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## COMMUNITY PLANNING

**MEMO TO:** Clark County Historic Preservation Commission

**FROM:** Historical Promotion Grants committee

**PREPARED BY:** Jacqui Kamp, Planner III

**DATE:** October 30, 2017

**REQUEST:** Review of the Historical Promotion Grants Committee's recommendation to fund 7 projects for 2018 at a total amount of \$67,366

RCW 36.22.170 allows the County to impose a one-dollar surcharge to be used, at the discretion of the county councilors, to promote historical preservation or historical programs, which may include preservation of historical documents. In order to make grant funding recommendations regarding that funding source, the Historic Preservation Commission's Historic Promotion Grants subcommittee reviewed applications and is forwarding their recommendation of funding to the Historic Preservation Commission. Fifteen applications for 2018 grants were received in the total request amount of \$171,089.25. The goal of the committee was to award a total amount in the \$67K range based on the fund forecast. The committee diligently reviewed the applications and recommended during its meeting on October 20, 2017 that the Historic Preservation Commission recommend to the BOCC to award 7 grants totaling \$67,366 as shown below:

- Grant name:** Aerial Photo and Property Plat Digitization  
**Organization:** Clark County Historical Museum  
**Summary:** The CCHM proposes to digitize 3,000 objects consisting of aerial photographs and property plats dating from the 1950s.  
**Request:** \$12,598.37                      **Recommendation: \$8,119**  
**Committee comments:** The committee believes the project could be done with one student, therefore decreased the amount by subtracting the second assistant.
- Grant name:** The Historic Trust Community Heritage Digitization Project  
**Organization:** The Historic Trust  
**Summary:** This project aims to capture this vitally important part of our *area's* heritage and preserve it for future generations. In particular; in Phase 1; this project will focus on Providence Academy alumnae, religious and lay teachers, sisters of providence, diocese clergy, extended family members, wedding/special event participants, and incubator businesses within the 1873 site. The applicant will purchase a professional overhead, archive quality, color, large format and rare book scanner.  
**Request:** \$35,000                      **Recommendation: \$25,320**  
**Committee comments:** The committee is recommending funding \$25,320 for only the machine and table. They would also like to see this machine available and accessible for all as it would be an important asset for

the preservation and awareness of our community's historic heirlooms by allowing people to scan these items to a digital format.

3. **Grant name:** Fort Vancouver Mobile: Spruce Mill Research and Development Expansion  
**Organization:** Washington State University - Vancouver  
**Summary:** The award winning Fort Vancouver Mobile app was developed on the beta version of the project management tool PhoneGap, and during the past three years, a tremendous amount of programming infrastructure has changed, creating issues with the current programming structure. The new structure to be used has been tested on other mobile-research projects, in Montana and in Hawaii, and it will also bring new interactivity and innovation to the FVM app. These funds would cover the upgrading and the new programming.  
**Request:** \$19,881                      **Recommendation:** \$9,500  
**Committee comments:** The committee is recommending funding \$9,500, which is the amount in the budget that is directly related to the development of the app.
4. **Grant name:** Venersborg Talking History  
**Organization:** Venersborg Community Club  
**Summary:** To record and produce their Living History program to archive and share the history of their community.  
**Request:** \$1,400                      **Recommendation:** \$1,400  
**Committee comments:** The committee is recommending funding \$1,400 for this project but wants to suggest that the applicant work on training for their volunteers so that in the future they may be able to do the work in house.
5. **Grant name:** Artifact Preservation and Display Improvement  
**Organization:** North Clark Historical Museum  
**Summary:** *Display Cabinets* will include the purchase of three custom exhibit cabinets to replace existing cabinets in the upstairs sanctuary. *Exhibit Enhancement* will include purchase of table top vitrines to showcase several artifacts which require special protection while on display. *Exhibit Preservation* addresses the need for protection of several artifacts of importance to North Clark County. *Artifact Storage* is currently inadequate to protect collections, particularly textiles. Funds will provide acid-free materials to store and label these items.  
**Request:** \$10,333                      **Recommendation:** \$7,500  
**Committee comments:** The committee is recommending funding \$7,500. They thought the cost of the cabinets seemed high and could maybe be found at a lesser amount.
6. **Grant name:** Chelatchie Prairie Loading Ramp Car  
**Organization:** Chelatchie Prairie Railroad  
**Summary:** This project will replace the railroad's aging flat car to converted stock car with a roof, which will provide protection against the weather and with the low probability possibility of a rock falling on the train and scaring or injuring a passenger or volunteer.  
**Request:** \$4,260                      **Recommendation:** \$4,260  
**Committee comments:**
7. **Grant name:** BYCX Track Upgrade and Repair  
**Organization:** Chelatchie Prairie Railroad  
**Summary:** A big part of the organization's workload during each year is maintaining the track structure that the trains operate over. The railroad rails are supported by thousands of wooden ties that have been treated with creosote to provide rot and insect protection. But over time they do deteriorate and rot. Each year the organization must replace a small percentage of the railroad ties with new or good used ties. This grant

request includes the purchase of special long ties used to repair switches as well as several hundred good used ties to replace deteriorated ties along the line.

**Request:** \$18,000                      **Recommendation:** \$11,267

**Committee comments:** Recommending \$11,267. They would like to encourage applicant to seek other co-funding in the future.

**Total Recommended For Funding:**      **\$67,366**

The following projects were not recommended for grant funds.

1. **Grant Name:** Vancouver Police Mini-Museums & Service Learning Opportunity: Preserving Local History and Connecting with Our Community  
**Organization:** City of Vancouver Police  
Request: \$21,170.88
  
2. **Grant Name:** ADA Accessibility for Visitors Center  
**Organization:** Columbia Springs  
Request: \$12,000
  
3. **Grant Name:** Downtown Camas Historic Interpretive Panels  
**Organization:** Downtown Camas Association  
Request: \$8,033
  
4. **Grant Name:** Rites of Passage Program  
**Organization:** Family Management  
Request: \$15,500
  
5. **Grant Name:** Gathering Pavilion at Two Rivers Museum  
**Organization:** Camas-Washougal Historical Society  
Request: \$3,273
  
6. **Grant Name:** BYCX Coach #60 Interior Wall Repair  
**Organization:** Chelatchie Prairie Railroad  
Request: \$3,740
  
7. **Grant Name:** Crossett-Western Electric Dynamo Overhaul  
**Organization:** Chelatchie Prairie Railroad  
Request: \$3,200
  
8. **Grant Name:** Crossett-Western #10 Piston Packing Repair  
**Organization:** Chelatchie Prairie Railroad  
Request: \$2,700