Jonason spoke in favor of the project. K. Phillips agreed, noting that this is a critical project. M. Hedstrom mentioned the degree of processing being proposed and conformance with arrangement and description standards. There is a very high cost to highly process the collection, as opposed to the lower cost of less processed collections, which is the current standard of practice.

2507-30617 *Regents of the University of Minnesota (U of M Libraries)*	Processing Minnesota’s Human Rights Collections T. Allen called for a motion. M. Kelly Jonason made a motion to recommend funding at $99,810. K. Phillips seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 8-1-3. Motion carried.

Hmong Museum for Hmong Minnesotan stories. M. Kelly Jonason thought that the timeline is tight for the amount of work unless the person is only working on the project work. Otherwise the need for the work is clear.

2507-30823 *Hmong Museum*	Unearthing Hmong Minnesotan Stories: Hmong Research Fellowship T. Allen called for a motion. M. Peterson made a motion to recommend funding at $65,000. J. Andries seconded. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion carried.

Discussion of River Bend Nature Center. J. Andries noted that there are reviewer concerns about a budget line item. C. Boyd also noticed this, questioning 230 hours of project time. Stated that part of the project is ineligible. M. Ekman noted that the budget could be adjusted and the match could be part of the staff time. M. Peterson noted that this falls under Parks and Trails and didn't see enough history to put it under HRAC funding. K. Dietrick thought this was a unique opportunity to tackle difficult history; it seems set up for success but noted the budget concerns. K. Thomas noted that it builds upon a previous small grant and that the steering committee is very diverse; questioned if they meet guidelines for professional standards. M. Kelly Jonason appreciated the accessibility for disabilities. M. Sundberg thought that they could condition the question about professional standards. K. Phillips loved that they already had the steering committee fully formed. They do talk about history. They are willing to see what they are doing and what they're not doing. They have native people on the steering committee. Appreciated the amount of attention that went into this proposal.

2507-30788 *River Bend Nature Center, Inc.*	River Bend Nature Center Interpretive Trail: Design Phase K. Thomas made a motion to recommend funding at $50,227 with conditions for budget concerns and staff expertise. M. Ekman seconded. Vote: 11-1-0. Motion carried.

T. Allen brought forward the next application from Harmony Area Historical Society. M. Kelly Jonason noted that the community is involved and there is a significant match but would like to have had a better description of the community. C. Boyd appreciated the cooperative project, good details, and community support. Noted the time period (1850-1900) and agricultural history, but thought they could focus on broader history and expand their sustainability plan because charging admission is not all they will need. M. Sundberg found it exciting to have a new interpretive center. M. Hedstrom said this pushes against guidelines and goals of the Legacy Amendment for accessibility to the site (parking), in addition, there are other ways to increase access besides not charging admission.

2506-30424 *Harmony Area Historical Society*	McMichael Grain Elevator Stabilization T. Allen called for a motion. M. Ekman made the motion to recommend funding at 104,901; M. Sundberg seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion carried.

To begin discussion of Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill, T. Allen recused herself and passed the Chair to M. Ekman. M. Sundberg also recused herself. M. Peterson noted although they have strong partnerships, immigrant membership, and a broad program, this is still a church. M. Hedstrom noted that churches are legitimate applicants to the program. M. Kelly Jonason found the match impressive. C. Boyd noted that this church is open to the LGBTQ community; this is a way to show that the building has purpose for their community, a space used beyond the church organization.

2505-30370 *Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill*	Christ on Capitol Hill's Façade and Entrance Repair & Rehabilitation M. Ekman called for the vote. C. Boyd made a motion to recommend funding at $175,000. M. Kelly Jonason seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 10-0-2. Motion carried.

T. Allen resumed the Chair and opened discussion on West Concord Historical Society. K. Dietrick appreciated that this is a returning application and noted that this is the 5th highest ranked request. M. Ekman noted that this building is used by many community groups. C. Boyd noted that this is a very large project and questioned sustainability. Seems like this is a lot of money for a flat roof. M. Kelly Jonason noted the large amount of money but it's an investment that could last 30 years. M. Peterson appreciated the improved application from last year's submission. K. Phillips pointed out that this is the only application from Dodge County and the building holds a large variety of community events; it's a fantastic example of community support and the largest gathering space in the area. Demonstrates historical relevance and use by the entire community. K. Thomas noted that they had a large fundraising effort so the request is not as large as last year. M. Sundberg noted that there is interior water damage and there will be underlying issues, so marked this as an urgent need.

2507-30537 *West Concord Historical Society*	West Concord High School Roof Replacement M. Peterson made a motion to recommend funding at $348,914. M. Ekman seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion carried.

Funding check: $943,739 awarded.

Discussion of the City of Eden Prairie. M. Kelly Jonason appreciated the project but it is important to have Native involvement from the beginning. She felt that this project will be a good resource if distributed widely. K. Phillips had a couple concerns–this would fill a gap in literature but ignores most of the 20th and 21st centuries. A Native book should include information about AIM and other organizations. Noting that "local Native Americans will be involved" shows that the scholars will not be involved. K. Thomas noted that the two people they mention were born in the 1800s; said they would send the manuscript for review; didn't say how the advisory group would be chosen–what is the criteria? C. Boyd suggested having them come back next year with some matching funds and focus on more recent history after 1870. Waiting until the manuscript is complete is not the best idea; there

should be input from the beginning. The project is worth doing, but should be done right. M. Kelly Jonason noted that the writing samples were cut short and should instead be longer. M. Peterson, inclusion is key–who is telling the story and who should be telling the story? M. Hedstrom noted that for books leading to publication, there are processes long before publication that are missing here.

Chair T. Allen called for a motion. No motion made, so the committee will move to the next application. M. Hedstrom stated that she would like to make a motion to deny the application and have them return next year. M. Brooks-Ojibway seconded. C. Boyd noted that if they deny, that closes the door for possibly funding it. M. Hedstrom withdrew her motion. The committee can discuss again later.

Chair T. Allen had the committee take a 10-minute break at 11:06 am. Reconvened at 11:18 am.

Funding check: $943,739. The committee also looked at regions and categories for distribution.

Chair T. Allen called on the Red Wing Collectors Society for discussion. M. Sundberg recused herself. M. Ekman noted that this property was listed as one of the ten most endangered properties ten years ago and now they have come to the next step. M. Peterson noted strong planning. M. Kelly Jonason noted that she couldn't really tell what the kiln actually looked like. M. Peterson noted that it was a long, continuous kiln where items were placed on railroad-type cars that would move through it. K. Dietrick noted that this was a clear, unique project. Seems like the work hinges on Legacy funds and the applicant should look to broaden funding streams. K. Thomas would have liked more details and concrete examples of how it will be used as a community space.

2507-30587 *Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation*	Red Wing Union Stoneware Company Harrop Kiln Reconstruction Chair T. Allen called for a motion. K. Phillips made a motion to recommend funding at $47,940. M. Peterson seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 11-0-1. Motion carried.

Funding check: $991,679 recommended for funding.

Chair T. Allen called for a discussion on the United Hmong Family. K. Dietrick noted that this is a new applicant and wondered if this came from all the hard work MNHS staff did for the SEA50 grant program. Applauded all the work done to bring in new applicants. In their budget to hire a coordinator–seemed like a full time person, straight salary; would be nice to also offer benefits. M. Hedstrom noted that it will be a law in MN to have paid time off. M. Peterson noted that a production would be arts funding and they should look at that source for funding.

2506-30511 *United Hmong Family Inc.*	Planning the "Celebrating 50 Years of Hmong Culture through Performing Arts" Exhibit

	Chair T. Allen called for a motion. M. Hedstrom made a motion to recommend funding at $100,293. K. Dietrick seconded. Discussion. M. Sundberg found it interesting that it is saving intangible history, which the committee doesn't see often. C. Boyd noted that celebrating a history of performing arts would be fine. M. Hedstrom does not think this would be eligible under the arts funding stream. Chair T. Allen reminded the committee that there is a motion. No further discussion. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion carried.

Funding check: $1,091,972 funded; $2.9 million left. Chair T. Allen clarified that they have $2 million to recommend before the low funding line.

Discussion of Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County for the Orabel Thortvedt indexes. M. Kelly Jonason recused herself. J. Andries liked that they had a pilot program completed. K. Thomas liked that there are various types of artifacts. The application also spoke to professional standards and included resumes. M. Brooks-Ojibway liked the "slice of life" this project provides, and reminded applicants not to lowball their projects. K. Phillips loved this project and how the application talked about Orabel as a historian. M. Sundberg noted that it is only available by request right now and would like to see it be more available sometime in the future. M. Hedstrom noted that making these materials more widely available–neither the metadata nor information conforms to current standards. Why is the digital version only available upon request? The way they are doing finding aids and metadata do not conform to standards and it would be difficult to find the information online. Noted that it will need to conform to current standards if funded. K. Dietrick noted that the finding aid is perfectly acceptable. The application had it as a pdf but that doesn't mean that it would be like that publicly. M. Hedstrom took issue with the metadata. H. Swanson noted that Clay County was granted seven grants in 2025 and five are still open; there is not much match offered in this application. M. Peterson questioned if the original documents are available. Is this institutional memory? M. Sundberg noted that there are items in the scrapbooks that are available elsewhere but she also added information that would not be available elsewhere. K. Thomas noted that in women's history, scrapbooks are important because the information is all in one place. There are a lot of items in these scrapbooks. M. Sundberg wondered if they could condition to put the information fully online. C. Boyd liked that idea and wondered why it's not going through Minnesota Reflections. Agreed with the condition. M. Hedstrom added that she agreed with the value of the materials, which are currently available on a page-by-page version, which is not helpful.

2503-30077 *Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County*	Digitizing and Transcribing Orabel Thortvedt's Indexes

	C. Boyd made a motion to recommend funding at $34,162 with the condition that they submit a short document–updated work plan–for public access (including metadata) including conformance with current metadata standards for depositing for distribution–explaining why the materials will not be online in this grant and make sure that the metadata is up to current standards. K. Dietrick seconded and agreed to conditions. Discussion. M. Hedstrom noted that the metadata is constructed in such a way that they can be shareable without making a request for each individual page to make it catch-able by search engines so they don't have to redo it. It would take a complete redo to make it shareable. If they don't get the metadata right so it's available to search engines, they will have to do it over again. K. Dietrick thinks that the metadata looks fairly standard in her professional opinion. Vote: 10-1-1. Motion carried.

Discussion of Minnetonka Community Church for the Minnetonka Town Hall Renovation Project. M. Sundberg recused herself. C. Boyd noted that they are working with a Dakota advisory board and have a solid plan in place. M. Ekman noted that they previously had successful grants and they have preliminary documents done.

2509-30896 *Minnetonka Community Church*	Minnetonka Town Hall Renovation Project T. Allen called for the motion. M. Ekman made a motion to recommend funding at $88,375. J. Andries seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 10-1-1. Motion carried.

Funding check: $1,214,509; $2.7 million left.

The committee broke for lunch for one hour at 11:53 am. Reconvened at 1:01 pm.

Chair T. Allen asked for a look at the regional distribution. C. Veeser-Egbide announced that there is $700,000 extra to award. Chair T. Allen asked the committee how they want to continue looking at the grants. K. Dietrick suggested looking at the St. Louis County applications that are in the 22-point range because St. Louis County has not received funding yet.
Discussion of Sisu Heritage, which reapplied for a third time. M. Peterson noted that this was a stronger application this time. M. Sundberg noted that this seems like a final phase of exterior restoration;

wrapping up work. Exciting to see a log structure because there aren't that many examples of log structures in Minnesota. C. Boyd noted that this is a rare housebarn and that they are trying to make it ADA accessible. Expressed concerns with the metrics not having a lot of detail. K. Thomas noted that they marked some demographics but didn't explain in the narratives; the budget fees and phase numbers were confusing. M. Sundberg interpreted these amounts as construction administration for this project, which is appropriate. H. Swanson also found this confusing. Is it funding already spent, which would be ineligible?

2507-30710 *Sisu Heritage, Inc.*	<u>Exterior Renovation of Housebarn</u> Chair T. Allen asked for a motion. M. Ekman made a motion to recommend funding at $176,026. M. Brooks-Ojibway seconded. Discussion. K. Thomas wants to look at the others from St. Louis County that she ranked higher. Chair T. Allen reminded that there is a motion on the table. Vote: 11-1-0. Motion carried.

M. Hedstrom asked for a point of order. If they are going to look at applications not in order but by region, this is not a review category. HRAC members explained that they are getting to that point in the meeting where they can look at geography and can look at other applications as the committee wishes. M. Hedstrom disagreed. Chair T. Allen explained that they looked at the highest scores and now can move to other options. C. Boyd noted that there are only two counties in the NE region and now they can look at regions. C. Veeser-Egbide addressed Chair T. Allen, explaining that it is on the agenda to look at regions as well as types of projects. More discussion about whether this is appropriate. C. Boyd asked to pull up the map. In the meantime Chair T. Allen stated that they will move on with deliberations. Continued discussion. M. Hedstrom felt that HRAC is using two different measures to make recommendations and doesn't agree.

Chair T. Allen moved on to geographic distribution and suggested discussion of Tower-Soudan Historical Society. M. Sundberg recused herself. K. Dietrick noted that they have received a considerable amount of funding, but M. Hedstrom said that there is nothing in the guidelines saying we can use that information. M. Kelly Jonason asked if it is clear that the building would be open to the public after the work is completed. C. Boyd noted that the application lacked specifics about how the community is engaged. Noted that the reviewers did have some concerns. There is opportunity for community engagement but the proposal could use more information. M. Ekman disagreed with the peer reviewer's comments. Chair T. Allen clarified that the committee can discuss other grants that have been previously awarded to the applicants. M. Peterson felt that this is not as urgent a project as others. K. Phillips wondered if HRAC can put this aside and come back to it. K. Dietrick suggested that they discuss the next application for City of Tower because it is very close in points to this one.

Chair T. Allen asked for discussion of the City of Tower. C. Boyd noted that it is good to discuss both side-by-side and noted that for these, she sees more local than state significance and that the drawings

need more detail. Also, community engagement needs more explanation of how they are interacting with community members. M. Peterson is concerned about the museum collection being removed from the building. Where are the items going and how will they be moved? Noted that the chimney section of the budget needed more detail. M. Ekman agreed with M. Peterson; there are a lot of details lacking though she liked the sizable match. The application could use more development of details. Chair T. Allen noted that the committee discussed this one and can come back to it later.

Chair T. Allen next called up Pipestone County Historical Society for the Ferris Grand Block application discussion. M. Sundberg returned. M. Peterson noted that community occupancy is good. One of five buildings is owned by the historical society. K. Thomas noted that there seems to be a lot of involvement though she is surprised at the lack of match. C. Boyd noted that this is the last phase of the project and it would be nice to close this out; though it is concerning that they don't have a contractor. M. Ekman noted that they talk about water infiltration but there is little documentation of specific needs. Expressed her concern about the application of spray foam and would like to see more detailed photographs. Chair T. Allen asked for a motion. None. Noted on spreadsheet as discussed.

The committee looked at regional distribution. Next discussion: Clearwater County Historical Society Gran Church. K. Thomas noted that the church is used as a teaching tool but there is not a lot of detail in the application. There is strong support from the county–they receive a substantial amount for their annual budget, which is good for community support. M. Sundberg had concerns that the schedule was really tight and didn't leave enough time for review periods. K. Phillips said the committee said they need to start spending money and they are getting stuck in discussion.

2507-30593 *Clearwater County Historical Society*	<u>Construction Documents for Gran Church</u> K. Phillips made a motion to recommend funding at $25,000. M. Ekman seconded. Discussion. C. Boyd would like more detail about LGBTQ involvement in future applications. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion carried.

Chair T. Allen suggested that the committee discuss the Beltrami County Historical Society collections project next. M. Peterson had concerns about the privacy issues of collections that have connections to people still living in the community, as well as the plan to reduce the collection. Do they own copyright to images? M. Hedstrom discussed copyright issues. There is an exception to the copyright act that they can make digital copies but not distribute them. This is a studio's collection, which is different from a photographer's body of work. H. Swanson had a similar concern because they wanted to send images to Minnesota Digital Library (MDL), but these photos are unnamed family portraits; how would that be helpful to researchers? K. Dietrick said it seems like they are partnering with MDL for a larger audience and that might help them identify the people in the portraits. K. Thomas noted that they are working with indigenous groups for repatriation but didn't check any of the demographic boxes. K. Dietrick discussed copyright–if a researcher comes to an institution, the onus is on the researcher to figure out the copyright, not on the institution. Discussion of copyright. C. Boyd noted that it sounds like the applicant will need to reapply next year with some additional information and examples. M. Kelly

Jonason thought this was a superior project, well thought out, and useful. Thought that the photos were already identified, which is a “huge thing.” The public would really appreciate seeing their relatives at the county historical society. K. Dietrick noted that the oldest negatives are in poor condition; the loss could potentially impact the decision. K. Phillips noted that there was only one reviewer concern about archival materials, and this is a county that could use funding.

2507-30763 *Beltrami County Historical Society*	Beltrami County Historical Society Collections Rehousing – Phase II M. Kelly Jonason made a motion to recommend funding at $74,556. K. Phillips seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion carried.
2507-30576 *Kittson County Historical Society*	Lighting Installation & Occupancy Sensors for Kittson County Museum Discussion. M. Kelly Jonason said the applicant should be commended for being at this point in the organizational growth. K. Phillips noted that this is the farthest northwestern county in the state. K. Phillips made a motion to recommend funding at $99,838. J. Andries seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion carried.

Funding check: $1,589,929 recommended to this point. After a look at regional and county distribution the committee decided to look at Central and Southwestern Minnesota next.

Chair T. Allen called for discussion on the Murray County Dinehart Holt House. This is their second attempt at this proposal. M. Kelly Jonason noted that there is an imminent need. J. Andries noted that there are staff concerns on this application, one on storm windows and ground disturbance–the application did not address this concern. These can be conditioned per staff notes. Discussed; no motions made.

C. Boyd asked if there is a lower limit that the committee should watch for. M. Hedstrom asked when HRAC will be finished with regional discussions. T. Allen noted that they are getting close to that point and explained that they will look at each region and then move on to categories. The first layer of review is geography, then categories, then the committee can go back to discuss applications as needed. M. Hedstrom wanted to know the basis on which they determine which regions they’ve discussed. T. Allen explained. K. Dietrick noted that they also need to discuss Central Minnesota. C. Boyd noted that the West may also need discussion, though there has been one funded from that area already. Chair T. Allen noted that this is framing and guidance on how to discuss the applications.

Chair T. Allen suggested a discussion of the City of Clements. J. Andries noted that the application stated that the city doesn’t have funding for cash match because of other responsibilities. M. Hedstrom

took issue with having a cash match as a measure of community engagement–a cash match should not be part of community engagement. There are other reasons why there may not be a match. Chair T. Allen agreed and noted that there are other areas that can show community engagement. C. Boyd noted that they are allowed to look at the amount of the matching amount; it is not the only way but it is one way. M. Hedstrom took issue, saying that the thought that has gone into it could be money that is already spent. M. Sundberg returned to discussing the building project, noting that it would need a condition for better documents and that the peer reviewer also had concerns. Chair T. Allen called for a motion. C Boyd noted that there are many other applications that ranked higher. Chair T. Allen asked for this to be noted as discussed with no motions made.

Chair T. Allen asked the committee to discuss the City of Tracy. M. Hedstrom had a question on this application–is the structure listed in the National Register or is it eligible for listing in the National Register, because the applicant had marked both boxes Other applications have yes/no questions as to if they are listed or eligible. J. Andries noted that this building was listed two years ago. C. Veeser-Egbide noted that eligibility is a staff review issue and if it wasn't eligible the committee wouldn't be considering it; staff monitors this information. M. Hedstrom questioned how the applicant answers this question and C. Veeser-Egbide noted that it's likely how the applicant interprets the questions, and staff verifies the eligibility for the project type. M. Hedstrom didn't understand why some applications have two answers and some have one. Chair T. Allen said the committee can discuss this at the Spring meeting, but the committee can rest assured that the projects are eligible. K. Dietrick started discussion, asking if the reviewers' concerns about the design team would affect the budget. M. Sundberg was concerned because the application noted that there is not a preservation architect on the team but the applicant would go through procurement if they needed to add one; meaning that there isn't someone qualified on board with the project.

Chair T. Allen announced a 10-minute break at 2:26 p.m.

Committee returned at 2:38 p.m. and brought up Stearns History Museum. M. Brooks-Ojibway liked this one; it includes identified needs. M. Peterson noted that he would make a motion. M. Sundberg noted that there were staff conditions. Do they need to add a condition to the staff conditions? M. Kelly Jonason recognizes the importance of this work but thought there were more pressing issues to fund. K. Dietrick questioned why they need new computers if this is a phase of a project. M. Brooks-Ojibway noted that it is important to know what you have in the collections before moving ahead with deaccessioning. M. Hedstrom thinks the cost is too high for figuring out what they have in the collection. J. Andries appreciated that organizations that have collections have a lot of items and this one is focusing on a specific time period when they know that there will be data cleanup and they know how many objects there are.

2507-30569 *Stearns History Museum*	<u>Three-Dimensional Collections Evaluation and Clean-up, Phase 3</u> Chair T. Allen called for a motion; M. Peterson made a motion to recommend funding at $118,042 with conditions. M. Brooks-Ojibway seconded. No further discussion.

	Vote: 10-2-0. Motion carried.

M. Sundberg recused herself prior to a discussion of Friends of Linden Hill. M. Peterson noted that the Need and Rationale talked about completed work and felt that there was not a lot of information in the application; it felt like a weaker presentation than the previous one. M. Brooks-Ojibway asked for M. Ekman to give her professional opinion. M. Ekman noted that she ranked it in the middle; it is a higher request, though it did not feel as strong as their previous applications or other applications in this round. How is this important to Minnesota? M. Hedstrom said it comes down to Need and Rationale for her–there is still a Weyerhaeuser Foundation, so why should taxpayers pay to preserve this mansion when the Foundation should have to do some charitable giving? M. Brooks-Ojibway noted that Clarence Johnston as the architect might give them a bump up but M. Ekman noted that Minnesota has A LOT of Clarence Johnston buildings. C. Boyd wanted to see more about how the project impacts the community, how and why the project is important. This application has a small match compared to the amount of the request. Chair T. Allen asked for motion or discussion. None; marked as discussed.

M. Sundberg returned. K. Dietrick noted that if they are going to look at categories they need to look at Historic Properties. Could look at some that have been discussed already that were higher rated.

M. Sundberg recused herself for the discussion on Northfield Historical Society's Historic Scriver Building. K. Dietrick thought this was a great application with a strong match. The building and its history are very woven into the history of Northfield. K. Phillips mentioned the number of people who come to the Defeat of Jesse James Days and noted that the application includes a huge match and huge community buy-in. K. Thomas likes their commitment to the community and gave specific examples.

2507-30703 *Northfield Historical Society*	<u>Historic Scriver Building East Exterior Restoration</u> M. Kelly Jonason made a motion to recommend funding at $300,000; K. Dietrick seconded. Discussion. M. Hedstrom felt this is segmentation. M. Peterson noted that this wall requires special, specific work. Vote: 10-1-1. Motion carried.

Next, the committee looked at distribution of categories and amounts of funding for history and historic preservation. M. Hedstrom asked what the goal is in looking at categories. Chair T. Allen explained that the committee looks to fund a variety of projects and also takes into consideration the ranking. M. Hedstrom asked if by 'even distribution' they meant an even number of projects; Chair T. Allen noted that as an example there were no digital collections funded so far.
Discussion of the Minnesota Orchestral Association proposal to preserve concert broadcasts. K. Phillips noted that this is the third phase and there are no staff or peer reviewer concerns. This is a strong application. M. Peterson questioned how artists would be compensated for their artwork (music). This seems like a better fit for the arts board. M. Hedstrom noted that Phase 3 is focused on renowned musicians and broadcasting them on Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) doesn't make them unique. They

have performed with many orchestras. What is the added value? Concerts with the Minnesota Orchestra? K. Dietrick noted that this is the Minnesota Orchestra so there must be Minnesota artists? M. Hedstrom named non-Minnesotans, saying that they aren't necessarily Minnesota performers. K. Dietrick noted that there is importance to digitizing these materials, especially ones from the 1960s. K. Phillips noted that something as ephemeral as an orchestral performance is important, and the point is that this is the Minnesota Orchestra. By digitizing, it's not just preservation but also the ability to do more with these broadcasts to make them available to more people. The ability to protect and preserve something in unstable formats is important. This program funded the first two phases so that's probably why they came back for the third. M. Hedstrom notes that there is a national register of music [National Recording Registry] and the Library of Congress repository, questioning what is so unique about Minnesota performances. Continued discussion over Minnesotan musicians.

2507-30764 *Minnesota Orchestral Association*	Preserving the Minnesota Orchestra's Concert Broadcast History, Phase III M. Brooks-Ojibway made a motion to recommend funding at $130,250. H. Swanson seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 11-1-0. Motion carried.

Discussion was called for Rethos for their Foundations of Place application. M. Kelly Jonason found this interesting. M. Peterson asked who was telling the story and noted that it is similar to the City of Eden Prairie writing project. H. Swanson noted that they are asking for money to pay a consultant but not round table participants. K. Phillips noted that even well-meaning projects can be extractive. It takes a long time to build meaningful relationships and would prefer that they do more of this (preliminary) work and come back. Show the relationships and build them first. K. Thomas noted that they say they will have round tables under consultation and validation, but it shouldn't just be validation. M. Sundberg would rather see that they have a consultant on board already. K. Thomas was OK with Phase 1 but saw it as a small grant project, and they could come back with a bigger project after the smaller one. C. Boyd noted they could do a small grant for research or oral history and suggested that they reapply.

Discussion was called for Scandia Heritage Alliance. M Brooks-Ojibway noted that the organization does not have a place for the exhibit to go yet and expressed concern about them doing an exhibit plan before they have a place. M. Sundberg noted that it would be better if they had the construction done first. M. Peterson thought that they addressed some of these issues in their narratives, but construction might cost more than they expect. M. Kelly Jonason ranked this highly and would like to see some Native history in the exhibits. K. Thomas would like to know who the Native American team is and wanted more information about school tours. The application checked rural and white and needed more narrative to connect those.

2507-30806 *Scandia Heritage Alliance*	Exhibit Plan - Scandia's Water Tower Barn Tankhouse M. Peterson made a motion to recommend funding at $41,000. J. Andries seconded.

	Discussion. C. Boyd noted that it is a gamble to have the exhibit plan before the building. Vote: 6-7-0. Motion failed.

Chair T. Allen asked for a funding check; $2.1 million funded, $2.5 million left to award.

Discussion of Rice County Historical Society Collections Inventory. M. Kelly Jonason noted that it is important to have an accurate inventory and supported the project. M. Peterson noted that the project numbers are ambitious but doable–maybe condition the part in the narrative about discovering demographics but not capturing them in the inventory because this is not a usual category. C. Boyd noted that there are reviewer concerns about discrepancies in numbers; maybe they need a new phasing plan. Why are they continuing to accept so many new pieces into the collections? Concerned with using PastPerfect and would like more milestones and information about audience size. J. Andries noted that they just started with CollectiveAccess this year. K. Dietrick noted that the idea to discover demographics is an interesting way to find absences in the collections. M. Hedstrom noted that there is a systematic approach. The budget is in line with the quantity of material and the methods they are using. K. Phillips likes that they already have partnerships with St. Olaf and Carleton–get students some hands-on experience. M. Peterson noted a difference between inventory and cataloging and thinks that is part of the discrepancy in numbers.

2507-30639 *Rice County Historical Society*	<u>RCHS Collections Inventory, Part 1</u> M. Peterson made a motion to recommend funding at $115,918 with a condition to include demographic information in the inventory. M. Kelly Jonason seconded. Short discussion. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion carried.

Discussion of Ramsey County Historical Society Gibbs Farm application. K. Phillips noted that Gibbs Farm has a focus on Dakota people and women. H. Swanson expressed concern that they have six open grants currently and that they listed indirect costs as part of the match. M. Hedstrom asked about H. Swanson's concern with indirect costs as a match because some grantors would allow those as match. H. Swanson explained that she took issue with what they considered indirect costs, not that they included them. M. Sundberg is not concerned about the number of open grants because they are all very different grants and it's a larger organization so they have the capacity to handle multiple grants. M. Kelly Jonason noted that some projects may only be hiring a consultant or may be close to closing. C. Boyd noted that half of their match is staff time.

2507-30777 *Ramsey County Historical Society*	<u>Planning New Interactive Learning Lab Content and Components for Gibbs Farm</u> C. Boyd made a motion to recommend funding at $28,980; K. Phillips seconded. No additional discussion. Vote: 11-1-0. Motion carried.

Discussion of the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour application. M. Sundberg recused herself. M. Brooks-Ojibway scored this application high for their community work. M. Ekman found the professional services strong, but wondered how accessible it is to the general public. K. Thomas noted that they do a lot of outreach programs.

2506-30388 *Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour*	The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour's Chapel, 1933 Addition and Apse Roof Rehabilitation Project Chair T. Allen asked for a motion. H. Swanson made a motion to recommend funding at $265,000; M. Kelly Jonason seconded. Vote: 10-1-1. Motion carried.

Discussion of the First Congregational Church of Minnesota UCC. C. Boyd did not see a strong tie to Minnesota. This applicant does some outreach but didn't describe it. M. Peterson noted that the proposal had a lot of generalities; questioned epoxy repairs. No further discussion.

K. Dietrick asked to discuss the City of Tower Passenger Station. M. Sundberg recused herself. M. Peterson said that there needed to be conditions on the project if a motion is made. K. Thomas would have liked more examples on accessibility. Visitor numbers are increasing but would like to see the data on that claim. K. Phillips wanted to talk about both Tower projects; Tower-Soudan Historical Society has a match that is almost as much as their request. These are separate entities and projects but would like to look at that one since it is the final phase and has a significant match. M. Peterson was concerned about the door, that it should be more energy-conscious. Chair T. Allen asked for discussion on the City of Tower. M. Hedstrom thought this was a concerted effort to increase tourism to the area with the opening of the Tower-Soudan mine. K. Thomas noted that the visitor's center is run by Tower-Soudan HS. Chair T. Allen called for a motion on the City of Tower. None.

2507-30625 *Tower-Soudan Historical Society*	Tower Fire Hall Rehabilitation - Final Phase M. Brooks-Ojibway made a motion to fund. M. Ekman seconded. Vote: 11-0-1. Motion carried. M. Sundberg returned.

Funding check: $1,871,881 left to award; $2,828,119 awarded.

Chair T. Allen noted that the committee can look at the list of applications that have not been discussed yet. M. Hedstrom asked if the committee will discuss every application. Chair T. Allen said yes–the committee will keep recommending funding until they run out, and then will discuss each application that has not been discussed.

K. Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting. C. Boyd seconded. Vote 12-0-0. Motion carried. Adjourned 3:57 p.m.

Day 2 - November 7, 2025

HRAC Members Attending: Chair Tisha Allen, Hillary Swanson, Kate Thomas, Jennifer Andries, Melissa Christenson Ekman, Katie Phillips, Kate Dietrick, Milissa Brooks-Ojibway, Merlin Peterson, Maureen Kelly Jonason, Crystal Boyd, Madelyn Sundberg, Margaret Hedstrom (Zoom)

HRAC Members Absent: Peter Reyes, Jr., Thomas Forsythe

Staff Attending for all or part of the meeting: Carolyn Veeser-Egbide, Todd Mahon, Joe Hoover, Melinda Hutchinson, Ryan Maciej, John Beaty, Gillian Maguire, John Fulton, Avi Viswanathan

Chair T. Allen called the meeting to order at 10:01 am, welcomed everyone, and made the public announcements about the grant program. Asked committee members to introduce themselves, then had staff introduce themselves.

Chair T. Allen then had David Kelliher give a legislative update. He first thanked the committee members and staff for their work. This year, 2025 was an appropriation year, and there was a bit of a drop in the amount available for grants this year. Sales tax revenues seem to be holding on but the state will do another forecast in November. Next year, 2026, the legislative year starts in February. Let the legislators know how important this fund is–the “history nerds” are quiet but we need to tell our story and talk about impact. The year 2034 is when the Legacy Amendment expires. It has not been determined yet how the amendment will be extended, but it will have to go through a statewide election, possibly 2032 or even 2030. He noted that it is exciting to see all of these projects and sad that they can’t all be funded.

C. Veeser-Egbide reminded the committee to send their reimbursement requests to Gillian. Thanked the committee, staff and colleagues for their work. Addressed the applicants and thanked them for their work. Thanked the outgoing HRAC members for their service: Milissa Brooks-Ojibway, Crystal Boyd, Kate Dietrick., Katie Phillips (all four years), Maureen Kelly Jonason (2 years). For returning members, the next HRAC meeting will be September 17-18, 2026.

Chair T. Allen read through the public notes and meeting norms, then gave a recap of yesterday’s meeting. The applications were sorted by average scores, with those scoring 23 and above discussed first. The committee recommended funding 23 projects for $2,828,119; there is $1,871,881 left to award.

The committee started today by looking at categories and regions for funding distribution. M. Kelly Jonason recommended starting with Regents, College of Education and Human Development. M. Brooks-Ojibway, C. Boyd, and K. Dietrick recused themselves. K. Phillips would have liked to see a list of keynote speakers but liked the detailed timelines. She would have liked to see connections with other departments at the U of M, such as history, African American Studies, dance, and music. M. Peterson thought the number of prospective attendees seemed low. M. Hedstrom was concerned that the standard practice for conferences is to charge fees per participant, which would cover the costs that are being requested in this proposal. A fee of $150 would be low for academics, and many have funds

to support that. She also commented that the honoraria offered to the keynote speaker is quite high by normal standards and questioned if that level is appropriate? K. Phillips noted that the proposal is clear that the event would be free, which would open it up to more people, and that not all faculty have access to conference funds, so the fact that it's free is a huge advantage. K. Thomas clarified that the honoraria is for six people, but M. Hedstrom noted that there is one speaker who will receive the bulk of the honoraria. This program could be something students could attend as well. M. Sundberg noted there is a reviewer concern that could be conditioned. This project has a long possible impact because the information will be archived. H. Swanson asked about the high cost of the venue rental ($7000). M. Hedstrom agreed that the applicant should not have to rent space for this project. K. Thomas stated that departments are charged for everything so that has not been her experience in this time of budget cuts.

2507-30774 *Regents of the University of Minnesota (College of Education and Human Development)*	Dance On!: The Cultural, Sonic, and Symbolic Legacy of Prince M. Kelly Jonason made a motion to recommend funding at $22,503 with conditions. K. Phillips seconded. Vote: 8-1-3. Motion carried.

Discussion of White Bear Lake Area Historical Society Armory HVAC upgrade. M. Kelly Jonason ranked this high with a significant match, and noted it is a well thought out project. H. Swanson was impressed with the amount of work they have already put into the building. C. Boyd thought the timeline was tight but doable.

2507-30641 *White Bear Lake Area Historical Society*	WBL Armory HVAC Upgrade and Ceiling Treatment C. Boyd made a motion to recommend funding at $258,500; M. Kelly Jonason seconded. Discussion. M. Sundberg noted concerns that the construction documents don't line up with the project and include items that are not in the grant; also, the peer reviewer had timeline concerns. M. Ekman agreed with peer reviewer concerns and noted concern that the architect has not been hired. Noted that it felt like a design-build project, which does not follow the process they like to see. One of the assessments noted roof work as a high priority which has not been addressed yet, and typically the envelope should be taken care of before other items. M. Sundberg would like to see them return. M. Peterson questioned the second HVAC review–when did that become part of the grants manual. C. Veeser-Egbide explained that they have Secretary of the

	Interior's standards (SOI) and American Institute for Conservation (AIC) standards for museums to meet, so there are two reviews. C. Boyd felt that the committee has a lot of work left to do so unless there is a red flag, look to funding. M. Sundberg said there needs to be a condition for updated documents; C. Boyd agreed to add it to the motion. K. Phillips confirmed that the conditions would be OK to M. Ekman and M. Sundberg as the experts. Vote: 6-7-0. Motion failed.

Discussion of Winona County Historical Society Historic Armory Building Envelope. M. Sundberg recused herself. M. Kelly Jonason noted that this was a well thought out project. K. Phillips noted that this is a second submission and they came back with a stronger proposal.

2507-30769 *Winona County Historical Society*	<u>Historic Armory Building Envelope Repair</u> M. Peterson made a motion to recommend funding at $291,300. M. Kelly Jonason seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 11-0-1. Motion carried.

The next discussion was for Waterford Township's bridge preservation. K. Dietrick noted that this is the final phase of the project and they have a healthy match. The application explained the value and history well. M. Sundberg rated this one highly; they looked at structural issues that are important; the bridge is part of a trail system and the number of community partners is healthy. M. Peterson thought this should fall under Parks and Trails grant funding, not history because there is no interpretive signage. H. Swanson agreed and noted that the match is mostly legislative funding which is not allowed. C. Veeser-Egbide confirmed that state funding is not allowed as match. K. Phillips noted that similar to other grants, this would be the fourth one coming from this pool of funding. M. Hedstrom asked for clarification. K. Phillips explained. T. Allen noted that we do not know if they have received funding from other sources. M. Peterson noted that the whole trails system falls under Parks and Trails. K. Dietrick reminded the committee that there is a plaque on the bridge that has some information. C. Boyd noted that they have received funding from HRAC before and there is a historic component and the bridge is listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). M. Sundberg noted that the match is not fully from state funding; some is from fundraising. The application asks for funding to keep the bridge's historic character, which is important.

2507-30805 *Waterford Township*	<u>Waterford Bridge Preservation - Project Completion</u>

	K. Thomas made a motion to recommend funding at $295,000; M. Sundberg seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 9-3-0. Motion carried.

Funding check: $3.4 million awarded; $1.2 million left to award.

Discussion of Fridley Historical Society. J. Andries agreed with the staff concerns and wanted to see more of the research and bibliography, so recommended going through that phase first. K. Dietrick wondered how they are doing outreach without doing the research first; found the work plan and budget confusing. K. Thomas read the project differently and thought they proposed an interesting plan and solid ideas. C. Boyd noted a missed opportunity to include Native American history; also noted that this is an all-volunteer group and that the project seems expensive for the size of the space. K. Phillips encouraged them to look at suburban Native peoples historically and in this moment.

2505-30380 *Fridley Historical Society*	<u>Exhibit Design of the Post-World War II Suburban Development of Fridley, Minnesota</u> C. Boyd made a motion to recommend funding at $70,000 with conditions requesting an updated research plan and research report/bibliography. K. Dietrick seconded. Vote: 8-4-0. Motion carried.

Discussion of Norwegian-American Historical Association (NAHA). M. Kelly Jonason noted that it would be nice to see samples of the deterioration but appreciated that they will involve students. K. Dietrick had some issues with this proposal, questioning that only the Minnesota-related materials will be digitized, which could potentially lead to a bias if there are other materials in the same folder. Noted that the proposal was hard to follow; for example, the proposal noted that materials have been rehoused but they will be reorganizing the collection before digitization. Materials seem important but the proposal seems forced. M. Hedstrom agreed with K. Dietrick. If this is an accessibility goal, how much demand there will be for this material can't be predicted. Is the cost justifiable? If the finding aid is online and people can discover the Minnesota parts (or all the parts), they can digitize as needed. This cost for digitizing seems like a lot of funds to invest without knowing if the demand is there. M. Kelly Jonason noted that one in six Minnesotans is Norwegian and are obsessed with their heritage, so she feels that there would be a great deal of interest. K. Thomas agreed. M. Peterson thought if they looked at this more broadly as a resistance to WWII that would be beneficial. There's broader appeal than just to Norwegians when looking at this through a resistance eye. K. Dietrick agreed but questioned the Minnesota-ness and how that will affect the scanning during the project (on a folder level). M. Sundberg noted that the committee could condition that they submit a work plan explaining how they are selecting documents to digitize.

2507-30792 *Norwegian-American Historical Association*	<u>Digitizing the American Relief for Norway, Inc. Papers</u> M. Peterson made a motion to recommend funding at $97,550; M. Kelly Jonason seconded. Vote: 11-1-0. Motion carried.

Chair T. Allen asked to look at geographical distribution and have a funding check. There is $1.095 million left to award.

Chair T. Allen asked to discuss Carver County's application for HVAC Design Development and called for discussion or motions. H. Swanson expressed concern that from what the vendor listed, they will not achieve the required parameters in the grants manual. M. Peterson noted that the tenant is Carver County Historical Society (CCHS), and would like to see some match. M. Sundberg noted that the design would include all four options so it would meet criteria for humidity. M. Peterson asked if in the design phase it is ok to have four options. M. Sundberg thought this would have four phases for different functions. C. Boyd noted that this is an important project, but the application didn't explain how they interact with all of the community groups they checked. They should focus on the audience and how this work impacts their audience. M. Sundberg would like more information about the exhibits and collections in the building. M. Peterson suggested that this could be a partnership between the county and CCHS, who could speak more to the importance of the project.

M. Peterson suggested discussing the Pipestone County Historical Society. Chair T. Allen noted that this application was discussed yesterday and called for additional discussion or motions.

2502-30024 *Pipestone County Historical Society*	<u>Repointing 3 Elevations of the Ferris Grand Block</u> M. Kelly Jonason made a motion to recommend funding at $177,142; M. Peterson seconded. Discussion. M. Sundberg asked if HRAC should add a condition about the spray foam. M. Ekman wanted to know if the spray foam is causing problems, because removing it could cause more issues. What does the applicant intend to do with the spray foam? The application didn't seem to have enough information about the condition of the interior; it was not clear how much repointing there would need to be. M. Sundberg noted that they could condition the spray foam. M. Ekman expressed concern that they will do a lot of work and then find that the spray foam is the problem. M. Peterson asked for clarification. M. Ekman said that there is one exterior wall covered in spray foam. Asked for staff input. R. Maciej noted

	that there are a lot of interior photos and the applicant agrees the spray foam is an issue. One of the conditions is about the correctness of mortar; the committee could add something to the current condition to address the spray foam element. Applicant is aware of this issue and their vendor has done a lot of work on buildings in the area. M. Hedstrom noted that in the project they said this will not affect culturally sensitive items. However, this project involves masons. Does the project include objects for rituals and have they consulted with the community/masons on this? C. Boyd reminded the committee that they need to look at the application in front of them and trust the applicants. However, they have not reached out to native communities and do not have a match. M. Peterson noted that in the photos of the spray foam there are areas with spray foam over metal. M. Sundberg explained. Additional discussion over the spray foam. M. Ekman noted that HRAC did fund a previous grant for similar work last year on a different elevation of this building. T. Allen asked for additional discussion or motion. M. Kelly Jonason noted that she would not put out an RFP before having the funding secured and made a motion to recommend funding at $177,142. M. Peterson seconded. Additional discussion over spray foam. Vote: 10-2-0. Motion carried.

Funding check: $918,386 remaining which is under the committee's agreed-upon low funding amount. At this point committee members can pull other applications that they want to discuss.

2502-30036 *Fillmore County Historical Society*	<u>Museum HVAC Design Project</u> M. Peterson asked to discuss Fillmore County Historical Society's HVAC design project request and made a motion to fund. M. Kelly Jonason seconded. Discussion. K. Thomas noted that they checked categories but did not explain in the narratives. M. Sundberg would like to see more information about the importance of the collection when they come back for installation.

	Vote: 12-0-0. Motion carried.

K. Phillips asked to look at Minnesota Museum of American Art's application. Chair T. Allen called for discussion. M. Peterson noted that they are building on previous digitizing projects, and warned to be sure to have permission from the artists because the artist/creator copyright piece is important to recognize. K. Dietrick thought it was hard to understand from the budget who would be paid for the project work. M. Kelly Jonason asked about museum staff being paid; why are four staff needed for this project? Also noted that she looked at their financial position and they have a large loan, so there is concern about financial stability. H. Swanson noted that she didn't see information confirming that these are Minnesota artists; it seems like an arts project. M. Hedstrom is not sure it's even an arts project because of intellectual property rights; they have limited permissions. Concerned about the statement about copyright; they don't have the rights to produce derivative works, which is very problematic. They are giving away rights that they don't have. K. Dietrick noted that they could digitize for educational access. M. Sundberg noted that two on the list of artists are Minnesota artists, but also noted that there were a number of reviewer concerns. M. Hedstrom asked for clarification on copyright–there are limited rights for educational purposes. C. Boyd made suggestions for improving the application and returning. The proposal should talk more about statewide accessibility. K. Thomas noted that they have plans to develop lesson plans and workshops but would like more information. M. Hedstrom suggested a review of copyright rules by a copyright lawyer with art experience. K. Phillips said that the application stated that they already have those rights. M. Hedstrom noted that they have permission for certain things but not the right to put these items in the public. T. Allen asked for motions. None. Marked as discussed.

2507-30646 *City of Madison*	<u>Madison City Hall-FIrehouse Storm Windows and Door</u> K. Dietrick asked to discuss the City of Madison's application. M. Sundberg recused herself. C. Boyd noted that this is a public building with a good match, though they could have included more information. C. Boyd made a motion to recommend funding at $37,720. K. Dietrick seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 11-0-1. Motion carried.
2507-30630 *City of Browns Valley*	<u>Sam Brown Cabin/Fort Wadsworth Agency Building Construction Documents</u> M. Kelly Jonason noted that this is an interesting and unique building, and made a motion to recommend funding at $50,000. C. Boyd seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion carried.

Funding check: $770,666 left.

2507-30729 *Sacred Heart Area Historical Society*	Hotel Sacred Heart East Window Rehabilitation M. Sundberg recused herself. J. Andries noted that this is a good project; M. Ekman made a motion to recommend funding at $170,015. M. Kelly Jonason seconded. Discussion. K. Phillips; K. Thomas noted that a marketing plan would be helpful for future applications. Vote: 10-1-1. Motion carried.

K. Dietrick asked to discuss Friends of Milwaukee Avenue Historic District, noting that this is a small request for a unique pocket in the city. K. Thomas noted the diversity of being low-income with unique houses. M. Sundberg noted that this is one of the older historic districts and they didn't make a case in the application for the history. M. Kelly Jonason asked if Hennepin is a low median income county. M. Hedstrom said no, Hennepin County has the 9th highest median income in the county. This is the problem with the data collected, that HRAC meant to measure the poverty rate of the neighborhood; this is a poor neighborhood in a high median income county. K. Dietrick noted that it could have been a misunderstanding of the questions; this is a Friends group, not a grantwriter. J. Andries wondered about the greater accessibility of this information beyond the homeowners. K. Thomas noted that low-income may be from the fact that these are small, WWII, working class houses. This neighborhood is historically significant. Chair T. Allen noted that there are guidelines for the Milwaukee Avenue Historic District, and there could be an opportunity to pre-plan with the City of Minneapolis to inform future planning. M. Sundberg would like to see this as a partnership with the City of Minneapolis to try to correct the lack of information available for this district. M. Peterson noted that could update the NRHP so that would be available information.

2507-30541 *Friend of Milwaukee Avenue Historic District*	Milwaukee Avenue Historic District Resurvey C. Boyd made a motion to recommend funding for $34,000, including a condition to work with the City of Minneapolis to complete the project work. K. Dietrick seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion carried.

Funding: $566,651 remaining to award. The committee looked at distribution in the regions and categories.

J. Andries suggested that the committee look at the Research and Writing category since there were six applications and only one funded so far. The committee started with the Little Canada Historical Society. K. Dietrick recused herself. K. Thomas said they need to look at what historians get paid for writing books, because the proposed writer had a $3500 grant from the Gale Library, so this could be a small grant for the research. The field is already pretty well-known (French and Metis) and there is a lot of background missing. Gender and race analysis is what this area is about. This seems like a descriptive monograph rather than an analytical book. This feels overfunded; the applicant's annual

budget is $5000; how will they handle a large grant? K. Phillips agreed with K. Thomas and noted a number of concerns. Who is the audience who will read this large of a book? At 680 pages it will be expensive. Seems like a disruption to have someone else write the book. Unsure of who they surveyed to get the high amount for writing the book. M. Hedstrom agreed; they only asked three people what they would charge for writing this book, and the author payment is three times what it should be. K. Thomas would like to see a resume or CV for the writer. Asked for a point of information from the staff about procurement for research and writing projects where the research is their intellectual property. C. Veeser-Egbide responded that they could go through an RFP process or could use the pre-existing contract clause. It is a requirement that they have to do procurement and HRAC won't see this condition because it's an administrative condition. K. Thomas wondered if HRAC needs to discuss this topic in another meeting. C. Veeser-Egbide noted that is why the pre-existing contract clause exists. M. Hedstrom noted that the intellectual property rights belong to the organization that paid for the work and the proposal does not take this into account. C. Boyd noted that these are valid points and suggested that the applicant rethinks the requested amount and project length, audience interest, community interest; they could consider a small grant. M. Hedstrom suggested taking the proposal to a publisher and getting feedback. The remedy would be for them to write a proposal and shop it around to publishers and figure out how to put it into a manuscript.

Chair T. Allen announced that the HRAC would break for lunch and reconvene at 1 p.m.

Chair T. Allen reconvened the committee at 1:13 p.m. Funding check: $566,651 left to award.

Discussion resumed with the City of Tower application for the Passenger Station rehabilitation. M. Sundberg recused herself. C. Boyd noted that HRAC already funded a project in Tower and the committee had decided that they wanted more distribution.

2507-30771 *City of Tower*	<u>Passenger Station Foundation and Exterior Rehabilitation</u> M. Peterson made a motion to recommend funding at $309,000; M. Kelly Jonason seconded. Discussion. M. Kelly Jonason noted a significant match. C. Boyd noted a concern about drawings; M. Ekman countered, saying they were very well done. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion carried.

Funding check: $257,651 left to award. The committee looked at distribution across categories.

Minnesota State University, Mankato, Charcoal Reference Manual of Minnesota Trees. C. Boyd noted that this is a reapplication that has improved since last year, though it needs to be more publicly accessible. K. Phillips noted improvement since the last application. K. Dietrick noted that they have plans to publish and until then it will be available by request. This is a unique project, maybe groundbreaking. K. Thomas had done some research on this type of work and found it interesting. They

will be using students to do the research. M. Sundberg found this interdisciplinary–archaeology, environmental science. M. Hedstrom also ranked this highly. Research on pre-settlement and human impact. Having a reference manual helps anyone with their observations, to be able to infer what the data means. This contributes to knowledge infrastructure about forestry in Minnesota.

2507-30819 *Minnesota State University, Mankato (EARTH Systems Lab)*	Charcoal Reference Manual of Minnesota Trees C. Boyd made a motion to recommend funding at $62,413; K. Phillips seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion carried.

Funding check: $195,238 left to award.

Discussion of Richfield Historical Society's application for construction documents. M. Brooks-Ojibway noted that they have the preliminary work done and include a nice match. M. Sundberg and M. Ekman noted that they only mentioned two bids; do they need three? C. Veeser-Egbide addressed, noting that staff would include an administrative condition to complete procurement. M. Hedstrom expressed concern about their justification, that this is about a regular family–it's not representative of everyday Americans and how they lived in the 19th century. K. Thomas noted that there was little description of the house, family, or context of the time. C. Boyd noted that this may be a first in a series of grants so they might not have all the answers right now. K. Dietrick noted that they have nice letters of support. M. Peterson noted that Justice of the Peace at that time was more of a volunteer position.

2507-30613 *Richfield Historical Society*	Construction Documents for the Bartholomew House Repairs C. Boyd made a motion to recommend funding at $26,134; M. Kelly Jonason seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 10-2-0. Motion carried.

Funding check: $169,104 left to award. The committee looked at regional distribution of the funding.

Discussion of the City of Canby for the Historic Canby Theatre. M. Sundberg recused herself. H. Swanson expressed concern that the people operating the theater will profit off of this project, but K. Phillips noted that it is a gathering place and the proposal has a good-sized match. K. Thomas questioned the ownership; H. Swanson said that the City owns the building but they let someone else operate it. M. Kelly Jonason commended the city for keeping the building.

2507-30766 *City of Canby*	Construction and installation of original replicates; ticket booth, exterior doors, and movie frames

	M. Kelly Jonason made a motion to recommend funding at $98,400; M. Brooks-Ojibway seconded. Vote: 10-1-1. Motion carried.

Funding check: $70,704 remaining.

M. Kelly Jonason suggested discussing the City of Eden Prairie's application. M. Hedstrom rated this highly but there was little information in the application about Native perspectives and review was to take place after the manuscript finished. M. Peterson asked who is telling the story about whom; it is important to have the correct story.

M. Peterson asked to see a list of the remaining applications that would fall under the amount HRAC has left to fund.

The committee discussed Washington County Historical Society. M. Peterson ranked this application low because the dollar amount per square foot calculation was too high, considering the topic. K. Thomas looked at the previous grant for research and there was no analysis of the collection. She wanted to see more information. K. Dietrick noted that the attached research was very thin; hard to gauge success. M. Hedstrom asked for the relevance to Minnesota history, because wedding traditions in Washington County are not unique. J. Andries noted that the interpretive plan guided this exhibit; that topic is what the audience wanted to see.

Discussion continued with the City of Ramsey application. M. Ekman thought this was a really good project; good to bring ADA accessibility to historic buildings. C. Boyd would be comfortable to bring this project forward. This would be their first large grant; no match; no reuse plan; vague schedule; no community involvement. Might have used AI for writing part of this proposal. She addressed the applicants, saying AI language is vague. This could be a successful project for a small amount of funding. J. Andries wondered if they needed an assessment first before the construction documents. M. Peterson wondered if the historic structures report was too old. Also noted that marketing buzzwords sound good but mean little. M. Hedstrom echoed Merlin and Crystal's comments but noted that many applicants say what they think they want us to hear. Asked what exactly is the value of this project? M. Sundberg stated that she was fine with what they submitted; starting the rehabilitation work is important for getting community input, and an ADA ramp is important. K. Thomas noted that the building has historic value but the application didn't give a lot of info about programming, inclusive programs.

2507-30552 *City of Ramsey*	<u>Historic Ramsey Town Hall/District No. 28 School House: Design</u> M. Kelly Jonason made a motion to recommend funding at $39,500; K. Thomas seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion carried.

Funding check: $31,204 left to award.

M. Peterson noted that the two projects that still could be fully funded with the amount available have already been discussed, so he made a motion to move the remaining balance of $31,204 to the small grants program. M. Ekman seconded. Discussion. M. Hedstrom asked if the committee had discussed all the projects. She stated that she would vote against this transfer. Chair T. Allen explained that the challenge is that the applications remaining in the top bracket HRAC already discussed and declined to fund. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion carried.

Discussion of remaining applications

FilmNorth. K. Dietrick suggested that they work with an archivist rather than a curator because there is a difference in how these projects are structured. How is this project different from universities and other organizations that archive films? They should highlight what is unique about their project.

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County. M. Ekman noted that there is archaeology in the project but nothing in the budget to pay for that. M. Sundberg noted that there were no specifications, which would be helpful. K. Thomas would like to see some information about the native people, not just settlers.

City of Henning. C. Boyd didn't see a lot about collections or historic programs, but there is a lot of community use. Only one budget line item, which is unusual. Why is the building unique? M. Kelly Jonason wondered if the city has committed to curb cuts, because without those the remodeling is pointless. K. Thomas wondered who is coming to the events because the city is only 800 people. That's fine, but the application should discuss who is coming to the programs.

Amherst H. Wilder. K. Dietrick found this application confusing; felt like this is really internal work and not public-facing. K. Phillips noted that she was left wondering what they would do with their research. M. Ekman wondered what the end product would be. M. Kelly Jonason thought that the project budget seemed inflated. K. Thomas pointed out that the community engagement sessions were not well described. M. Peterson thought that Wilder does this kind of work all the time; maybe they need to do an archival project about their years of service in the community.

Somali Artifact and Cultural Museum. M. Kelly Jonason wanted to see the work done but the planners will need to revise and resubmit. M. Peterson noted that there is a difference between inventory and cataloging. Educational content was beyond the scope of an inventory project. Having community consultants will add a lot to the project. J. Andries noted that there is too much they are trying to cover in the application.

City of Delano. M. Kelly Jonason commended the City for making the village hall building more usable and wanting to preserve it, but is concerned about the plans that will not preserve the building's history.

American Swedish Institute. M. Peterson noted that they already have an inventory; how many records are in PastPerfect and how many will be new entries? Could streamline the process described in the

application. C. Boyd agreed, noting that they could get a pushcart and move it along as they inventory. It would be helpful to know more about their process and timeline, but it is great that they are talking about deaccessioning. M. Kelly Jonason would appreciate knowing what the need was for a second inventory.

Afton Historical Society and Museum. K. Thomas liked the plan; concerned about moveability–but this will be permanent, which is different from what they have in their interpretive plan. The application should explain why they are changing that part of the interpretive plan. Stakeholder meetings are already set up; would like more information about why that is happening at this point. M Sundberg would like to see an accessibility plan for ADA before they lock in a permanent exhibit. K. Dietrick would like to know more about the sustainability of the project; what is the plan for rotating exhibits? K. Thomas noted that this is another application that said some of the research was already done but the application didn't reflect that. What will they pull from the collections? They could consider a partnership with the city and indigenous people that would help with the exhibit.

Prospect House and Civil War Museum. M. Ekman noted that there were concerns about the budget and design fees, which seemed high, though the total budget is over a million dollars. Merlin would like more information about their collections. M. Sundberg wondered if they were planning to keep the same architect. The application should reflect the urgency for the work needing to be done. K. Thomas would like data to go along with the information given in the application.

Superior Hiking Trail. M. Hedstrom noted that there is already a lot of existing historical information about this area. This would be an excellent opportunity for a collaborative project, for example with Cook County Historical Society, which has a lot of useful information about the area and information on indigenous trails. K. Phillips noted that this application has a lot of potential but where are the relationships with Native communities, THPOs, etc. Remember that these relationships take time and should not be extractive. A six-source research plan is not a research plan when there are so many primary and secondary resources to use. They need to do due diligence and research. C. Boyd noted this could be a small research grant and come back next year with a larger plan. M. Hedstrom noted that it would be helpful for them to work with local institutions that already have established relationships with tribes in the area.

St. Clement's Episcopal Church. M. Kelly Jonason would like to see more photos. M. Ekman appreciated that this was a returning application that showed improvement but would like information about how the project would impact Minnesota, not just the local area.

Faribault County Historical Society. C. Boyd noted that there are a couple window grants in churches and it would be helpful to have more information on their broader community impact. Noted that it might be useful to discuss at some point how it is helpful to fund a project centered around Christian themes. The proposal is very celebratory for Episcopalians but it might not feel celebratory for other groups. M. Kelly Jonason noted that this is about preserving an art form in stained glass, because it's a dying art form. She appreciated the detail of the population served and their Minnesota history connections. K. Thomas appreciated the applicant's excitement but could use more information for those readers who

aren't familiar with the church. What is the significance of their "important little jewel"--explain this in the application.

City of Granite Falls. M. Sundberg noted that the scope of work didn't line up with their other attachments and application information; it's very important for the documents to match when coming in for another application.

Islamic Center of Minnesota. M. Peterson would like more information about previous work such as HVAC and windows. Is there a way to go back to an historic ceiling? M. Ekman thought this seemed like a design-build project; might need a small grant for construction documents. M. Sundberg noted that HVAC often does design-build projects but that doesn't fit as well in this grant program. The peer reviewer had concerns that would have been covered in design documents.

City of Henning. M. Kelly Jonason questioned the historical significance specific to Minnesota, although it is in the National Register Nomination. How will the public learn about the historic significance? C. Boyd noted that they need more content in the application; they could build up their need and rationale and provide a phasing plan and their schedule.

Macalester College. M. Ekman noted that there was a clear need and rationale, but she struggled with the Scope of Work, which could use more of a breakdown of the roofing components.Some of the detailing was confusing–for example, the Scope of Work mentioned lead flashings, but another document discussed a different type of flashing. The work plan was very detailed and demonstrated that they could get the work done. M. Sundberg noted that the proposal needs much more detail about the roofing materials and how they are matching the historic aesthetic. Reminded applicant of open procurement–public bidding; make sure that the consultant meets Secretary of the Interior's standards.

Helga Township. M. Kelly Jonason noted that it's a beautiful building but the photos don't illustrate the decay. M. Ekman thought there might be confusion between stucco and plaster in the application–make sure that they will be repairing like-for-like. M. Peterson noted the architect's connection to Pope County. Suggested that they may need a comprehensive masonry project first.

Prairie Skyline Foundation. K. Dietrick expressed concern about the amount of conditions for this project; the match appeared not to be secure. Questioned if the quotes were legitimate. M. Sundberg noted concern about them planning to get a line of credit from the contractor–what if they use a different contractor? It seemed like there was some debate over the type of materials to be used. Reuse of asbestos shingles is a concern; how did they reach this conclusion, because there are concerns about reusing asbestos. Is there another material that looks similar that could be used?
City of Wayzata. C. Boyd noted that this is a repeat submission; it's an unusual building with clear and urgent need. Pointed out to the committee that project prices are increasing–something to think about. Reviewers had a number of concerns, including a tight timeline and low contingency amount. This is in Hennepin County, which already has a lot of competition, so that will remain challenging. H. Swanson felt that the applicant was not very responsive in making the changes suggested by the peer reviewer. M. Sundberg appreciated that they are trying to get the work done in one phase and recommended that they have a project manual, but didn't see a line item for construction administration/professional fees.

M. Ekman noted that the ADA ramp makes sense where it's located but felt that the deck does not need to be extended; it can retain the same orientation. Recommended submitting to SHPO for review if possible.

Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association. K. Dietrick noted that the look of these is iconic with backing and public interest. M. Sundberg liked that this was a cooperative project but noted that under Need and Rationale, the explanation didn't feel the most urgent; explaining what makes the project urgent would be beneficial. K. Thomas had a concern about sustainability; would like to see more information on that; would like more buy-in from the Homeowners Association (HOA). She noted that an interpretive plaque would be helpful for those who don't live there. K. Phillips noted that the items to be fixed didn't have a current practical use. C. Boyd noted that a number of applications really need to explain community engagement.

Minnesota Boat Club. Chair T. Allen noted that this is their third submission. M. Sundberg questioned the match; had the price gone up because the $337,000 is the full amount of the bid. What is the match–is it for contingency? Did they actually mean to ask for $237,000? Be very clear about how your budget is laid out. Make sure all the application parts line up. There were insufficient photos submitted and confusion on terminology. M. Ekman agreed with M. Sundberg; she was also confused about the budget; it looked like an error, which was unfortunate because it could have been more appealing for funding. They are still identifying the full scope of work and it would be more helpful if they would focus on the current phase. M. Ekman questioned the Minnesota history because it was not clear in the application. There was no architectural oversight mentioned so how will the project be completed? K. Thomas found it interesting that there are several groups that have met at the boat house and have programs in planning stages; wondered if it is truly open to the public. M. Hedstrom asked if the committee gave them the same advice in the previous applications or different advice. C. Boyd said as she recalled, it was the same advice. M. Hedstrom noted that if our advice is not incorporated into each iteration, what is the point of reapplication?

Pickwick Mill. M. Kelly Jonason noted that this was another application that seemed to have added the match into the grant request. She also wanted to clarify ownership; why weren't federal or county sources asked for funding? Are there other entities that should be responsible for paying for upkeep of the dam? M. Sundberg noted the peer reviewer's concern about the amount of repointing of masonry–knowing the amount needed would be helpful. K. Thomas noted conflicting National Register listing dates–that needs to be corrected. They should also provide data on visitorship and community involvement. M. Ekman noted that they have already done SHPO and Army Corps of Engineers reviews; they are already meeting the Secretary of the Interior's standards. M. Hedstrom commented on sustainability. Due to flooding, is the impact of climate change looked at in the sustainability question?

Staples Historical Society. K. Dietrick suggested that they look at the reviewer's concerns about the age of their documents. Wondered if this project would benefit from phased work? M. Sundberg noted that the peer reviewer had a lot of comments on this application. Consider pulling work items out of the grant proposal and making it a small grant? What does the architectural fee include–does it include construction documents? Make sure that all the budget expenses are eligible. H. Swanson wondered if

the Amtrak station was renting from them–clarify eligibility. M. Kelly Jonason noted that the application shows that there is a lot of need but also a lot of potential and community impact. M. Peterson thought that the construction documents are old and conditions have changed; needs more specific information..

Regents of the University of Minnesota. M. Sundberg noted that this is a very large ask and maybe some of the work needs to be prioritized. Glensheen has already received a lot of grant funding and the application was not as compelling. M. Hedstrom noted that the match needs to be removed because it's a direct appropriation from state funds. Challenge to separate which work is for compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's standards and which are for functional purposes like load weight and safety. Hard to tell which of the appropriated funds are for the historic parts of the project. (Confusion among HRAC as to which project is under discussion.)

LeSueur County Historical Society. K. Dietrick noted that the HRAC's average score explains that the application was very hard to read and would have benefited from having an editor. Difficult to review because it was difficult to understand, and there were a lot of peer reviewer concerns. M. Sundberg noted that there were also a lot of staff concerns. They should choose one of the four standards to apply to your project. No historic architect on the team, and they need one to make sure that they are following standards. The application could use more information on historical significance. K. Thomas noted that the application needs to address the groups that they checked in the application. They mentioned teaching museum/learning museum–should give examples. M. Hedstrom noted that many small organizations can't afford to have an editor for a grant application. M. Sundberg noted that they should address ADA accessibility; they need to address all of the issues that led to the building's closure.

Chair T. Allen noted that all the applications have been discussed; hoped that the applicants listening now or in the future will take these notes and reapply. She explained the grants process, noting that the HRAC's spending recommendations will go to the MNHS Executive Council. They have the power to change decisions; their decision is final. Chair T. Allen gave her thanks to the committee members and staff, as well as WNAV staff and the peer reviewers.

C. Veeser-Egbide reminded the applicants of the upcoming Heritage Partnership Program; pre-applications will be due in January. Spring Meeting location–if HRAC has recommendations for grantee's location, let us know. This will probably be in May. Interested in comments about the scoring system since it's new. Thanked everyone.

C. Boyd thanked everyone for their work. More work needs to be done with engaging diverse communities; feels like we got less information than we used to. Before the Spring Meeting, think about next steps for this part of the application. M. Kelly Jonason noted that there was a glitch with the tables that might have caused blank answers. C. Veeser-Egbide noted that all applicants were told to fill it out again.

M. Hedstrom noted that the table is fundamentally flawed. From a reviewer point of view, some applicants didn't check any boxes and provided no information about the potential benefit to

communities. Some checked all the boxes and didn't provide information about the communities; some identified communities and explained the impact. Agree we had less information and also have inaccurate information, for example, the low median income county question. Chair T. Allen said she looks forward to a good discussion about this at the Spring Meeting; hopes for continued progress. Noted her appreciation for the committee's comments.

Chair T. Allen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. M. Peterson made the motion; K. Dietrick seconded. Vote: 12-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Carolyn Veeser-Egbide, Grants Manager

CVE: mh, gm

Appendix A: List of Recommendations

R-MHCG-2507-30763
Beltrami County

Beltrami County Historical Society
Beltrami County Historical Society Collections Rehousing – Phase II
Amount Requested: $74,556
Recommendation: $74,556
Brief Project Description: To improve collections care and management through proper storage, and to provide appropriate storage materials for museum collections.

R-MHCG-2506-30388
Rice County

Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour
The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour's Chapel, 1933 Addition and Apse Roof Rehabilitation Project
Amount Requested: $265,000
Recommendation: $265,000
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified contractors to rehabilitate the Addition and Apse Roof on the 1933 Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour's Chapel, listed in the National Register.

R-MHCG-2505-30370
Ramsey County

Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill
Christ on Capitol Hill's Façade and Entrance Repair & Rehabilitation
Amount Requested: $175,000
Recommendation: $175,000
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified contractors for masonry rehabilitation, cast stone repairs, and sealant replacement for the 1909 and 1913 sections of Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill (listed in the National Register of Historic Places), with a special focus on rehabilitation of the grand stairway and back entry portico.

R-MHCG-2507-30630
Traverse County

City of Browns Valley
Sam Brown Cabin/Fort Wadsworth Agency Building Construction Documents
Amount Requested: $50,000
Recommendation: $50,000
Brief Project Description: To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of the ca. 1862 Fort Wadsworth Agency and Scout Headquarters Building, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2507-30766 — **City of Canby**
Yellow Medicine County
Construction and installation of original replicates; ticket booth, exterior doors, and movie frames
Amount Requested: $98,400
Recommendation: $98,400
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals for the construction and installation of original replicates: ticket booth, exterior doors, and movie frames on the Historic Canby Theatre, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2507-30646 — **City of Madison**
Lac qui Parle County
Madison City Hall-Firehouse Storm Windows and Door
Amount Requested: $37,720
Recommendation: $37,720
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to install storm windows and a door on the Madison City Hall (Firehouse), listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2507-30552 — **City of Ramsey**
Anoka County
Historic Ramsey Town Hall/District No. 28 School House: Design
Amount Requested: $39,500
Recommendation: $39,500
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to design a concrete path with an ADA ramp, heating and air conditioning system, and ADA compliant historic period bathroom for the 1892 School District No. 28, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2507-30771 — **City of Tower**
St. Louis County
Passenger Station Foundation and Exterior Rehabilitation
Amount Requested: $309,000
Recommendation: $309,000
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals for foundation and exterior rehabilitation on the 1915 Duluth and Iron Range Railroad Company Passenger Station, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2507-30593 — **Clearwater County Historical Society**
Clearwater County
Construction Documents for Gran Church
Amount Requested: $25,000
Recommendation: $25,000
Brief Project Description: To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of Gran Church, built in 1897 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2502-30036
Fillmore County

Fillmore County Historical Society
Museum HVAC Design Project
Amount Requested: $60,000
Recommendation: $60,000
Brief Project Description: To hire a qualified consultant to design an appropriate heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system for a museum collections space.

R-MHCG-2505-30380
Anoka County

Fridley Historical Society
Exhibit Design of the Post-World War II Suburban Development of Fridley, Minnesota
Amount Requested: $70,000
Recommendation: $70,000
Brief Project Description: To hire a qualified consultant to design an upcoming exhibit on the post-World War II suburban development of Fridley, MN.

R-MHCG-2507-30541
Hennepin County

Friends of Milwaukee Avenue Historic District
Milwaukee Avenue Historic District Resurvey
Amount Requested: $34,000
Recommendation: $34,000
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to resurvey the Milwaukee Avenue Historic District, with the goal of updating contributing and non-contributing resources.

R-MHCG-2506-30424
Fillmore County

Harmony Area Historical Society
McMichael Grain Elevator Stabilization
Amount Requested: $104,901
Recommendation: $104,901
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to complete the stabilization construction phase of the 1879 McMichael Grain Elevator, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2503-30077
Clay County

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County
Digitizing and Transcribing Orabel Thortvedt's Indexes
Amount Requested: $34,162
Recommendation: $34,162
Brief Project Description: To digitize a collection of archival scrapbook indexes, allowing for greater public access to these historic resources.

R-MHCG-2507-30823
Ramsey County

Hmong Museum
Unearthing Hmong Minnesotan Stories: Hmong Research Fellowship
Amount Requested: $65,000
Recommendation: $65,000
Brief Project Description: To hire a qualified historian to conduct primary and secondary source research on the history of Hmong in Minnesota.

R-MHCG-2507-30576
Kittson County

Kittson County Historical Society
Lighting Installation & Occupancy Sensors for Kittson County Museum
Amount Requested: $99,838
Recommendation: $99,838
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Kittson County Historical Society's lighting system.

R-MHCG-2507-30764
Hennepin County

Minnesota Orchestral Association
Preserving the Minnesota Orchestra's Concert Broadcast History, Phase III
Amount Requested: $130,250
Recommendation: $130,250
Brief Project Description: To digitize fragile recordings of approximately 200 concerts, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource.

R-MHCG-2507-30819
Blue Earth County

Minnesota State University, Mankato (EARTH Systems Lab)
Charcoal Reference Manual of Minnesota Trees
Amount Requested: $62,413
Recommendation: $62,413
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to develop a reference manual for charcoal remains of trees recovered from archeological sites in Minnesota.

R-MHCG-2509-30896
Hennepin County

Minnetonka Community Church
Minnetonka Town Hall Renovation Project
Amount Requested: $93,375
Recommendation: $88,375
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to restore the building's siding, primary windows, addition, and front porch on the 1906 Minnetonka Town Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2507-30703
Rice County

Northfield Historical Society
Historic Scriver Building East Exterior Restoration
Amount Requested: $300,000
Recommendation: $300,000
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to restore the east exterior on the 1876 Scriver Block Building, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2507-30792
Rice County

Norwegian-American Historical Association
Digitizing the American Relief for Norway, Inc. Papers
Amount Requested: $97,550
Recommendation: $97,550
Brief Project Description: To digitize the American Relief for Norway, Inc. Papers, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource.

R-MHCG-2502-30024
Pipestone County

Pipestone County Historical Society
Repointing 3 Elevations of the Ferris Grand Block
Amount Requested: $177,142
Recommendation: $177,142
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified contractors to repoint the exterior masonry of the east, west, and south walls of the 1898 Ferris Grand Block to stabilize the historic structure and eliminate water infiltration.

R-MHCG-2507-30777
Ramsey County

Ramsey County Historical Society
Planning New Interactive Learning Lab Content and Components for Gibbs Farm
Amount Requested: $28,980
Recommendation: $28,980
Brief Project Description: To hire a qualified consultant to develop two new Interactive Learning Labs at Gibbs Farm, with a focus on Gibbs family farm life and agricultural history of the Twin Cities.

R-MHCG-2507-30587
Goodhue County

Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation
Red Wing Union Stoneware Company Harrop Kiln Reconstruction
Amount Requested: $47,940
Recommendation: $47,940
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to develop construction documents for use in reconstructing the c. 1926 Harrop Kiln used by Red Wing Union Stoneware Company.

R-MHCG-2507-30774
Hennepin County

Regents of the University of Minnesota (College of Education and Human Development)
Dance On!: The Cultural, Sonic, and Symbolic Legacy of Prince
Amount Requested: $22,503
Recommendation: $22,503
Brief Project Description: To create content for a new academic conference that will explore the social and cultural impact of Prince's legacy in Minnesota's history.

R-MHCG-2507-30617
Hennepin County

Regents of the University of Minnesota (U of M Libraries)
Processing Minnesota's Human Rights Collections
Amount Requested: $99,810
Recommendation: $99,810
Brief Project Description: To provide better organization of the museum's human rights archival materials, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

R-MHCG-2507-30639
Rice County

Rice County Historical Society
RCHS Collections Inventory, Part 1
Amount Requested: $115,918
Recommendation: $115,918
Brief Project Description: To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

R-MHCG-2507-30613
Hennepin County

Richfield Historical Society
Construction Documents for the Bartholomew House Repairs
Amount Requested: $26,134
Recommendation: $26,134
Brief Project Description: To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of the 1852 Riley Lucas Bartholomew House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2507-30788
Rice County

River Bend Nature Center, Inc.
River Bend Nature Center Interpretive Trail: Design Phase
Amount Requested: $50,227
Recommendation: $50,227
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified consultants to develop label text and graphics for an interpretive trail.

R-MHCG-2507-30729
Renville County

Sacred Heart Area Historical Society
Hotel Sacred Heart East Window Rehabilitation
Amount Requested: $170,015
Recommendation: $170,015
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to restore the east side windows on the 1914 Hotel Sacred Heart, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2507-30737
Ramsey County

Science Museum of Minnesota
The Science Museum of Minnesota's Minnesota River Valley Collections and the Fred Kienlen Site: Windows into the Precontact History of the Central Minnesota River
Amount Requested: $99,887
Recommendation: $99,887
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to inventory and digitize SMM's Minnesota River Valley archaeological collections, conduct tribal interviews, and complete geophysical survey and testing of a newly discovered pre-contact MN Valley site in Nicollet County.

R-MHCG-2507-30710
St. Louis County

Sisu Heritage Inc.
Exterior Renovation of Housebarn
Amount Requested: $176,026
Recommendation: $176,026
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to restore the wood siding, hay barn doors and windows, privy footprint, cow barn floors and fixtures, horse barn floors, and root cellar hood and entrance on the Alex Seitaniemi Housebarn, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2507-30569
Stearns County

Stearns History Museum
Three-Dimensional Collections Evaluation and Clean-up, Phase 3
Amount Requested: $118,042
Recommendation: $118,042
Brief Project Description: To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

R-MHCG-2507-30625
St. Louis County

Tower-Soudan Historical Society
Tower Fire Hall Rehabilitation - Final Phase
Amount Requested: $280,000
Recommendation: $280,000

Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to restore the rear entrances on the 1895 Tower Fire Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2506-30511
Ramsey County

United Hmong Family Inc
Planning the "Celebrating 50 Years of Hmong Culture through Performing Arts" Exhibit
Amount Requested: $100,293
Recommendation: $100,293
Brief Project Description: To hire a qualified consultant to develop planning documents for an exhibit focused on 50 years of Hmong performing arts in Minnesota.

R-MHCG-2507-30805
Dakota County

Waterford Township
Waterford Bridge Preservation – Project Completion
Amount Requested: $295,000
Recommendation: $295,000
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to repair the structure, including additional gusset plates and railings, new concrete deck, and repainting on the 1909 Waterford Bridge, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2507-30537
Dodge County

West Concord Historical Society
West Concord High School Roof Replacement
Amount Requested: $348,914
Recommendation: $348,914
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to replace the roof to address the deteriorating conditions on the 1902 West Concord High School (1936 PWA Gymnasium/Auditorium), listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2507-30769
Winona County

Winona County Historical Society
Historic Armory Building Envelope Repair
Amount Requested: $291,300
Recommendation: $291,300
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to repair the water drainage systems including roof drainage, improved gutters, and as-needed repointing and brick replacement on the 1914 Armory, listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing building in the Winona Commercial Historic District.

Appendix B - List of Recommendations

ID	AVG	MODE	APPLICANT	PROJECT TITLE	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
2507-30739	15.08	9	Afton Historical Society and Museum	Exhibit Planning and Design	$134,633	
2507-30758	19.46	22	American Swedish Institute	American Swedish Institute Collections Inventory Project	$114,093	
2507-30693	16.38	12	Amherst H. Wilder Foundation	Wilder Critical History Phase 2	$87,500	
2507-30763	20.85	23	Beltrami County Historical Society	Beltrami County Historical Society Collections Rehousing – Phase II	$74,556	$74,556
2506-30505	20.85	23	Carver County	HVAC Design Development	$42,903	
2506-30388	22.25	25	Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour	The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour's Chapel,1933 Addition and Apse Roof Rehabilitation Project	$265,000	$265,000
2505-30370	23.27	21	Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill	Christ on Capitol Hill's Façade and Entrance Repair & Rehabilitation	$175,000	$175,000
2507-30630	20.5	24	City of Browns Valley	Sam Brown Cabin/Fort Wadsworth Agency Building Construction Documents	$50,000	$50,000
2507-30766	20	21	City of Canby	Construction and installation of original replicates; ticket booth, exterior doors, and movie frames	$98,400	$98,400
2506-30422	18.42	21	City of Clements	Historic State Bank of Clements Exterior Improvements	$244,830	
2507-30608	17.08	18	City of Delano	Delano Village Hall - First Floor Window and Door Restoration	$96,142	

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2507-30627	22.92	23	City of Eden Prairie	Manuscript for Book on the History of Native people in Eden Prairie	$30,600	
2406-29299	16.62	14	City of Granite Falls	Andrew J. Volstead House Museum Exterior Phase 1	$227,595	
2506-30501	19.92	21	City of Henning	Construction for Tuck Pointing and Masonry Repairs, Lewis House & Medical Clinic	$248,000	
2506-30440	19.83	20	City of Henning	Handicap and Bathroom Access Construction Documents	$76,000	
2507-30646	20.08	19	City of Madison	Madison City Hall-Firehouse Storm Windows and Door	$37,720	$37,720
2507-30552	19.54	22	City of Ramsey	Historic Ramsey Town Hall/District No. 28 School House	$39,500	$39,500
2507-30771	22	21	City of Tower	Passenger Station Foundation and Exterior Rehabilitation	$309,000	$309,000
2507-30631	18.38	21	City of Tracy	Architectural & Engineering Construction Documents for Tracy City Hall	$45,000	
2506-30457	20.15	24	City of Wayzata	Wayzata Section Foreman House Preservation Project	$308,829	
2507-30593	20.92	24	Clearwater County Historical Society	Preservation design documents for Gran Church	$25,000	$25,000
2507-30786	17.85	13	Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association	Rehabilitation of Washburn Lofts Historic Water Tanks	$325,000	
2506-30509	20.17	13	Faribault County Historical Society	Whipple Gothic Church of the Good Shepherd (1872): Stabilization & Protection of Historic Stained Glass Windows	$209,703	

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2502-30036	20.08	20	Fillmore County Historical Society	HVAC Design Grant	$60,000	$60,000
2507-30746	17.62	9	FilmNorth	Minnesota Film Archive	$40,000	
2507-30794	22.17	26	First Congregational Church of Minnesota - United Church of Christ	First Church Leaded Glass Window Rehabilitation	$256,908	
2505-30380	20.92	23	Fridley Historical Society	Exhibit Design of the Post-World War II Suburban Development of Fridley, Minnesota	$70,000	$70,000
2505-30381	18.73	23	Friends of Linden Hill, Inc.	Barn/carriage House Rehab	$238,000	
2507-30541	20.62	20	Friends of Milwaukee Avenue Historic District	Milwaukee Avenue Historic District Resurvey	$34,000	$34,000
2506-30424	23.58	24	Harmony Area Historical Society	McMichael Grain Elevator Stabilization Construction Documents and Cost Estimates	$104,901	$104,901
2507-30575	15.75	18	Helga Township	Nary School Stucco Stabilization	$294,500	
2503-30077	22.58	25	Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County	Digitizing and Transcribing Orabel Thortvedt's Indexes	$34,162	$34,162
2506-30435	19.55	21	Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County	Bergquist Cabin Conservation	$72,585	
2507-30823	24.54	26	Hmong Museum	Unearthing Hmong Minnesotan Stories: Hmong Research Fellowship	$65,000	$65,000
2501-29978	16.62	15	Islamic Center of Winona	HVAC UPGRADE	$228,638	
2507-30576	20.77	18	Kittson County Historical Society	Lighting Installation & occupancy sensors for Kittson County Museum Exhibit Areas, Storage Rooms and Lobby/Library	$99,838	$99,838

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2507-30548	11.62	12	Le Sueur County Historical Society	Elysian Schoolhouse Musuem (all) window, doors, and other elements restored, rehabilitated and preserved.	$518,107	
2507-30791	18.33	10	Little Canada Historical Society	Benjamin Gervais and Genevieve Laurence: A Groundbreaking Biography – Phase 2: Manuscript Drafting	$143,000	
2507-30714	19.67	20	Macalester College	Critical roof restoration of Old Main, Macalester's oldest and most historically significant building.	$250,000	
2507-30803	19.62	20	Minnesota Boat Club	Minnesota Boat Club Boathouse Structural Rehabilitation: Phase 1	$337,445	
2507-30797	20.15	22	Minnesota Museum of American Art	Digitizing for Greater Community Accessibility	$100,000	
2507-30764	22.38	24	Minnesota Orchestral Association	Preserving the Minnesota Orchestra’s Concert Broadcast History, Phase III	$130,250	$130,250
2507-30819	19.54	20	Minnesota State University, Mankato (EARTH Systems Lab)	Charcoal Reference Manual of Minnesota Trees	$62,413	$62,413
2509-30896	22.58	25	Minnetonka Community Church	Minnetonka Town Hall Renovation Project	$88,375	$88,375
2405-29159	19.38	22	Murray County	Dinehart Holt House Window Repair & Stair Support Installation	$182,731	
2507-30703	22	25	Northfield Historical Society	Historic Scriver Building East Exterior Restoration	$300,000	$300,000
2507-30792	20.92	17	Norwegian-American Historical Association	Digitizing the American Relief for Norway, Inc. Papers	$97,550	$97,550
2505-30363	20.08	23	Pickwick Mill, Inc.	Pickwick Mill Dam Restoration	$356,885	

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2502-30024	21.25	22	Pipestone County Historical Society	Repointing 3 Elevations of the Ferris Grand Block	$177,142	$177,142
2507-30527	14.15	15	Prairie Skyline Foundation, Inc.	Steeples Shingling Project	$304,288	
2507-30638	15.38	17	Prospect House and Civil War Museum	Architect Selection and Preparation of Construction Drawings for Restoration and Rehabilitation	$140,000	
2507-30777	22.31	27	Ramsey County Historical Society	Planning New Interactive Learning Lab Content and Components for Gibbs Farm	$28,980	$28,980
2507-30587	22.83	24	Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation	RWUSCompany Harrop Kiln Reconstruction	$47,940	$47,940
2507-30774	22	27	Regents of the University of Minnesota (College of Education and Human Development)	Dance On!: The Cultural, Sonic, and Symbolic Legacy of Prince	$22,503	$22,503
2507-30678	17	15	Regents of the University of Minnesota (Glensheen)	Glensheen Upper Bent Brook Bridge Preservation	$400,000	
2507-30617	24.7	24	Regents of the University of Minnesota (U of M Libraries)	Processing Minnesota's Human Rights Collections	$99,810	$99,810
2507-30780	21.77	24	Rethos	Foundations of Place: Researching People, Place, and the Built Environment	$35,200	
2507-30639	21.54	25	Rice County Historical Society	RCHS Collections Inventory, Part 1	$115,918	$115,918
2507-30613	19.08	22	Richfield Historical Society	Construction Documents Needed for the Bartholomew House Repairs	$26,134	$26,134
2507-30788	23.62	26	River Bend Nature Center, Inc.	River Bend Nature Center Interpretive Trail	$50,227	$50,227

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2507-30729	20.18	24	Sacred Heart Area Historical Society	Hotel Sacred Heart East Window Rehabilitation	$170,015	$170,015
2507-30806	22	19	Scandia Heritage Alliance	Exhibit Plan - Scandia's Water Tower Barn Tankhouse	$41,000	
2507-30737	26.31	27	Science Museum of Minnesota	The Science Museum of Minnesota's Minnesota River Valley Collections and the Fred Kienlen Site: Windows into the Precontact History of the Central Minnesota River	$99,887	$99,887
2507-30710	22.33	24	Sisu Heritage Inc.	Exterior Renovation of Housebarn	$176,026	$176,026
2507-30781	15.85	3	Somali Artifact and Cultural Museum	Preserving Somali Heritage: Comprehensive Inventory, Cataloguing, and Digital Outreach at the Somali Museum	$89,040	
2506-30470	17.58	22	St. Clement's Episcopal Church	Conservation of East Facing, Tiffany Stained Glass Window at St. Clement's Episcopal Church	$209,000	
2507-30773	15.85	16	Staples Historical Society	Preserving the Past, Planning for the Future: Second Floor Restoration of the Historic Staples Depot	$370,000	
2507-30569	18.92	14	Stearns History Museum	Three-Dimensional Collections Evaluation and Clean-up, Phase 3	$118,042	$118,042
2507-30782	14.85	21	Superior Hiking Trail Association	Developing the Manuscript for the Interpretive Guide to the Superior Hiking Trail	$205,750	
2507-30625	22.17	22	Tower-Soudan Historical Society	Tower Fire Hall Rehabilitation - Final Phase	$280,000	$280,000
2506-30511	22.69	24	United Hmong Family Inc	Planning the "Celebrating 50 Years of Hmong Culture through Performing Arts" Exhibit	$100,293	$100,293

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2507-30824	18.38	23	Washington County Historical Society	Exhibit Planning and Production: Wedding Traditions in Washington County	$30,000	
2507-30805	21.23	27	Waterford Township	Waterford Bridge Preservation – Project Completion	$295,000	$295,000
2507-30537	23.08	23	West Concord Historical Society	West Concord High School Roof Replacement	$348,914	$348,914
2507-30641	21.46	17	White Bear Lake Area Historical Society	WBL Armory HVAC Upgrade and Ceiling Treatment	$258,500	
2507-30769	21.42	22	Winona County Historical Society	Historic Armory Building Envelope Repair	$291,300	$291,300