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Legislation Text

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CONSIDERATION OF AN EXTERNAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE DERBY HISTORICAL MUSEUM.

Presented by: Brent Shelton, Economic Development & Tax System Director, Division of Finance.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Take action as the Commission deems appropriate.

The Derby Historical Society, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization was formed in 1995 “to promote, preserve, and protect historical records, relics, and buildings for future generations.” The organization operates the Derby Historical Museum in the original school building in Derby, Kansas.

The Historical Society requests one-time funding from Sedgwick County in the amount of \$10,000 to replace 18 window openings with new double hung windows. This funding would supplement matching private contributions to fully fund this project which is bid at \$25,772. In addition to improving the appearance of the building, the organization expects that the project should provide for reduced utility costs and “help improve the indoor environment for the historical displays.” Sedgwick County approved a \$10,000 donation to the organization in 2013 for a similar window replacement project on another part of the facility.

Derby Kansas will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2019. The Historical Museum is one of seven sites being recognized during the celebration. They anticipate that an improved building image and this recognition will spur additional interest in the museum.

One of the priorities in Sedgwick County’s Strategic Plan focuses on Human Services and Cultural Experiences. To this end, we partner with, and support the Zoo, Exploration Place, Museums, Parks, and other cultural organizations and events.

Should the County provide funding, recognition of this support would be in the form of a local news story, and the Historical Society will install a plaque that acknowledges the County contribution to the window project.

Alternatives: Deny the funding request.

Financial Considerations: The Historical Society requests one-time funding from Sedgwick County in the amount of \$10,000. Pursuant to staff recommendations, budget authority of \$10,000 will be transferred from the BOCC Reserve to the Culture & Recreation Community Programs fund center.

Legal Considerations: N/A

Policy Considerations: N/A

Outside Attendees: Representative from Derby Historical Society.

Multimedia Presentation: N/A