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MEMORANDUM

Historic Resource Commission of September 13, 2018

TO: Planning Commission **Item E-4**

FROM: Hope Sullivan, AICP
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DATE: September 4, 2018

SUBJECT: **HRC-18-118** – To consider potential projects that could be funded with the Historic Preservation Fund in fiscal year 2018.

Grant applications for the 2018 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) are due to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) by September 21, 2018 and projects must be completed by August 2019. This means that if grant awards are made in October 2018, there are about nine months to put a program or project together and complete it.

Additionally, the HPF grant requires a 40 percent match.

Staff has investigated the following potential projects:

1. A façade improvement project with a match by the property owner.
2. A joint program with the Builder's Alliance to provide training on the repair of historic buildings.
3. Attendance at a conference.

To have a funded façade improvement project, the property must be on the National Register of Historic Places, and the property owner must be a 401(c)3. Staff investigated using such a program at either Jack's Bar or the former church owned by Brewery Arts Center. Although Jack's Bar is on the National Register, it is not owned by a 401(c)3. The former church is owned by a 401c3, but is not on the National Register. Staff is not aware of any 401(c)3 owned properties that are listed on the National Register where the owner may be seeking to pursue façade improvements.

In terms of a training program, staff reached out to SHPO's office for advice as to local tradespeople who could serve as mentors. There does not seem to be local tradesmen who specialize in historic properties in northern Nevada with the exception of a mason. Given the short time frame between funding and project completion, the logistic of identifying out of area trainers, and the cost of flying out of area trainers into the community, staff finds this worthwhile project needs more lead time to develop.

In terms of conferences, the California Preservation Conference will be in May 2019 in Palm Springs, CA. There is limited information available on the program at this time, and no

registration or specific venue information available at this time. If this is something Commissioners are interested in participating in, a grant application to cover registration fees and travel could be submitted. No other State-wide conferences in the general area were identified for the timeframe of the funding.

The Commission should advise staff how it recommends proceeding in terms of applying for funding.