



City Council Agenda Bill

20381

Bill Number

Subject: Resolution in support of City's Grant Application to Washington State Historical Society's Heritage Capital Projects Fund

Summary Statement: The Washington State Historical Society (WSHS) has a capital project fund to provide grants for the preservation of historic buildings. As part of the application materials, a resolution from the City Council is needed to demonstrate support for the application. The application is still in development, but will include a request for \$1.0 million for improvements to the Federal Building as part of the City's ongoing renovations and preservation activities. If successful, grant funds will assist in funding near term improvements to the federal building. A 20 year preservation plan, authored by SHKS Architects in 2005, outlines more than \$18 million in necessary improvements.

Previous Council Action: 2014 Budget approval which includes \$1.8million for Federal Building renovations

Fiscal Impact: The WSHS program limits applications to a maximum \$1.0 million request per biennium. If successful the grant has a 67% match requirement. Matching funds are available in the 2014 budget through fund 125 Federal Building Fund

Funding Source: Federal Building Fund No. 125

Attachments: Resolution

Meeting Activity	Meeting Date	Staff Recommendation	Presented By	Time
Committee Briefing Vote Requested	4/21/2014	Pass Resolution	Ted Carlson, PW Director	5 minutes

Recommended Motion: .

Council Committee:
Public Works and Public Safety Committee

Agenda Bill Contact:
Eric Johnston, PW Assistant Director

Reviewed By	Department	Date
<i>Ted A. Carlson</i>	Public Works	04/11/2014
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<i>Matthew T. Stamps</i>	Legal	04/11/2014
<i>Kelli J. Linville</i>	Executive	04/15/2014

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HERITAGE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO ASSIST WITH REHABILITATION OF THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FEDERAL BUILDING.

WHEREAS, the City's Legacies and Strategic Commitments promise to maintain and enhance publicly owned assets, and preserve historic and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, the City owns the Bellingham Federal Building which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and on the Washington State Heritage Register; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to preserving, protecting, and maintaining this historic structure; and

WHEREAS, the City has a 20-year Historic Preservation Plan for the Bellingham Federal Building, developed and published by SHKS architects in 2005; and

WHEREAS, since 2005 the City has already spent \$2.5 million in renovations and repairs to the building; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham is in the process of additional rehabilitations and renovations to the Bellingham Federal Building in order to provide for more space for City staff and to preserve a significant City-owned asset; and

WHEREAS, the City has committed \$2 million more toward renovations in the 2014 budget year; and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation and staffing of the Federal Building also meets the City's commitment to foster a vibrant downtown; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State legislature established a recurring competitive grant program (RCW 27.34.330 – Heritage Capital Projects) to support the capital needs of facilities that interpret and preserve Washington's heritage. Through the program, the State may reimburse up to 33% of the eligible costs of selected capital projects, including those which preserve historic structures; and

WHEREAS, the City has the necessary matching funds, staff resources and expertise necessary for a grant application,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF BELLINGHAM RESOLVES TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HERITAGE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO ASSIST WITH REHABILITATION AND RENOVATION OF THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Resolution Re Federal Building

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FEDERAL BUILDING BY PROVIDING THE NECESSARY 67% MATCHING FUNDS AND MEETING ALL TERMS OF A POTENTIAL HERITAGE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND GRANT CONTRACT.

PASSED by the Council this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Council President

APPROVED by me this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Office of the City Attorney