Historic Resources Advisory Committee Meeting
September 26-27, 2024

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The Minnesota Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) met on September 26 and 27, 2024, to make recommendations for applications in the Fiscal Year 2025 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 One, September 26, 2024

HRAC Attending: Chair Tisha Allen, Melissa Christenson Ekman, Maureen Kelly Jonason, Hillary Swanson, Katie Phillips, Margaret Hedstrom, Merlin Peterson, Kate Thomas, Kate Dietrick, Crystal Boyd, Milissa Brooks-Ojibway, Anne O'Keefe-Jackson

Not Attending: Heather Hoagland, Peter Reyes, Tom Forsythe

Staff Attending (all or part of the day): Carolyn Veeser-Egbide, Melinda Hutchinson, Gillian Maguire, John Fulton, Megan Brakob Narvey, Todd Mahon, John Beaty, Joe Hoover, Avi Viswanathan

Chair T. Allen called the meeting to order at 9:58 am. Gave general announcements regarding the meeting and amendment. Asked for HRAC introductions including qualifications. Chair T. Allen then asked staff to introduce themselves.

Chair T. Allen called for a motion to approve the HRAC meeting minutes from May 3, 2024 Spring Meeting. M. Christenson Ekman made a motion to approve the minutes. M. Kelly Jonason seconded. No discussion. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried.

Chair T. Allen then explained the agenda for the day. The Grants Office received 80 applications requesting a little over $12 million. Five applications were found ineligible; HRAC will discuss the 75 remaining, which requested just over $10 million. There is $5.6 million available for award.

A. Viswanathan thanked the HRAC for being here and for all the work they have done and are doing for the meeting.

Chair T. Allen went through meeting norms, then asked the committee how they prefer to sort and discuss the applications, by mode or average. Committee discussed. They decided to sort by average and then decided on a low funding point. Last year the threshold was $2 million. Consensus was that $2 million would be fine for this meeting as well.

Discussion on how to group and discuss the applications. Consensus was to discuss those rated in the 9s and 8s first. Chair T. Allen mentioned ground rules regarding conflict of interest, motions, voting, and a reminder to include staff conditions, if applicable, with the motion. No further discussion; started deliberations. A. O'Keefe-Jackson suggested voting on a small group of top scoring applications:

R-MHCG-2405-29244 **City of Mendota Heights** R-MHCG-2405-29171 **Minnesota's Black Community Project** R-MHCG-2404-29073 **Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa** R-MHCG-2405-29280 **Illusion Theater and School, Inc.** R-MHCG-2405-29193 **City of Hibbing**	Oheyawahi Interpretive Design, $60,000 Spotlight on Minnesota's Triumphant African American Community: An Interpretive Educational Documentary on Minnesota's 21st Century African American Community, $25,000 Nagaajiwanaang Dibaajimowinan, $49,000 50 Years of Catalyzing Change: A Documentary about Illusion Theater & School's Impact on Minnesota, $19,900 Hull Rust Mahoning Exhibit Plan, $106,000 A. O'Keefe-Jackson made a motion to recommend funding for these applications. M. Peterson seconded. No discussion. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried.
R-MHCG-2405-29135 **Minnesota State University, Mankato (Library Services)**	This Statue, This Place: Abraham Lincoln Statue at Minnesota State University, Mankato K. Phillips recused herself. Chair T. Allen called for discussion. M. Kelly Jonason thought it was great to involve students, and to have Gwen Westerman's involvement; could be used as a model for other communities. K. Dietrick agreed; this is a return that HRAC did not fund last year but this year it is a stronger project. This is a

	timely project in a library, a space of learning. M. Peterson thought the content of the exhibit was great but took issue with the cost of installation; thought it was too high. Explained where he felt the application lacked details. M. Hedstrom thought the discussion about why the statue was commissioned in the first place was missing from the application. Could be strengthened by providing more context. A. O'Keefe-Jackson explained the Dakota perspective and noted it's a contemporary process of working through historic issues. There is still a lot of history that is not accurate and not represented but she thought that this was an excellent example of a school discussing these complexities and fully supported the effort. K. Thomas supported the content and justification for the budget; the site is a library, not gallery. A. O'Keefe-Jackson made a motion to recommend funding at $74,633. M. Kelly Jonason seconded. Vote: 10-1-1. Motion carried.

R-MHCG-2404-29112 **Nobles County Historical Society** R-MHCG-2405-29206 **Beltrami County Historical Society** R-MHCG-2403-28930 **Fulda Heritage Society**	Exhibit: Nobles County - A Home For Immigrants, $281,177 Beltrami County Historical Society Collections Rehousing - Phase I, $49,261 Fulda 1880 Depot Foundation Repairs, $170,000 M. Peterson made a motion to recommend funding lines 8-15 on the spreadsheet but Chair T. Allen suggested Nobles County Historical Society ($281,177), Beltrami County Historical Society ($49,261), and Fulda Heritage Society ($170,000). M. Peterson made the motion to recommend funding. M. Hedstrom seconded. Discussion. C. Boyd questioned Nobles' budget because it seemed high; M. Kelly Jonason agreed. M. Peterson was impressed w/ their research and decision to remap who they will

	serve in the new space. K. Thomas noted there seemed to be a lot of teamwork. Thought it odd that they were not including Spanish language in the exhibit considering the high number of Hispanics in the community. M. Peterson noted that the committee could recommend that. A. O'Keefe-Jackson agreed that would help build an inclusive community. Chair T. Allen noted there is a motion to recommend funding all three. No further discussion. Vote 11-0-0. Motion carried.
R-MHCG-2405-29217 **Minneapolis American Indian Center**	Bringing the Minneapolis American Indian Center's Story to Life Chair T. Allen and C. Boyd recused themselves. A. O'Keefe-Jackson took the Chair for discussion. K. Thomas thought the requested amount was too low and was confused as to whether this is research or development of an exhibit because it seemed like a lot of work for a small request. M. Kelly Jonason thought match numbers were unclear, staff time unclear. M. Peterson asked for staff to address whether this is a research plan or subsequent phase. T. Mahon noted that he was the content reviewer and that this is an interpretive plan that includes research. K. Thomas noted this is a needed project. K. Phillips thanked colleagues for comments and noted that MAIC is one of the oldest Indian centers in the nation and is great for the community it serves. AIM was founded in Minneapolis in 1968 and it is great to support this group. K. Phillips made a motion to recommend funding at $28,350. M. Peterson seconded, noting this was a strong application. Vote: 9-0-2. Motion carried.

A. O'Keefe-Jackson asked about differences between requested amounts and eligible amounts in some applications. C. Veeser-Egbide explained that ineligible costs are removed from the budgets by staff during their reviews. T. Allen resumed Chair.

R-MHCG-2404-29083 **East Side Freedom Library**	East Side Freedom Library: Establishing a Community Digital Repository

	K. Dietrick recused herself. M. Hedstrom voiced concerns about unrestricted availability of materials; some community members may want restrictions, so perhaps allow restrictions going forward. M. Christenson Ekman questioned what happens if they can't find qualified people for the paid positions. H. Swanson agreed. C. Boyd thought it more important to help this community move forward with this project. M. Peterson noted that there is a scanning worksheet and asked if 3000-5000 pixels is acceptable? The grant contract should clarify. M. Hedstrom noted that many of the other requests come from established organizations where the assumption is that the organization will continue. Community archives projects tend not to have a long enough "track record" to confirm that there's sustainability; there is distrust of established organizations in many cases. C. Boyd noted that this will become a program over time; this is a risk but an important investment. M. Hedstrom noted that someone needs to figure out how to sustain the project. M. Peterson made a motion to recommend funding at $199,290. Jonason seconded. Vote: 10-0-1. Motion carried.

Chair T. Allen suggested the next three applications for discussion and/or motions:

R-MHCG-2405-29268 **Minnesota Discovery Center**	Hall of Geology Exhibit Implementation, $99,517
R-MHCG-2405-29277 **Our Streets**	Re-Connecting the Twin Cities Oral History Project, $34,630
R-MHCG-2405-29134 **Rock County Historical Society**	Museum-Quality Collection Storage, $111,722
	M. Peterson made a motion to recommend funding for all three. M. Hedstrom seconded. Discussion. K. Phillips noted staff concerns on

	supplies in Rock County Historical Society's application because the peer reviewer did not share those concerns. C. Boyd noted Rock CHS did not mention that interns would be paid and interns should be paid (and is an eligible expense). Has a small concern about Our Streets' timing for transcriptions–they should build in time for this. M. Peterson noted that there is some urgency for the Our Streets project. M. Hedlund commented on Rock CHS storage conditions; noted that some collections need storage conditions that don't fluctuate as much as they have stated in their application. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried.

Funding check: $1,308,480; $4,297,520 remaining.

R-MHCG-2403-28893 **Carleton College**	<u>100 Years of Minnesota's First Arboretum at Carleton College, Phase Two: Writing , Editing and Design</u> Chair T. Allen called for discussion. M. Peterson noted that there are a number of professionals but also student involvement from student photographers, which seems conflicting. Asked what a "genuine plan" to hire a Dakota writer means? Project manager expense–what does that mean? Is this a project administrator and is it allowed in the grant program? C. Veeser-Egbide explained that project management is an eligible expense. K. Phillips noted that student photographers can be quite incredible and it's nice that they're included. Having support from a Mellon grant is great. M. Peterson noted that the applicant should explain their plan. M. Kelly Jonason made a motion to recommend funding at $49,935. K. Phillips seconded. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried.

K. Dietrick noted that the next four applications in the list all have the same average and if HRAC recommends funding for all of them, they will go over the $2 million threshold; committee should be cognizant of this. M. Kelly Jonason expressed a concern about county distribution. C. Veeser-Egbide explained that the committee will spend down to the $2 million mark, so the committee still has funds to work with. Once $2 million remains, they will open up the discussion to the rest of the lower-scoring applications.

R-MHCG-2405-29248 **City of Appleton**	<u>Website Development and Tourism Materials Enhancement for the Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway</u> Chair T. Allen called for discussion. C. Boyd recused herself. M. Hedstrom voiced a technical concern about migrating content of the website to a new architecture. They have obsolete code. They are not making an investment in liberating themselves from the constraints of a structure that also will be obsolete in another 7-8 years. Thought it better to look at web content; there is more they could do that would cost slightly more but would get them away from dependence on hard-coding. K. Dietrick was unable to follow the structure of application; what is the sustainability for the plan? M. Peterson noted concern for the Byway Coordinator; seems like a transitory position. This could be a Parks and Trails or DNR grant instead; there are other funding mechanisms. K. Thomas noted that the applicant's outreach could be a model for other groups. A. O'Keefe-Jackson noted that there is a lot of participation between groups that has been going on for years and it is really necessary for accurate history in rural areas. A. O'Keefe-Jackson made a motion to recommend funding at $75,450. K. Phillips seconded. Vote: 8-2-1. Motion carried.
R-MHCG-2405-29116 **Hennepin County Library**	<u>Minneapolis Community-Based Organizations Archives</u> Chair T. Allen called for discussion. A. O'Keefe-Jackson noted that at the last meeting the committee sorted by categories and she suggested that they look at other types of projects. Chair T. Allen noted that they will go

	through the applications ranked as eights and then get to different sorts. K. Dietrick would prefer to see one full time position rather than three part time positions, which is endemic in libraries. M. Hedstrom had serious concerns about estimates for labor involved and thought 20 hours/linear foot was too much–possible, but not justified. Forty-five hours for one box of materials is too much and not a good use of time. K. Dietrick noted that as an archivist she agreed that the numbers were high but appreciated the intentionality of slower processing for marginalized communities' archives. M. Kelly Jonason thought that they could phase and apply for small grants instead. M. Peterson was concerned about different staff bringing in different approaches to the same collections but thought the reviewer comments were very positive. A. O'Keefe-Jackson noted that she ranked the application high because it's an important project. M. Hedlund noted concern about duplicate information and actual duplication; excellent example of weeding duplicates. K. Dietrick made a motion to recommend funding at $75,500. M. Brooks-Ojibway seconded. Vote: 10-1-0. Motion carried.

The committee took a short break at 11:15 am. Chair T. Allen called the committee back at 11:29 am to resume discussion.

R-MHCG-2403-28911 **Preserve Appleton's Heritage**	<u>Appleton City Hall Phase 1A Masonry, Roof and Foundation</u> M. Hedlund recused herself. M. Christenson Ekman made a motion to recommend funding at $372,552; noted that this is a good application, very timely, with lots of support from the community. M. Kelly Jonason seconded. K. Phillips noted that this was their second submission and encouraged non-funded

	applicants to reapply; this is a great example for that. Vote: 10-0-1. Motion carried.
R-MHCG-2405-29195 **White Bear Lake Area Historical Society**	<u>Armory Roofing and Masonry Restoration</u> M. Christenson Ekman noted that the masonry was critical, but felt that the drawings were really lacking in detail. Would have liked much more detail and photos to show the need for replacement. Architectural drawings were not detailed; scope was unclear and ambiguous. C. Boyd appreciated the expertise because she doesn't have technical expertise, but the public benefit is to help protect the collections. M. Peterson noted that this work would help protect the local history collections broadly, so is there a way to condition the project? M. Christenson Ekman noted that this needs to be reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office and she doesn't think that they would approve as-is. C. Veeser-Egbide explained that SHPO review is required by law and if SHPO comes back that the documents need more detail, the Grants Office can work with the grantee. She explained the difference between recommendation and condition, and reminded the committee to think about whether adding conditions will require more funding. K. Phillips asked what would happen if SHPO said no? C. Veeser-Egbide explained that the Grants Office and Design Reviewers would work with the grantee to remedy the situation–there might be a change of scope or the grant may be declined. M. Christenson Ekman noted that there might be time added for more review time; the timetable would be affected. H. Swanson noted that there are four other open grants by this applicant, adding up to $500,000. A. O'Keefe-Jackson noted that the DEI answers were very weak. For the amount of the request they should have stronger DEI answers and work in the communities. K. Dietrick would like to see more about the value of Minnesota history; it is

	presumed but would like it better stated as to what they bring to Minnesota history. M. Peterson asked about currently open grants. C. Veeser-Egbide confirmed that there are four grants currently open. M. Peterson asked if the applicant would be better served coming back and made a motion to deny the grant based on incomplete construction/architectural drawings. M. Christenson Ekman seconded the motion. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried.

A. O'Keefe-Jackson asked if they have to vote on denials. C. Veeser-Egbide noted that it's up to the committee how they want to proceed; can do either, but denials need to have a reason.

R-MHCG-2405-29254 **Ernest C. Oberholtzer Foundation**	<u>Historic Structures Report/Cultural Landscape Report</u> Chair T. Allen called for discussion. M. Christenson Ekman noted that this is a strong application and identified the need. However, this is an island and how accessible is this site as a whole for Minnesotans? Would like to see that addressed. M. Peterson noted that it would be nice to have a site map that would include all structures. C. Boyd noted that this is the only application from Koochiching County, which is underserved in grant dollars, so it is an important area to consider. M. Christenson Ekman noted that the fee for the proposed work is reasonable, and brought up the previous grant for moving collections to the mainland which made them more accessible. Discussed accessibility and whether that could be addressed better. K. Phillips appreciated that they have an Ojibwe committee and the work they are doing as far as cultural accessibility is important. They are already doing the work. M. Christenson Ekman noted that this is a very unique location/structure/applicant. M. Kelly Jonason noted that the project would be available to Minnesotans because of its nature as research

	documents. C. Boyd made a motion to recommend funding at $178,390. M. Kelly Jonason seconded. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried.

Chair T. Allen asked for discussion of West Concord Historical Society. C. Boyd noted that this is the second most expensive proposal, so keep the budget in mind. This is important, but there's not a lot of outreach to the community. Suggested that they return the application and ask the applicant to bring costs down and reapply after doing outreach. K. Thomas agreed; they rent to the Hispanic community so why not do outreach. M. Christenson Ekman noted that there weren't a lot of photos of the interior to demonstrate the need. The critical need for the project was not well documented; return for better documentation and narratives. M. Peterson noted that this is a repository of Minnesota history so that is important. M. Kelly Jonason noted that there is active leaking in the building. A. O'Keefe-Jackson wanted clarification of the importance of the history of the building. What is the benefit to the community for keeping and using this structure? What is there besides holding on to an older building? M. Peterson noted that historical organizations are often "gifted" with old buildings that need maintenance. The grants can help protect these places and it's an important part of the grant program. A. O'Keefe-Jackson agreed but noted that this information should be in the application. K. Dietrick noted that the application said it's the largest gathering space in the community. Discussion on outreach to Latinx communities; A. O'Keefe-Jackson cautioned against that because it would look like MNHS is making the applicant do this work, which is not a good reason for doing outreach. M. Peterson suggested that the committee set this one aside and come back to it later.

Funding check: $2 million recommended; $3,545,693 left.

Chair T. Allen noted that next the committee can look at the grant categories and regions. A. O'Keefe-Jackson asked about diversity and Chair T. Allen noted that the committee can discuss diversity. M. Peterson asked for a point of clarification; now they can ask about other applications out of ranking order? Chair T. Allen confirmed that the ranking order is no longer the basis for discussion. The committee will look at diversity and inclusion first and then the breakdown of applications by categories. K. Thomas thought that the diversity question this year was optional and expressed concern that not answering would be held against the applicant. C. Veeser-Egbide noted that it is not mandatory but all applicants answered. It is a question that the committee does use as one of the criteria for making funding decisions. She noted that the applicants are strongly encouraged to respond and all applicants answered those questions. C. Boyd was concerned that the committee has no qualitative data; suggested taking a break for lunch to think it over then come back to discuss. A. O'Keefe-Jackson noted that asking for funding from the State of Minnesota should make applicants want to answer these questions because it shows who they serve and how they serve. It is important to look at the applicants who do answer the question well; the Woman's Club of Minneapolis is a good example. M.

Peterson noted that Brown County's whole application was infused with DEI. Chair T. Allen cautioned against discussing applications popcorn style due to potential conflicts of interest; suggested that the committee break for lunch, think things over, and start again after lunch.

The committee broke for an hour lunch at 12:12 pm.

Chair T. Allen reconvened at 1:22 pm.

Funding check: $2,060,307 recommended for award; $3,545,693 left.
Distribution: 7 Metro, 3 Northeast Minnesota; 2 Southeast; 6 Southwest; 1 Northwest

K. Phillips noted that the Fond du Lac Band application is not from Chippewa County; they are in Duluth. M. Peterson recommended Docomomo and DEMO for digital projects.

Chair T. Allen called for discussion on DOCOMOMO-US-MN. C. Boyd noted that she is concerned about their cash flow and community partnerships; making sure architecture is coming from all communities. M. Peterson noted that there are some strong areas of inclusion in the application. Succession planning for board members. M. Hedstrom had concerns about developing their own terms and metadata standards, which are already established; also concerned that this will end up being another digital orphan project. K. Dietrick concurred. M. Hedstrom noted a lack of transparency over what information they will include. K. Phillips noted that the applicant talks about organizations and structures but not about talking to the communities themselves, which "gives me pause."

R-MHCG-2405-29239 **Diverse Emerging Music Organization (DEMO)**	<u>The Minnesota Music Archive System Project: Preserving Minnesota's Musical Heritage</u> Chair T. Allen asked for discussion on DEMO–Diverse Emerging Music Organization. M. Peterson noted that there is more public buzz on this resource because DEMO has been doing more publicity. They are developing a community around this effort. C. Boyd has concerns and noted reviewer concerns; noted that the match is mostly volunteer. Both of these proposals cause concern about reaching out to communities. Wondered if the interns are being paid, because they should be. K. Thomas was impressed w/ DEMO's board diversity. M. Peterson asked if this is collections management or digitization–for funding by category. Chair T. Allen asked for motions. M. Peterson made a motion to

	recommend funding at $68,750. M. Kelly Jonason seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 10-1-0. Motion carried.
R-MHCG-2405-29223 **The Woman's Club of Minneapolis**	<u>Repair and Modernize Passenger Elevator</u> K. Dietrick requested to discuss this application; M. Christenson Ekman recused herself. Discussion. K. Dietrick appreciated the diversity statements on this application, specifically their statement about enrolling members and having 25% members of color. Accessible, public space. Respectable match. A. O'Keefe-Jackson agreed and made a motion to recommend funding at $195,000. C. Boyd noted that they had good responses to DEI questions. Reviewers mentioned missing specifications and photo key (and other issues) and would like to send the application back to strengthen and reapply. K. Phillips noted that it is good to see the DEI commitment but staff reviewer comments were "hefty." How would this go over at SHPO? M. Peterson noted that the application stated people are getting stuck in the elevator. Is an electrical system update also needed? If these things are under SHPO review he would be OK with moving it forward because of the issues with the elevator. M. Peterson seconded with staff conditions. Vote: 9-1-1. Motion carried.

M. Peterson asked about ranking for Jasper Historical Society at 7.08; it's a bit farther down on the list but he would like to open this one for discussion. M. Christenson Ekman noted that there was not enough information to tell what the construction documents are needed for. M. Kelly Jonason wondered what "selective demolition" would be for. M. Peterson thought it was to see the whole construction (behind the wall). M. Hedstrom was concerned about the lack of three bids for the project and not wanting to go out for bid. M. Peterson noted that he has had a concern about this with different projects; feels that having the same contractor working on the same project is better. M. Christenson Ekman asked for clarification on pre-existing contract. C. Veeser-Egbide explained the reasons for pre-existing conditions (including that architects cannot use a different firm's construction documents due to liability concerns). A. O'Keefe-Jackson brought up concerns about DEI and knowing your community. K. Phillips noted that Jasper is 15 minutes from Pipestone where there was an Indian boarding school and therefore struggled with the DEI answers in this application. K. Thomas was concerned that they

mentioned indigenous artifacts but answered “no” to the culturally sensitive objects question. C. Veeser-Egbide addressed their concerns by request from Chair T. Allen. K. Thomas would like to see letters of support from diverse groups to back up the applicant's claims; this would be a good way to show support. C. Boyd couldn’t tell if this is an all-volunteer group; this should be part of the application. Good candidate for return so they can strengthen their proposal and reapply. M. Peterson noted that the committee needs to differentiate between volunteer groups and professional grantwriters. Chair T. Allen called for a motion. No motions were made.

Funding check: $2,324,057; $3,281,943 available. Committee looked at regional distribution.

M. Peterson requested discussion of Firefighter’s Hall and Museum. M. Hedstrom had two issues with this application. First, it’s mostly about firefighting in populated and built environments. Living in the Arrowhead she thinks of forest fires, and the application does not speak to that. Also thinks there could be a bigger focus on volunteer firefighters and cultural concepts. M. Peterson asked if that would come out in a concept plan. C. Boyd had a few concerns but likes that they are all volunteers.

M. Peterson requested discussion of Kandiyohi County Historical Society. M. Christenson Ekman noted that the peer review comments were not helpful. The photos clearly demonstrated need so she gave this application a high score. K. Dietrick noted that this was a return and wondered if the timeline was too tight for the project scope. K. Thomas thought that the DEI was weak. M. Peterson thought this would be better covered in an exhibit or exhibit plan for farming/agriculture. Applicant is working on making connections to work on exhibits later. K. Thomas expressed concerns that this is the 21st century and these are still issues. M. Hedstrom found the reasoning circular. M. Kelly Jonason spoke to DEI and how organizations are at different stages in their journeys. C. Boyd asked if the committee should make a motion, since this is the only application from Kandiyohi County. K. Thomas would like to discuss a few others before making motions. M. Peterson noted that the executive director at Kandiyohi is part of the trail grant that had a strong DEAI component. Chair T. Allen reminded the committee to focus on the merits of the individual applications. Discussion followed about the purpose of discussions.

R-MHCG-2405-29241 **Germanic-American Institute**	<u>GAI: Accessible Entrance and Bathroom</u> K. Thomas requested to discuss the Germanic American Institute, noting that their DEAI section has a variety of communities mentioned. The organization has had DEAI training. However, this is a more well-funded organization. M. Peterson had questions about technical work/construction and noted that the application had some discrepancies. C. Boyd mentioned that this is the only ADA-focused application and that the DEAI

	answers are strong. M. Hedstrom was concerned that the focus is exclusively on physical mobility and there is a wider range of abilities that they would need to include. M. Peterson noted that this is a comprehensive project; there's a lot of work, but the cost per square foot is high. C. Boyd made a motion to recommend funding at $235,000. A. O'Keefe-Jackson seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried.
R-MHCG-2405-29219 **Kandiyohi County Historical Society**	<u>Albert & Jennie Sperry House Improvements</u> M. Peterson made a motion to recommend funding Kandiyohi County Historical Society at $115,076. M. Kelly Jonason seconded the motion. No further discussion. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried.
R-MHCG-2405-29237 **Caponi Art Park**	<u>Conservation Treatment for "Snake" Iconic Symbol of Caponi Art Park</u> A. O'Keefe-Jackson requested to discuss Caponi Art Park. M. Christenson Ekman recused herself. A. O'Keefe-Jackson liked the arts and artist focus, and made a motion to recommend funding at $12,710. K. Thomas seconded. Discussion. M. Peterson questioned the major movement of dirt to make this sculpture and was there archaeological information lost. K. Thomas thought that they had a great DEAI statement, which was more inclusive because it included a number of different types of diversity. K. Phillips noted that the diverse relationships are there. C. Boyd thinks this application should be moved to conservation instead of collections care. C. Veeser-Egbide noted that the applicants self-identify their categories. Vote: 10-0-1. Motion carried.

Funding check: $2,919,157 left to award.

M. Peterson requested to discuss Winona County Historical Society's application for their Historic Armory. C. Boyd would like them to reapply; noted that the DEAI statement was good but they have received quite a bit of money in past years and there were staff comments that should be resolved. M. Christenson Ekman agreed and added that the photos were referenced in the Scope of Work but there was no photo key. The application has a lot of good points, but the level of detail is lacking. M. Peterson questioned contingency. C. Veeser-Egbide responded to M. Peterson that SHPO would review; applicants need to be concerned about ground disturbance. In this case there is oversight from an archaeologist to make sure there is no impact on the historic property. Discussion about what the contingency means–M. Peterson questioned what will happen to the money if it's not expended. C. Veeser-Egbide noted that there is a contingency because our office noted that there might be a concern about cost. If the grant funds are not spent they go back into the grant program to be expended in a future round.

R-MHCG-2303-27812 **City of Adams**	<u>First National Bank of Adams Rehabilitation Project</u> C. Boyd requested that the committee look at the City of Adams, First National Bank of Adams Rehabilitation. This is the only project in this area. Overall this is a county that hasn't seen as much investment as others (Mower County) and could use some funding. M. Peterson would like to see a photo of the whole building; had questions about the ventilator and roof hatch–why is the hasp on the exterior and not interior? Was there enough detail on tuckpointing? There was no mortar testing. M. Christenson Ekman noted that there is some discrepancy in what needs to be done but this is a good first step. A. O'Keefe-Jackson questioned the use for the building. K. Dietrick felt that this application was missing the piece about Minnesota history. What is the value of this space? M. Peterson thought this was the home of the Adams Area Historical Society. K. Thomas noted that the information is in the application but not in very strong statements. A. O'Keefe-Jackson agreed. C. Boyd noted that there are gaps that could be filled in but this one has enough in order to move forward. C. Boyd made a motion to recommend funding at $212,204. M. Christenson Ekman seconded the motion.

	Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried.

M. Hedstrom requested discussion of Ramsey County Historical Society. K. Dietrick recused herself. M. Hedstrom noted that she is supportive of this project but has a couple concerns; the primary concern is that they haven't fully articulated how this collection can be used. This sounds like a sleeper application but there are many ways to use these records. K. Thomas noted that as it stands the records will be helpful to assessors but in order to be more accessible to a lot of people, it needs to address some of the other concerns from the staff. M. Peterson noted that Pope County assessor records are used a lot and thought a project like this would be a model project for other collections. H. Swanson had concerns about searchability. Also, the applicant has four open grants right now. C. Boyd agrees; if it's so important to the City they should offer some match.

Chair T. Allen called for a short break, then reconvened the committee at 3:01 pm. Asked C. Veeser-Egbide to clarify location for Fond du Lac Band; they are not in Chippewa County, they are in Cloquet, which is Carlton County. Fluxx has been updated.

R-MHCG-2405-29212 **Brown County**	<u>Restoration of All Wood Windows and Jambs on the New Ulm Post Office</u> K. Dietrick asked to discuss Brown County. M. Christenson Ekman recused herself. K. Dietrick appreciated the phased work and they demonstrated the need. K. Dietrick made a motion to recommend funding at $269,088; A. O'Keefe-Jackson seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 10-0-1. Motion carried.
R-MHCG-2405-29185 **West Concord Historical Society**	<u>West Concord High School Roof Replacement</u> M. Peterson made a motion to recommend funding at $421,796. A. O'Keefe-Jackson seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 4-7-0. Motion failed.
R-MHCG-2403-28954 **Pickwick Mill, Inc.**	<u>Pickwick Mill Window Restoration</u> C. Boyd noted that this is a reapplication from last year; DEAI was OK, but rated on the lower end. H. Swanson asked if it is OK to have a contractor from Iowa; do the dollars need to stay in Minnesota? M. Peterson noted that it is a speciality–windows. M. Christenson Ekman was

	surprised that there wasn't more discussion of the need for the repairs. K. Thomas took issue with this application; the organization has been around since the 1980s but they are talking about white settlement and not indigenous settlement, and she would like to see a discussion of a full and inclusive history. M. Peterson was concerned that the work was for sashes only and not frames. M. Christenson Ekman read it as frames being refinished in place. M. Christenson Ekman made a motion to recommend funding at $95,120. M. Peterson seconded. Discussion. M. Hedstrom shared K. Thomas' concerns about diversity; no comments on how they will be diverse, just local pride for visitors. Vote: 8-3-0. Motion carried.
R-MHCG-2407-29423 **City of Stillwater**	<u>Dutchtown Historic District</u> K. Thomas recused herself. C. Boyd noted that this is the only National Register project received. This is different because it's more of a worker neighborhood, not a wealthy house/neighborhood. C. Boyd made a motion to recommend funding at $30,000. M. Brooks-Ojibway seconded. Vote: 10-0-1. Motion carried.
R-MHCG-2404-29109 **City of Tower**	<u>Assessment and Design Development Documents - Duluth and Iron Range Railroad Company Passenger Station</u> K. Phillips noted that she was dissatisfied with DEI answers but thinks it's a worthwhile application; encouraged them to improve DEI answers. M. Peterson liked that they stated "preservation is a community value." K. Dietrick noted that this is a community-valued space. K. Phillips made a motion to recommend funding at $42,170. M. Hedstrom seconded. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried.
R-MHCG-2405-29242 Dodge County Historical Society	<u>Wasioja School Rehabilitation Project</u> M. Christenson Ekman noted that the peer reviewer raised concerns about foundation settlement, but there was only one mention of a

	possibility of a crack from foundation settlement. Asked if John Beaty would allow Type N mortar or would require mortar testing. J. Beaty explained that this is Ryan Maciej's county (who was unavailable for the meeting) so he answered instead, noting that the standard is to have them do mortar testing; the Grants Office does allow the Russack test. M. Christenson Ekman is OK with this application since the Grants Office has the standard condition for mortar testing. K. Thomas questioned outreach that they said they would do in a plan but apparently did not yet. C. Boyd agreed but was glad to have M. Christenson Ekman's explanation of the foundation concern. M. Peterson noted that one of the uses of the building is for voting and made a motion to recommend funding at $183,410. M. Hedstrom seconded. No further discussion. VOTE: 11-0-0. Motion carried.

Funding check: $1,921,694 left to award.

Chair T. Allen noted that tomorrow's meeting will look at the lower-rated applications. The committee looked at regional distribution and grant category distribution–so far, 19 applications have been recommended for history projects and 12 for historic preservation projects.

Chair T. Allen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. K. Phillips made the motion. K. Dietrick seconded. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:34 pm.

Day Two, September 27, 2024

HRAC Attending: Chair Tisha Allen, Melissa Christenson Ekman, Maureen Kelly Jonason, Hillary Swanson, Katie Phillips, Margaret Hedstrom, Merlin Peterson, Kate Thomas, Kate Dietrick, Crystal Boyd, Milissa Brooks-Ojibway, Anne O'Keefe-Jackson

Not Attending: Heather Hoagland, Peter Reyes, Tom Forsythe

Staff Attending (all or part of the day): Carolyn Veeser-Egbide, Melinda Hutchinson, Gillian Maguire, John Fulton, Megan Brakob Narvey, Todd Mahon, John Beaty, Joe Hoover, Avi Viswanathan

Chair T. Allen called the meeting to order at 9:59 am. Read general announcements and had HRAC members and then staff introduce themselves.

Chair T. Allen read out the notes regarding the HRAC meeting and general information about the mechanics of the meeting. The Grants Office received 80 applications requesting a little over $12 million. Five applications were found ineligible; HRAC will discuss 75 remaining, which requested just over $10 million. There is $5.6 million available to award.

Chair T. Allen reminded committee members of the meeting norms. Recap from yesterday's meeting. Discussion started with the high score group of 8 and above; low funding threshold was set at $2 million. The amount of $1,921,694 remains to be awarded in today's meeting. The committee looked at the remaining list of grant applications that they need to discuss and determine funding for, then looked at regions.

R-MHCG-2405-29156 **The Anderson Center for Interdisciplinary Studies**	<u>Masonry Restoration for the Historic Residence at Tower View</u> Chair T. Allen asked for discussion. M. Peterson noted a strong match and active programming; feels that the need is obvious due to the level of damage. Chair T. Allen noted that this is the applicant's third submission. M. Kelly Jonason made a motion to recommend funding at $125,000; M. Peterson seconded. Discussion. M. Christenson Ekman had concerns about the Scope of Work form and noted that the documents are vague as to how much brickwork is needed, and budget numbers are a little low. Would need a condition in addition to mortar analysis and brick, also needs testing of cleaning products. Suggested an additional condition for

	testing the cleaning products, which needs to be approved by staff before the work is done. M. Peterson and M. Kelly Jonason agreed to the additional condition. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried.
R-MHCG-2405-29259 **First Congregational Church of Minnesota - United Church of Christ**	<u>Decker Memorial Window Rehabilitation</u> A. O'Keefe-Jackson noted that the DEI answers were strong. M. Christenson Ekman had positive things to say but did have questions for staff; C. Veeser-Egbide said she would check and respond on budget, architectural fees, and pre-existing contract questions. M. Peterson noted his concern about funding churches. K. Phillips stated that their DEI answers were "lovely." They are not simply saying they will do the work; they are doing the work and have been doing the work. A. O'Keefe-Jackson made a motion to recommend funding at $96,000. K. Phillips seconded based on staff findings. C. Veeser-Egbide noted that she would need to take a closer look at the pre-existing contract. Vote: 10-1-0. Motion carried.
R-MHCG-2402-28878 **First Congregational Church of Winona**	<u>Northwest Steeple Repair</u> K. Thomas noted that this is an inclusive church with an active outreach program. M. Christenson Ekman noted that there were different shingle patterns per the National Register nomination and conditions assessment, and wondered why they chose the shingle pattern they did; would SHPO need to approve? Agreed with the reviewer that details are lacking. The detail regarding roof flashing needs to be looked at since it's going under rather than over. C. Boyd noted that this is an example of a good DEAI answer but the project might not be DEAI. This is the 8th most expensive request and expressed a concern that for a request of this size the application is not as detailed as it could be and should be returned. M. Hedstrom made a motion to deny this application given the concerns about lack of details in construction documents;

	encouraged applicant to reapply and address concerns. K. Thomas seconded. Discussion. K. Thomas noted that the match is good and shows commitment. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried to return application.

K. Phillips requested discussion of Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center Authority (DECC). M. Brooks-Ojibway recused herself. K. Phillips noted that this is a strong resubmitted application. M. Peterson questioned whether the documents from the last large grant covers a conditions assessment. Is there a written maintenance plan? M. Christenson Ekman noted that a conditions assessment would help define some of these issues. C. Boyd noted that last year HRAC noted that there should be more matching funds, even though not required; they returned with $2000 in match. Does not show commitment. DEAI statement was bland. There are some larger issues. K. Thomas noted that there was a focus on local history but there should be focus on state history as well.

The committee took a look at regional distribution of funding.

R-MHCG-2405-29122 **City of Moorhead**	<u>Hjemkomst Center Security Camera Installation</u> C. Boyd requested discussion and M. Kelly Jonason recused herself. M. Peterson noted that this is a repeat application that is still only based on one quote. There are organizations using lesser (cheaper) technology to good effect. K. Dietrick noted that protecting the collections from theft is important and there is a nice match from the City. A. O'Keefe-Jackson made a motion to recommend funding at $62,579 because it is important to have security and they offer a substantial match. K. Dietrick seconded. Discussion. M. Peterson noted that there wasn't information on who would monitor the cameras and how. C. Boyd mentioned how Golden Valley Historical Society monitors their security system. Agreed that this would be a good application to fund. K. Phillips noted that several organizations are housed in this facility which can affect the museum's accessibility. Vote: 10-0-1. Motion carried.

M. Peterson requested a discussion of Sisu Heritage. C. Boyd noted that this is a unique building type and they have received funding in the past but there is no match; plus the DEAI statement needs significant work. M. Christenson Ekman felt that the drawings and specifications were well done and this is a unique building, plus they are adding accessible ramps for visitors. M. Peterson asked for leeway since they probably don't have a professional fundraiser. C. Boyd noted that organizations do not get a free pass on DEAI statements just because they are small. Organizations need to think about how the funds are reaching everyone. M. Peterson noted that the applicant will look for contractors from underserved communities. M. Hedstrom asked what more they should be doing. K. Dietrick questioned use of the space beyond "community use." Is there staff for this building? What will the support be like in the future? K. Thomas spoke to DEAI questions–this application didn't address either of the questions in the application.

Funding check: $1,638,115 left to award. The committee took a 10-minute break.

The committee reconvened at 10:58 am.

R-MHCG-2203-26941 **City of Hackensack**	<u>Hackensack Conservation Building Phase I Preservation: Stabilization</u> M. Christenson Ekman noted that there was significant need and the building has a great benefit to the community. A. O'Keefe-Jackson noted that there's a good match. M. Peterson wondered what would happen to the library during the work–moved? In storage? Also concerned with foundation; is it stable? A. O'Keefe-Jackson made a motion to recommend funding at $305,952. M. Kelly Jonason seconded. Discussion. K. Phillips noted that their DEAI answers were really good; this is also a valued community resource. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried.
R-MHCG-2405-29283 **Dakota County**	<u>Vermillion River Greenway Interpretive Concept Design</u> M. Peterson felt that this would be a better fit under Parks and Trails. K. Dietrick noted that there are assurances that this will be a successful project. C. Boyd noted previous success with Spring Lake Park. A. O'Keefe-Jackson stated that it is eligible for funding and made a motion to recommend funding at $65,000. M. Peterson noted that he pushes Parks and Trails because

	there are other projects with history and the Parks and Trails have a lot of funding. M. Kelly Jonason noted that there is history in this project. M. Hedstrom noted that per DEAI the applicant is interested in finding hidden narratives and including them; she is not convinced that the same sensitivity would come from Parks and Trails. A. O'Keefe-Jackson noted that this recognition is important. These are historical areas that need interpretation and representation. Chair T. Allen called for second. M. Hedstrom seconded. Additional discussion. K. Thomas was happy to see a change in focus for history and environment; historically indigenous were only talked about pre-contact. Vote: 10-1-0. Motion carried.
R-MHCG-2405-29261 **City of Park Rapids**	<u>Park Rapids History Trail Phase II</u> C. Boyd made a motion to recommend funding at $22,771. This was the only application from Hubbard County. There are some questions but she is comfortable with funding. K. Phillips seconded; clearly they have been doing a lot of work; also noted that this is a small request and it is important to support the county. M. Kelly Jonason noted that Park Rapids is supportive of the Treaty Rights Museum. K. Thomas would like to encourage the applicant to be more inclusive of race and ethnicity throughout the project. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried.

Funding check: $1.2 million left. The committee also looked at regional distribution.

Discussion of Sacred Heart Area Historical Society. M. Peterson noted that the project cost comes out to $10,000 per window; which seems high. K. Thomas spoke to DEAI–they have plans but should have more information about their local community. C. Boyd noted that HRAC has supported this property in the past but maybe they could take a year to fundraise and come back with more community support and DEAI work. No motions made.

R-MHCG-2405-29225 **Rice County Historical Society**	<u>Alexander Faribault House Construction: Phase 2 - Foundation Repair and Stabilization</u> M. Kelly Jonason made a motion to recommend funding at $173,000. She stated that the project is well planned out and has a reasonable budget. M. Christenson Ekman noted from a technical standpoint there are details lacking. A structural engineer for oversight is probably needed rather than a contractor due to concerns in the basement; this sort of work should not be left to the contractor. No photos included of the timbers that need treatment, so the need was not well demonstrated. M. Hedstrom was confused because she thought the long term goal was to rehabilitate the building for senior housing (M. Peterson clarified that Sacred Heart is planning senior housing). C. Boyd noted that there are a lot of building projects and appreciated the technical expertise. Expressed concerns about lead abatement and staff concerns and stated that she would prefer to see this application come back next year with a stronger proposal. M. Peterson thought mediation of groundwater would be important; slope away from the building. Motion seconded by M. Peterson with staff conditions. Discussion. C. Boyd not sure that conditions will address the issues/concerns. Maureen agreed that the structural issues should be addressed. Vote: 2-9-0. Motion failed.

Chair T. Allen called for discussion of St. Clement's Episcopal Church. M. Christenson Ekman noted that there was a detailed treatment plan but the application lacked explanation of need. Why do they need to do this work now for this amount of funding? K. Dietrick noted that the DEAI statement was good; wide reach of the congregation. Chair T. Allen asked for motion. No motions made.

R-MHCG-2405-29255 **Bird Island Cultural Centre**	<u>Tinnes-Baker House Development: Construction Work</u> C. Boyd made a motion to recommend for funding at $137,447 due to geography–this is one of two proposals in Redwood County. M. Peterson thought that the staff condition was addressed in Scope of Work item #7. Does that satisfy the condition already? M. Christenson Ekman agreed but thought it could stay as a condition. Expressed concern about insulation and spray foam for the attic; will it create a dead space and ice dams? The State Historic Preservation Office's review and/or a local inspector might catch that. A. O'Keefe-Jackson seconded the motion. Additional discussion. K. Dietrick approved of their amount of matching funds and the work done–there is community buy-in. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried.
R-MHCG-2403-28945 **City of Wykoff**	<u>Ed's Museum Front Facade Stabilization & Restoration</u> K. Phillips noted that they have a match of almost 100%, so they are doing the work to help alleviate the costs of the projects. K. Thomas spoke from an historian's perspective; would like to see a discussion of the contents of the museum; there was not a good discussion of the historical significance of the contents, history, historical perspective. M. Christenson Ekman noted that the museum has been closed because of structural issues. Concerned that there was no discussion of retainage of the same architect who started the work. K. Phillips questioned whether that is something to ask about. M. Christenson Ekman noted that John Beaty and Ryan Maciej can handle that. K. Phillips made a motion to recommend funding at $44,000. M. Kelly Jonason seconded. Vote: 10-1-0. Motion carried.

C. Boyd asked to discuss the City of St. Francis because Anoka County has not received a lot of funding in this round. M. Kelly Jonason noted that the building is gutted and wondered if it is too far gone to save. K. Dietrick agreed. M. Hedstrom thought it read as an economic development project, owned by a bank due to foreclosure and questioned whether public funding should go to a building in this position. H. Swanson noted that there was discussion about investor sales which was a red flag for her. C. Boyd suggested moving on to another application.

R-MHCG-2405-29228 **Lake County Historical Society**	<u>Two Harbors Depot Roof Replacement & Chimney Stabilization</u> M. Peterson noted that this building has gone through a clear rehabilitation; made a motion to recommend funding at $155,955. M. Brooks-Ojibway seconded. Discussion. C. Boyd noted that there was a condition for brick and mortar testing; M. Christenson Ekman noted that it's a standard condition and they don't need to include it in the motion. M. Hedstrom noted that they recommended funding a depot in Tower and this would cover both ends of the line. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried.

Funding check: $906,990 left to recommend for funding.

R-MHCG-2405-29184 **Friends of Christ Church Lutheran**	<u>Christ Church Lutheran: Historic Structure Report Updates</u> K. Phillips noted that this was another application with a wonderful DEAI statement. M. Peterson asked staff to comment on the MNHS design easement. C. Boyd noted that this applicant has received significant funding. A. O'Keefe-Jackson stated that she gave it high marks due to DEAI statements and the architectural significance and made a motion to recommend funding at $92,000. Additional discussion. C. Veeser-Egbide noted that there were easements on properties when SHPO was at MNHS, but the Grants Office doesn't have them–regulatory issues were transferred to SHPO. M. Peterson asked if this

	would fall under SHPO review. C. Veeser-Egbide said no, not HSRs because SHPO is currently only reviewing construction projects. However, we do share info with SHPO colleagues. M. Peterson asked A. O'Keefe-Jackson to amend the motion to send the final report to SHPO. M. Peterson seconded. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried.

Chair T. Allen called for discussion of Turtle Lake Township, noting staff conditions. K. Thomas mentioned confusion as to which phase of their project this is and how they will partner with indigenous communities. M. Peterson expressed concern that in his experience townships are not usually interested in maintenance and historic preservation. Town halls are often used as voting places. M. Hedstrom was concerned about what they would do if they found culturally sensitive objects. M. Peterson noted that objects would go to the State Archaeologist or MNHS and M. Hedstrom said that would be a NAGPRA issue. Chair T. Allen noted that the archaeologist working on the project would know how to handle a situation like that. No motions made.

C. Boyd requested to discuss the City of Grey Eagle. This is an area that has not been funded much so it should be prioritized. M. Christenson Ekman struggled because the application said that the conditions assessment was completed but it was not. K. Thomas noted that the procurement process did not sound competitive because they chose the firm with the "most interest." M. Peterson said that it might mean that the applicant had the most interest in the project or their timeline fits. K. Thomas would like to see more information on that. M. Hedstrom thought it interesting that they will restore this building for a community center, and now they don't have a place for the community to gather; this is a strength in this application. C. Boyd noted that it sounds like the applicant needs to apply with all the completed documents. K. Dietrick would like to see more of a tie-in with Minnesota history–what is the value for Minnesota history? K. Thomas noted that they should think more broadly about different categories of diversity.

R-MHCG-2405-29196 Regents of the University of Minnesota (Glensheen)	<u>Glensheen Mansion Exterior Preservation - Masonry Phase 1</u> M. Brooks-Ojibway, K. Dietrick, C. Boyd, and M. Christenson Ekman recused themselves. A. O'Keefe-Jackson noted that this property has a lot of interest for the State of Minnesota. There's also an issue with moisture. Expressed concern about cleaning products. A. O'Keefe-Jackson

	made a motion to recommend funding at $185,000 with a condition for clarification on the type of cleaning products to be used. M. Peterson noted that Glensheen does not speak about miners, sailors, etc. in their history. Thinks that they are triple-dipping into state funding. Also had concerns about family history in the mansion. A. O'Keefe-Jackson noted that it could be a recommendation to expand on the historical stories; this is a significant structure. H. Swanson noted that they have received over $800,000 in the past few years. K. Thomas noted that the application talked about international history but not labor history. The application talks about current underserved communities but not historical ones. K. Phillips seconded the motion and continued the discussion. There is demonstrated interest in the property. The story/history is infamous. The match is nearly 100% which is noteworthy. M. Peterson noted that budget match shows their unprecedented access to matching funds; would expect that from a university. Is the gift of the building including a long list of deferred maintenance? M. Hedstrom noted that the applicant noted $25 million in deferred maintenance but they have turned it into a site that brings in two million visitors per year, which puts it in perspective. Vote: 5-2-4. Motion carried.

Funding check: $629,990 left to award.

Break for lunch 12:08 p.m. Return at 1:08 p.m.

Chair T. Allen reconvened the meeting at 1:10 pm. Reiterated that there is $629,990 left to award. The committee looked at regional distribution and categories.

Discussion:

- Morrison County Historical Society. M. Christenson Ekman recommended not funding this project until the Army Corps of Engineers is finished with their project. A. O'Keefe-Jackson took the Chair so T. Allen could participate in the discussion; she agreed that this project needs to wait.

- Carver County Historical Society. M. Christenson Ekman recused herself. K. Dietrick noted that this is a resubmit. Procurement is based on existing relationships. A. O'Keefe-Jackson thought perhaps the hourly rate they were going to pay was too low. M. Hedstrom commented on "general dilemma" that applicants don't make any mention of climate change; should they replant species that may not survive? M. Peterson questioned the period of significance–what do the replantings represent? Andrew Peterson's time? K. Phillips noted that there were no letters of support for contractors and questioned the executive director's status as a "farm girl" and an honorary member of the Mendota Mdewakanton Tribal Community. A. O'Keefe-Jackson questioned the clout of applicants attaching themselves to groups to which they might not legitimately belong; should not make general statements about recognition by a tribe.
- Scandia Heritage Alliance (Water Tower Barn Scandia Exhibit Plan). M. Peterson questioned how research was complete on most panels but they have a budget line item for additional research. C. Boyd questioned whether this is an all-volunteer group. Reviewers questioned community connections. C. Boyd noted that this proposal is very broad and ambitious. M. Peterson stated that since the building is in storage this application could benefit from being returned and improved.
- Olmsted County Historical Society (Stoppel Barn Roof Restoration). M. Christenson Ekman recused herself. C. Boyd noted that this application doesn't seem ready due to construction documents. K. Dietrick noted that the application was improved due to last year's HRAC comments. M. Peterson suggested that the bird and bat deterrence should be high priority.

R-MHCG-2403-28937 **Friends of Linden Hill, Inc.**	<u>Exterior Barn, Carriage House and Greenhouse Rehabilitation</u> C. Boyd noted that this is an area of the state that could use some funding. A. O'Keefe-Jackson noted that this is the third application for this project. M. Christenson Ekman noted that the application was well-written and would recommend funding if others felt the same. K. Phillips noted that there are no staff or peer reviewer concerns. It's also a testament to taking HRAC feedback into consideration and having determination to reapply. M. Peterson discussed collections storage; wondering what would be stored in these buildings. M. Hedstrom questioned the cost and environment for collections storage. M. Peterson noted that the application doesn't address collections storage because it's not to that point yet. M. Hedstrom questioned. C. Boyd made a motion to

	recommend funding at $272,500 for this project. M. Kelly Jonason seconded. Continued discussion. M. Hedstrom had real concerns about the project being for keeping the history of the two families alive, as it seems like a huge investment for a monument to white privilege. There are many other aspects to Minnesota history. M. Peterson agreed. K. Thomas noted that the applicant mentioned a quote from Minnesota History Magazine that one of the women who lived there did a lot of work with indigenous but it is not well-explained in the application. Chair T. Allen called for the vote. Vote: 8-3-0. Motion carried.

Funding check: $357,490 left to recommend for funding.

R-MHCG-2312-28674 **St. George Serbian Orthodox Church**	<u>Construction Documents for St. George Church Restoration</u> M. Christenson Ekman recused herself. M. Kelly Jonason supported the project and made a motion to recommend funding at $53,880. K. Thomas seconded. Discussion. M. Peterson asked if structural analysis and construction documents are allowed in the same phase and C. Veeser-Egbide confirmed that the work is allowed per the grants manual. C. Boyd expressed concern about the organization and whether there is support for LGBTQ communities and women. K. Thomas corrected–the church does have women in leadership roles, according to their application. Vote: 6-4-1. Motion carried.

Funding check: $303,610 left to recommend for funding.

Discussion:

- Faribault County Historical Society (Church of the Good Shepherd Stabilization). M. Peterson questioned whether the building is still used as a church or if it is part of the museum, and if it is used daily. C. Boyd noted reviewer concerns about selecting a stained glass studio, treatment plans, and final elevation for storm windows; may benefit

by returning next year. M. Christenson Ekman stated that the information submitted was hard to understand and also that the frames for the storm windows were too large. Would like more information on this project. M. Phillips noted that this project would take a large chunk of the amount of funding left; several projects are close to being out of contention due to cost.

- Lind House. K. Dietrick mentioned it is over the amount of funding that is available. Per Chair T. Allen, the committee still needs to discuss it. M. Hedstrom recused herself. M. Christenson Ekman noted that some of the materials lacked details. The project was described in the application as high priority but the photos did not back that up. Budget numbers were hard to understand. How did they arrive at their budget numbers? M. Brooks-Ojibway questioned whether asphalt shingles were acceptable. M. Christenson Ekman explained that they can replace like-for-like and there are asphalt shingles on it now, so they could use those and it would take the cost down quite a bit. M. Peterson stated that he was glad to see that the reviewer noted that. K. Dietrick would like to know what type of programming is going on in the house and what the value was to the community.
- Macalester College (Old Main Roof Replacement). K. Phillips and M. Hedstrom recused themselves. M. Christenson Ekman noted that the contractor does have roofing experience, plus the application noted that they will engage more people with preservation experience. The photos did not show the necessity for replacement. C. Boyd noted that this is the 5th highest request with a good match. Questioned how this project works with DEAI. K. Dietrick noted that the committee approved Carleton, which is also a college.

R-MHCG-2405-29209 **Minnesota Boat Club**	<u>Minnesota Boat Club Boathouse Structural Rehabilitation: Phase 1</u> M. Kelly Jonason expressed concern about succession planning and the effect on preservation of the building. Chair T. Allen noted that this is the second submission. M. Christenson Ekman questioned peer reviewer comments; she disagreed but did have concerns with window work and lack of contingency in the budget. Thought the application was well-written. K. Thomas noted that the DEI statement included outreach but the board of directors and leadership did not seem as diverse. M. Hedstrom noted the lack of historical and cultural significance of the boat house; it was not put into an historical context in the application. Suggested that the applicant attempt historical interpretation. C. Boyd noted that this application is from

	Ramsey County where projects already have been recommended; also expressed concern about the lack of information from contractors and consultants (proposals and specifications). M. Hedstrom made a motion to decline the application due to absence of attention to historical and cultural significance of the property; it needs some historical and social context. C. Boyd seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried.

A. O'Keefe-Jackson left meeting.
Discussion:

- Dakota County Historical Society (Phase 4 Daniels Project). M. Peterson took issue with the budget, saying he'd like to see the applicant's budget not the Grants Office's budget. H. Swanson agreed and also noted that they have four open grants totaling over $700,000. M. Kelly Jonason questioned why they were not advised in the pre-application to revise their budget. C. Veeser-Egbide explained the issue with the budget–we can advise in the pre-application but not in the final application. G. Maguire added that these budget problems weren't part of the pre-application.

R-MHCG-2405-29278 **Firefighter's Hall and Museum**	<u>Concept Planning and Design Initiative for a New MNFM Permanent Museum</u> Discussion reopened. K. Dietrick appreciated that this was built on an interpretive plan. M. Kelly Jonason reminded the committee that the applicant should also discuss rural firefighting and M. Hedstrom mentioned indigenous firefighting; neither of these are discussed. M. Hedstrom made a motion to deny funding due to narrow focus on populated and built environments which doesn't fully reflect the State of Minnesota. K. Dietrick asked if this isn't part of the project work already, but M. Hedstrom countered that the scope of the work did not include these other foci. C. Boyd thinks the work could be included as part of the current project. Chair T. Allen called for a second. No second. M. Brooks-Ojibway made a motion to recommend funding at $89,717 with

	recommendations that the applicant include a broader scope of firefighting in Minnesota. K. Dietrick seconded. Vote: 8-2-0. Motion carried.

Discussion:

- Lyon County Historical Society. Chair T. Allen noted that there is $213,893 left to recommend. M. Kelly Jonason felt that the staff time estimate was low. K. Thomas felt that they put the cart before the horse and decided what the narrative was going to be, when they should use primary documents to inform their research–not the other way around. This appears to be telling a typical simple narrative. Suggested that they should look at the phrasing used: pre-history, early humans, pre-European–look at that language and look at 21st century history to look at multi-voice narratives. M. Brooks-Ojibway was concerned with their statement that they would pull in artifacts for diversity but said that they don't have any need for diversity. K. Dietrick noted that the applicant should consider full stories, not just a single narrative for an artifact. K. Phillips noted that they are slightly constrained by the narrative in their existing exhibit so they can support the narrative. Had issues with language used. They are less than an hour from Pipestone; think more broadly and openly about history–what happened in the past and how it informs the present day. M. Peterson asked staff to explain phases of exhibit development. T. Mahon explained that there is a hard line between planning and implementation. The applicant can combine planning phases but they need to explain why they are structuring the project that way. Lyon County Historical Society does have an interpretive plan currently.

Committee took a short break and reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

R-MHCG-2403-28925 **Jasper Area Historical Society**	<u>Poorbaugh Building Exterior Rehabilitation Construction Documents</u> Motion from M. Peterson on the floor to recommend funding Jasper Area Historical Society at $49,650. M. Kelly Jonason seconded. Discussion. M. Christenson Ekman had a concern about the conditions assessment not being included with the application; hard to tell what the Scope of Work was about. K. Phillips had a concern about the DEAI statement they made. C. Boyd agreed; asked if there is a gentle way to nudge applicants regarding their DEAI

	statements. Offer applicants resources for underserved communities to learn more. K. Phillips appreciated the statement. M. Peterson thought that including that information now is important for future projects, but the fabric of the building is also significant. Asked if CAR attachment is the conditions assessment M. Christenson Ekman is looking for. Yes, M. Christenson Ekman apologized; relied on the photographs but was looking for more detail. M. Peterson asked staff to remind applicants to name uploaded documents more clearly for the reviewers. C. Veeser-Egbide stated that staff would remind them again. Vote: 6-4-0. Motion carried.

Funding check: $164,243 remaining to recommend for funding.

Discussion:

- Minnesota State University Mankato EARTH (Reference Manual of Carbonized Wood). K. Dietrick noted that this one was hard to follow because there was a lot of technical information that was not her area of expertise. Questioned supplement/supplant and how the product would be made available for the public. Would like to know how this will benefit the wider public. M. Christenson Ekman wondered how this would broadly impact Minnesotans on the whole; seems very specific. M. Hedstrom noted that this does not need to be a State project; perhaps it should be funded by people who need this as a standard reference. People studying climate change are using this information for their research. This project is further limited by the region; very specific to a specific region. K. Thomas would like to see supporting documents for cultural significance specifically for Prairie Island Indian Community. K. Phillips noted that even a table of contents would be helpful. The application is not clear on how the project product would be accessible. Who is it for and how would it be accessible? M. Peterson asked where the gap is in existing knowledge. The DEI section was concerning because it named names. Suggested that the committee discuss this today or table for the Spring Meeting. C. Veeser-Egbide noted that this can be a Spring Meeting topic but asked for clarification. This is a public document and will be public after the round is over and funding decisions are made. Remind applicants that the information they provide is public information. No motions made.
- Friends of Boundary Waters. K. Phillips and M. Hedstrom recused themselves because accidentally marked a conflict of interest in Fluxx. C. Boyd thought this project overlaps research and writing and the timeline for the last half of the project is not defined. Could this be phased? Does it need dramatic acting? More work needs to be done. M.

Christenson Ekman asked about the difference between the eligible amount of $57,000 and the request of $99,000. K. Thomas noted that they called out Anton Treuer as supporting the project but did not include a letter of support from him. M. Peterson took issue with how grants staff removes ineligible costs from budget; C. Veeser-Egbide noted his concern.

- City of Lanesboro (Local Designation of Church and School Properties). M. Peterson asked why they were doing local designation and not National Register. Could be a district if adjacent but if not, must be three different applications. M. Christenson Ekman noted that the requested amount seemed low for three properties–or, should this be a Determination of Eligibility? Encouraged the applicant to reapply with more information. M. Hedstrom noted that this was the lowest ranked application. The designation may be to get property owners to take care of their properties. K. Phillips noted that there was no budget breakdown which would be helpful to the committee.
- DOCOMOMO-US-MN. K. Dietrick requested another discussion since this is the highest ranking application left that can be funded with the remaining funds. M. Hedstrom stated that the committee should not fund projects and spend money just to spend the funds down. The proposed architecture is faulty; they can make much more useful research by using standard metadata standards instead of making up their own. Chair T. Allen asked if this issue is conditionable. M. Hedstrom noted that the system would need to be completely redesigned. K. Dietrick could make a suggestion that the applicant look into standard language that already exists. M. Hedstrom stated that the way the project was proposed, the proposers do not have the expertise to explain the process in the application. C. Boyd noted that this application is much improved from last year's application. The applicant should reapply with more details on the archival work.

R-MHCG-2405-29146 **Turtle Lake Township**	<u>Historic Turtle Lake Schoolhouse/Town Hall Rehabilitation Phase I - Archaeological Survey</u> M. Christenson Ekman asked the committee to discuss again, as the proposal seems like a good first step in needed repairs. M. Christenson Ekman made a motion to recommend funding at $60,500. M. Brooks-Ojibway seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 10-0-0. Motion carried.
R-MHCG-2404-29084 **Carver County Historical Society**	<u>Cultural Landscape Report for the Historic Andrew Peterson Farmstead</u> M. Brooks-Ojibway requested the committee to discuss again. M. Christenson Ekman noted that the proposal seems reasonable,

	though it would be nice to see a higher match; it's a good application. M. Kelly Jonason thought it was a comprehensive plan for the full property. M. Brooks-Ojibway made a motion to recommend funding at $80,236. M. Hedstrom seconded. Vote: 8-2-0. Motion carried.

Funding check: $23,507 remaining. M. Christenson Ekman made a motion to carry this amount over to the small grants. C. Boyd seconded. No discussion.
Vote: 10-0-0. Motion carried.

Discussion of remaining applications that were not discussed yet:

- City of Wayzata. C. Boyd appreciated the match and STEM focus; public use was "light." There should be a focus on indigenous history. This can be done even in an historic preservation project. M. Christenson Ekman pleased to see the project moving forward; noted that reviewers were concerned about the ramp but she feels it's sympathetic and allows all visitors to come through the front door. However, she did express concern about the size increase of the front porch. The Scope of Work needs details. K. Dietrick appreciated the letters of support. K. Thomas noted that the educational elements were all STEM related, but there should be a history element for this grant program.
- Islamic Center of Winona. M. Christenson Ekman noted that there was no mention of a mechanical engineer and asked if this is all the work of the architect. Not clear who will design the upgrade. K. Thomas noticed they had a list of six items that needed work and they skipped to line six without clarifying why.. M. Peterson noted that there is no kitchen; will they need HVAC to accommodate one? Also would like to see more information about the historic context of the building.
- Roselawn Heritage Foundation (Historic Admin. Bldg. Rehabilitation). C. Boyd noted that it's a good candidate for reapplication because the application needs more detailed information. M. Peterson wondered about the sensitivity to the original design.

Chair T. Allen thanked the committee for their time and for providing comments to the applicants.

Housekeeping:

- M. Hedstrom noted that there are two positions open at Cook County Historical Society; passed job postings around.
- C. Veeser-Egbide thanked the committee for all of their hard work and time that they put into the meeting. Special thank you to the applicants; the no is a potential yes for the future so please come back and reapply. Thank you for the time you put into the applications. Thank you to the staff and colleagues for their work. The next HRAC

meeting is November 22, 2024 for the new grant program, Commemorate 50 Years of Southeast Asians in Minnesota. There will be an orientation in October for this program.

Chair T. Allen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. K. Phillips made the motion. K. Dietrick seconded. Thank you to Chair T. Allen for her chairing abilities. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Veeser-Egbide
Grants Manager

Appendix A: List of Recommendations

R-MHCG-2405-29206
Beltrami County

Beltrami County Historical Society
Beltrami County Historical Society Collections Rehousing – Phase I
Amount Requested: $49,261
Recommendation: $49,261
Brief Project Description: To provide appropriate shelving and storage materials for museum collections

R-MHCG-2405-29255
Renville County

Bird Island Cultural Centre
Tinnes-Baker House Development: Construction Work
Amount Requested: $137,447
Recommendation: $137,447
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to repair infrastructure and restore interior and exterior structural elements of the 1910 Tinnes-Baker House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2405-29212
Brown County

Brown County
Restoration of All Wood Windows and Jambs on the New Ulm Post Office
Amount Requested: $269,088
Recommendation: $269,088
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to restore the original windows of the New Ulm Post Office - Brown County Museum, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2405-29237
Dakota County

Caponi Art Park
Conservation Treatment for "Snake" Iconic Symbol of Caponi Art Park
Amount Requested: $12,710
Recommendation: $12,710
Brief Project Description: To hire a qualified conservator to restore a significant sculpture in the museum's collections.

R-MHCG-2403-28893
Rice County

Carleton College
100 Years of Minnesota's First Arboretum at Carleton College, Phase Two: Writing, Editing and Design
Amount Requested: $49,935
Recommendation: $49,935

Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to complete the writing, editing, and design for a manuscript on the history of Carleton College's Cowling Arboretum.

R-MHCG-2404-29084
Carver County

Carver County Historical Society
Cultural Landscape Report for the Historic Andrew Peterson Farmstead
Amount Requested: $80,236
Recommendation: $80,236
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to produce a Cultural Landscape Report of the Historic Andrew Peterson Farmstead, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2303-27812
Mower County

City of Adams
First National Bank of Adams Rehabilitation Project
Amount Requested: $212,204
Recommendation: $212,204
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to replace the roof and tuck-point the masonry of the First National Bank of Adams, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2405-29248
Swift County

City of Appleton
Website Development and Tourism Materials Enhancement for the Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway
Amount Requested: $75,450
Recommendation: $75,450
Brief Project Description: To develop a new website and related materials that enables better public access to the history of the Minnesota River Valley.

R-MHCG-2203-26941
Cass County

City of Hackensack
Hackensack Conservation Building Phase I Preservation: Stabilization
Amount Requested: $305,952
Recommendation: $305,952
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to do stabilization work on the Hackensack Conservation Building, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2405-29193
St. Louis County

City of Hibbing
Hull Rust Mahoning Exhibit Plan
Amount Requested: $106,000
Recommendation: $106,000

Brief Project Description: To hire a qualified consultant to write an exhibit plan for the Hull-Rust-Mahoning Open Pit Iron Mine.

R-MHCG-2405-29244
Dakota County

City of Mendota Heights
Oheyawahi Interpretive Design
Amount Requested: $60,000
Recommendation: $60,000
Brief Project Description: To hire a qualified consultant to write an interpretive plan for Oheyawahi - Pilot Knob.

R-MHCG-2405-29122
Clay County

City of Moorhead
Hjemkomst Center Security Camera Installation
Amount Requested: $62,579
Recommendation: $62,579
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified technicians to install a security system to protect the collections from theft or vandalism.

R-MHCG-2405-29261
Hubbard County

City of Park Rapids
Park Rapids History Trail Phase II
Amount Requested: $22,771
Recommendation: $22,771
Brief Project Description: To design, produce, and install interpretive markers in the City of Park Rapids.

R-MHCG-2407-29423
Washington County

City of Stillwater
Dutchtown Historic District
Amount Requested: $30,000
Recommendation: $30,000
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to establish a Local Historic District, and refresh a 1990s Neighborhood Inventory, for the Dutchtown Neighborhood (formerly known as Charlottenberg).

R-MHCG-2404-29109
St. Louis County

City of Tower
Assessment and Design Development Documents - Duluth and Iron Range Railroad Company Passenger Station-
Amount Requested: $42,170
Recommendation: $42,170
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to create construction drawings for the Duluth and Iron Range Railroad Company Passenger Station, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2403-28945
Fillmore County

City of Wykoff
Ed's Museum Front Facade Stabilization & Restoration
Amount Requested: $44,000

Recommendation: $44,000
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to stabilize the structure and replace and restore windows in Ed's Museum, part of the Wykoff Commercial Historic District listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2405-29283
Dakota County

Dakota County
Vermillion River Greenway Interpretive Concept Design
Amount Requested: $65,000
Recommendation: $65,000
Brief Project Description: To hire a qualified consultant to write an interpretive concept design plan for the Vermillion River Greenway.

R-MHCG-2405-29239
Hennepin County

Diverse Emerging Music Organization
The Minnesota Music Archive System Project: Preserving Minnesota's Musical Heritage
Amount Requested: $81,750
Recommendation: $68,750
Brief Project Description: To hire professionals to complete development of the Minnesota Music Archive System that will document and preserve Minnesota's rich musical history and culture.

R-MHCG-2405-29242
Dodge County

Dodge County Historical Society
Wasioja School Rehabilitation Project
Amount Requested: $183,410
Recommendation: $183,410
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to repair roof, mortar, and window features at the 1860 Wasioja School, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2404-29083
Ramsey County

East Side Freedom Library
East Side Freedom Library: Establishing a Community Digital Repository
Amount Requested: $199,290
Recommendation: $199,290
Brief Project Description: To create a community-curated digital repository and initiate a pilot phase for digitizing four current collections with two community partners.

R-MHCG-2405-29254
Koochiching County

Ernest C. Oberholtzer Foundation
Historic Structures Report/Cultural Landscape Report

Amount Requested: $178,390
Recommendation: $178,390
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to create an Historic Structures Report and Cultural Landscape Report for the Ernest C. Oberholtzer Rainy Lake Islands Historic District, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2405-29278
Hennepin County

Firefighter's Hall and Museum
Concept Planning and Design Initiative for a New MNFM Permanent Exhibit
Amount Requested: $89,717
Recommendation: $89,717
Brief Project Description: To hire a qualified consultant to write an exhibit plan for a new exhibit at the Firefighter's Hall and Museum in Minneapolis.

R-MHCG-2405-29259
Hennepin County

First Congregational Church of Minnesota - United Church of Christ
Decker Memorial Window Rehabilitation
Amount Requested: $96,000
Recommendation: $96,000
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to rehabilitate the Decker Memorial window in the First Congregational Church of Minnesota UCC, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2404-29073
Chippewa County

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Nagaajiwanaang Dibaajimowinan
Amount Requested: $49,000
Recommendation: $49,000
Brief Project Description: To hire a tribal historian to research the history of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (Nagaajiwanaang) in preparation for a future exhibit.

R-MHCG-2405-29184
Hennepin County

Friends of Christ Church Lutheran
Christ Church Lutheran: Historic Structure Report Updates
Amount Requested: $92,000
Recommendation: $92,000
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to prepare professional updates to the 2012 Historic Structure Report for Christ Church Lutheran, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2403-28937

Friends of Linden Hill, Inc.

Morrison County

Exterior Barn, Carriage House and Greenhouse Rehabilitation
Amount Requested: $272,500
Recommendation: $272,500
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to repair or replace the siding and flashing on the exterior Barn, Carriage House and Greenhouse Link of the Weyerhaeuser, Charles A. and Musser, Richard "Drew" Houses, listed in the National Register of Historic Places

R-MHCG-2403-28930
Murray County

Fulda Heritage Society
Fulda 1880 Depot Foundation Repairs
Amount Requested: $170,000
Recommendation: $170,000
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to repair the foundation, regrade site, and install an ADA ramp at the 1880 Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad Depot, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2405-29241
Ramsey County

Germanic-American Institute
GAI: Accessible Entrance and Bathroom
Amount Requested: $235,000
Recommendation: $235,000
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to create an accessible entrance for the George W. Gardner House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2405-29116
Hennepin County

Hennepin County Library
Minneapolis Community-Based Organizations Archives
Amount Requested: $75,500
Recommendation: $75,500
Brief Project Description: To provide better organization of the community's archival collections, allowing for greater public access to historic resources.

R-MHCG-2405-29280
Hennepin County

Illusion Theater and School, Inc.
50 Years of Catalyzing Change: A Documentary about Illusion Theater & School's Impact on Minnesota
Amount Requested: $19,900
Recommendation: $19,900
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified consultants to research the history of Illusion Theater and School in preparation for a future documentary film.

R-MHCG-2403-28925
Pipestone County

Jasper Area Historical Society
Poorbaugh Building Exterior Rehabilitation Construction Documents
Amount Requested: $49,650
Recommendation: $49,650
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to design construction documents that illustrate construction work to rehabilitate the Poorbaugh Block, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2405-29219
Kandiyohi County

Kandiyohi County Historical Society
Albert & Jennie Sperry House Improvements
Amount Requested: $115,076
Recommendation: $115,076
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to repair the wood features, address degraded building additions and area wells in and around the Albert & Jennie Sperry House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2405-29228
Lake County

Lake County Historical Society
Two Harbors Depot Roof Replacement & Chimney Stabilization
Amount Requested: $155,955
Recommendation: $155,955
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to replace the roof and stabilize the chimney on the 1907 Duluth & Iron Range Company Depot, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2405-29217
Hennepin County

Minneapolis American Indian Center
Bringing the Minneapolis American Indian Center's Story to Life
Amount Requested: $30,057
Recommendation: $28,350
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified consultants to write an interpretive plan for the Minneapolis American Indian Center.

R-MHCG-2405-29268
St. Louis County

Minnesota Discovery Center
Hall of Geology Exhibit Implementation
Amount Requested: $99,517
Recommendation: $99,517
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified consultants to fabricate and install an exhibit on geology in St. Louis County.

R-MHCG-2405-29135
Blue Earth County

Minnesota State University, Mankato (Library Services)
This Statue, This Place: Abraham Lincoln Statue at Minnesota State University, Mankato
Amount Requested: $74,633
Recommendation: $74,633
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified consultants to fabricate and install an exhibit around the Lincoln Statue at MSU Mankato that will include text focusing on Native American and African American perspectives.

R-MHCG-2405-29171
Hennepin County

Minnesota's Black Community Project
Spotlight on Minnesota's Triumphant African American Community: An Interpretive Educational Documentary on Minnesota's 21st Century African American Community
Amount Requested: $25,000
Recommendation: $25,000
Brief Project Description: To complete a comprehensive documentary on the history of 21st century African Americans in Minnesota based on an earlier book project, "Minnesota's Black Community in the 21st Century."

R-MHCG-2404-29112
Nobles County

Nobles County Historical Society
Exhibit: Nobles County - A Home For Immigrants
Amount Requested: $281,177
Recommendation: $281,177
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified consultants to fabricate and install an exhibit on immigration in Nobles County from the 1870s to the present.

R-MHCG-2405-29277
Hennepin County

Our Streets Minneapolis
Re-Connecting the Twin Cities Oral History Project
Amount Requested: $34,360
Recommendation: $34,630
Brief Project Description: To document in approximately 25 oral histories the history of how the Frogtown and Union Park neighborhoods in St. Paul have been affected by highway construction and urban city planning.

R-MHCG-2403-28954
Winona County

Pickwick Mill Inc.
Pickwick Mill Window Restoration
Amount Requested: $95,120
Recommendation: $95,120
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to restore 34 windows on the exterior of the Pickwick Mill, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2403-28911
Swift County

Preserve Appleton's Heritage Inc.
Appleton City Hall Phase 1A Masonry, Roof and Foundation
Amount Requested: $372,552
Recommendation: $372,552
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to repair masonry, roof and foundation of the Appleton City Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2405-29275
Ramsey County

Ramsey County Historical Society
Ramsey County Assessor Field Card Digitization
Amount Requested: $165,471
Recommendation: $165,471
Brief Project Description: To digitize approximately 2.5 million Ramsey County Assessor Field Cards from 1915-2007, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource.

R-MHCG-2405-29196
St. Louis County

Regents of the University of Minnesota (Glensheen)
Glensheen Mansion Exterior Preservation - Masonry Phase 1
Amount Requested: $190,000
Recommendation: $185,000
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to preserve exterior masonry at the Congdon, Chester and Clara, Estate (Glensheen), listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2405-29134
Rock County

Rock County Historical Society
Museum-Quality Collection Storage
Amount Requested: $111,722
Recommendation: $111,722
Brief Project Description: To improve collections care and management through proper shelving storage.

R-MHCG-2312-28674
St. Louis County

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
Construction Documents for St. George Church Restoration
Amount Requested: $53,880
Recommendation: $53,880
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to produce construction documents for the roof, tower, and masonry restoration of the St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2405-29156
Goodhue County

The Anderson Center for Interdisciplinary Studies
Masonry Restoration for the Historic Residence at Tower View
Amount Requested: $125,000
Recommendation: $125,000
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to correct water intrusion, preserve interior finishes, and prevent deterioration of the Georgian Revival Residence at Tower View, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2405-29223
Hennepin County

The Woman's Club of Minneapolis
Repair and Modernize Passenger Elevator
Amount Requested: $195,000
Recommendation: $195,000
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to repair and modernize a passenger elevator at the Woman's Club of Minneapolis, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

R-MHCG-2405-29146
Beltrami County

Turtle Lake Township
Historic Turtle Lake Schoolhouse/Town Hall Rehabilitation Phase I - Archaeological Survey
Amount Requested: $60,500
Recommendation: $60,500
Brief Project Description: To hire qualified professionals to carry out an archeological survey of the Buena Vista Archaeological District, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Appendix B - List of Recommendations

ID	AVG	MODE	APPLICANT	PROJECT TITLE	REQUESTED (ELIGIBLE)	RECOMMENDED
2405-29206	8.38	10	Beltrami County Historical Society	Beltrami County Historical Society Collections Rehousing – Phase I	$49,261	$49,261
2405-29255	7.31	8	Bird Island Cultural Centre	Tinnes-Baker House Development: Construction Work	$137,447	$137,447
2405-29212	7.92	8	Brown County	Restoration of all wood windows and jambs on basement, first and second levels and window grilles on the basement level. This is Phase 4 of a 5-phase project.	$269,088	$269,088
2405-29237	7.08	7	Caponi Art Park	Conservation Treatment for "Snake" iconic symbol of Caponi Art Park	$12,710	$12,710
2403-28893	8.08	9	Carleton College	100 Years of Minnesota's First Arboretum at Carleton College, Phase Two: Writing, Editing and Design	$49,935	$49,935
2404-29084	7.08	9	Carver County Historical Society	Cultural Landscape Report for the Historic Andrew Peterson Farmstead	$80,236	$80,236
2303-27812	7.38	8	City of Adams	First National Bank of Adams Rehabilitation Project	$212,204	$212,204
2405-29248	8.08	10	City of Appleton	Website Development and Tourism Materials Enhancement for the Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway	$75,450	$75,450
2405-29204	6.62	8	City of Grey Eagle	Grey Eagle Village Hall	$170,000	
2203-26941	7.77	9	City of Hackensack	Hackensack Conservation Building Phase I Preservation: Stabilization	$305,952	$305,952

ID	AVG	MODE	APPLICANT	PROJECT TITLE	REQUESTED (ELIGIBLE)	RECOMMENDED
2405-29193	8.69	10	City of Hibbing	Hull Rust Mahoning Exhibit Plan	$106,000	$106,000
2401-28833	4.46	3	City of Lanesboro	Local Designation of Church and School Properties	$16,000	
2405-29244	9.67	10	City of Mendota Heights	Oheyawahi Interpretive Design	$60,000	$60,000
2405-29122	6.67	8	City of Moorhead	Hjemkomst Center Camera Security	$62,579	$62,579
2405-29261	7.46	6	City of Park Rapids	Park Rapids History Trail Phase II	$22,771	$22,771
2405-29256	6.31	8	City of St. Francis	Historic Riverside Hotel/Rum River Inn Reuse Study	$71,450	
2407-29423	7.92	8	City of Stillwater	Dutchtown Historic District	$30,000	$30,000
2404-29109	7.92	10	City of Tower	Assessment and Design Development Documents - Duluth and Iron Range Railroad Company Passenger Station-	$42,170	$42,170
2405-29179	6.31	5	City of Wayzata	Wayzata Section Foreman House Preservation Project	$298,385	
2403-28945	7.31	7	City of Wykoff	Ed's Museum Front Facade Stabilization & Restoration	$44,000	$44,000
2405-29283	7.67	10	Dakota County	Vermillion River Greenway Interpretive Concept Design	$65,000	$65,000
2405-29222	6.67	8	Dakota County Historical Society	Phase 4: Daniels Project Exhibit Pre-Production	$52,150	
2405-29239	7.15	8	Diverse Emerging Music Organization	The Minnesota Music Archive System Project: Preserving Minnesota’s Musical Heritage	$68,750	$68,750
2405-29176	7.77	8	DOCOMOMO-US-MN	Minnesota Modern Registry / Website Content Management System (CMS) migration for Docomomo US/MN.	$80,000	
2405-29242	7.77	9	Dodge County Historical Society	Wasioja School Rehabilitation Project	$183,410	$183,410
2405-29167	7.17	9	Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center Authority	Conditions Assessment of the William A. Irvin Ore Boat Museum	$151,700	

ID	AVG	MODE	APPLICANT	PROJECT TITLE	REQUESTED (ELIGIBLE)	RECOMMENDED
2404-29083	8.17	9	East Side Freedom Library	East Side Freedom Library: Establishing a Community Digital Repository	$199,290	$199,290
2405-29254	8	8	Ernest C. Oberholtzer Foundation	Historic Structures Report/Cultural Landscape Report	$178,390	$178,390
2405-29213	6.77	8	Faribault County Historical Society	Church of the Good Shepherd (1872), Blue Earth: Stabilization & Protection of Historic Stained Glass Windows	$198,203	
2405-29278	7.67	9	Firefighter's Hall and Museum	Concept Planning and Design Initiative for new a MNFM Permanent Exhibit	$89,717	$89,717
2405-29259	7.85	9	First Congregational Church of Minnesota - United Church of Christ	Decker Memorial Window Rehabilitation	$96,000	$96,000
2402-28878	7.23	8	First Congregational Church of Winona	Northwest Steeple Repair	$298,415	
2404-29073	8.92	10	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Nagaajiwanaang Dibaajimowinan	$49,000	$49,000
2405-29184	7.23	8	Friends of Christ Church Lutheran	Christ Church Lutheran: Historic Structure Report Updates	$92	$92,000
2403-28937	6.92	9	Friends of Linden Hill, Inc.	Exterior Barn, Carriage House and Greenhouse Rehabilitation	$272,500	$272,500
2405-29252	5.91	5	Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness	Troubled Waters	$57,500	
2403-28930	8.38	8	Fulda Heritage Society	Fulda 1880 Depot Foundation Repairs	$170,000	$170,000
2405-29241	7.54	9	Germanic-American Institute	GAI: Accessible Entrance and Bathroom	$235,000	$235,000
2405-29116	8.08	10	Hennepin County Library	Minneapolis Community-Based Organizations Archives	$75,500	$75,500

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2405-29280	8.77	10	Illusion Theater and School, Inc.	50 YEARS OF CATALYZING CHANGE: A Documentary about Illusion Theater & School's Impact on Minnesota	$19,900	$19,900
2403-28914	5.46	7	Islamic Center of Winona	HVAC Upgrade	$223,140	
2403-28925	7.08	6	Jasper Area Historical Society	Poorbaugh Building Exterior Rehabilitation Construction Documents	$49,650	$49,650
2405-29219	7.15	6	Kandiyohi County Historical Society	Albert & Jennie Sperry House Improvements	$115,076	$115,076
2405-29228	6.92	10	Lake County Historical Society	Two Harbors Depot Roof Replacement & Chimney Stabilization	$155,955	$155,955
2405-29164	5.15	7	Lind House Association, Inc.	Lind House Roof Replacement	$499,990	
2405-29227	6.62	7	Lyon County Historical Society	Exhibit Research for "Life on the Prairie" Exhibit Gallery	$43,550	
2404-29078	6	4	Macalester College	Macalester Old Main Roof Replacement	$300,000	
2405-29217	8.36	10	Minneapolis American Indian Center	Bringing the Minneapolis American Indian Center's Story to Life	$28,350	$28,350
2405-29209	6.69	8	Minnesota Boat Club	Minnesota Boat Club Boathouse Structural Rehabilitation: Phase 1	$287,445	
2405-29268	8.15	9	Minnesota Discovery Center	Hall of Geology Exhibit Implementation	$99,517	$99,517
2405-29282	6.31	5	Minnesota State University, Mankato (EARTH Systems Lab)	Reference Manual of Carbonized Wood Specimens in Southeastern Minnesota	$98,930	
2405-29135	8.58	10	Minnesota State University, Mankato (Library Services)	This Statue, This Place: Abraham Lincoln Statue at Minnesota State University, Mankato	$74,633	$74,633

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2405-29171	9	10	Minnesota's Black Community Project	Spotlight on Minnesota's Triumphant African American Community: An Interpretive Educational Documentary on Minnesota's 21st Century African American Community	$25,000	$25,000
2404-29107	4.85	4	Morrison County Historical Society	Phase II Archeological Surcey	$75,000	
2404-29112	8.54	9	Nobles County Historical Society	Exhibit: Nobles County - A Home For Immigrants	$281,177	$281,177
2405-29149	7	7	Olmsted County Historical Society	Stoppel Barn Roof Restoration	$174,239	
2405-29277	8.15	10	Our Streets Minneapolis	Re-Connecting the Twin Cities Oral History Project	$34,630	$34,630
2403-28954	7.46	9	Pickwick Mill Inc.	Pickwick Mill Window Restoration	$95,120	$95,120
2403-28911	8.08	8	Preserve Appleton's Heritage Inc.	Appleton City Hall Phase 1A Masonry, Roof and Foundation	$372,552	$372,552
2405-29275	7.17	9	Ramsey County Historical Society	Ramsey County Assessor Field Card Digitization	$165,471	$165,471
2405-29196	7	7	Regents of the University of Minnesota (Glensheen)	Glensheen Mansion Exterior Preservation - Masonry Phase 1	$185,000	$185,000
2405-29225	7.38	8	Rice County Historical Society	Alexander Faribault House Construction: Phase 2 - Foundation Repair and Stabilization	$173,000	
2405-29134	8.15	9	Rock County Historical Society	Museum-Quality Collection Storage	$111,722	$111,722
2404-29012	4.83	4	Roselawn Heritage Foundation	Historic Admin. Bldg. Rehabilitation	$200,000	
2405-29260	7.38	9	Sacred Heart Area Historical Society	Hotel Sacred Heart: Window Rehabilitation (North & West)	$299,200	
2405-29257	7.08	8	Scandia Heritage Alliance	Water Tower Barn Scandia Exhibit Plan	$156,000	
2405-29245	7.38	7	Sisu Heritage Inc.	Seitaniemi Housebarn Restoring Phase IV	$261,928	

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2403-28936	7.38	8	St. Clement's Episcopal Church	Conservation of the Tiffany Stained Glass Window at St. Clement's Church	$149,000	
2312-28674	6.92	8	St. George Serbian Orthodox Church	Construction Documents for St. George Church Restoration	$53,880	$53,880
2405-29156	7.62	7	The Anderson Center for Interdisciplinary Studies	Masonry Restoration for the Historic Residence at Tower View	$125,000	$125,000
2405-29223	7.42	9	The Woman's Club of Minneapolis	Repair and Modernize Passenger Elevator	$195,000	$195,000
2405-29146	6.92	7	Turtle Lake Township	Historic Turtle Lake Schoolhouse/Town Hall Rehabilitation Phase I - Archaeological Survey	$60,500	$60,500
2405-29185	8	8	West Concord Historical Society	West Concord High School Roof Replacement	$421,796	
2405-29195	8.08	7	White Bear Lake Area Historical Society	Armory Roofing and Masonry Restoration	$300,000	
2405-29197	7.15	7	Winona County Historical Society	Historic Armory Building Envelope Repair	$226,000	