City of Homestead
Council Agenda Report

Item Number: 4652

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting:	Special Call	Meeting Date:	7/8/2025
Department:	City Manager	Department Head:	Zerry Ihekwaba, PhD, PE
Item Type:	Resolution	Author:	Ashley Francois / Josh A. Rios
Title:	Homestead's Historic Town Hall Museum Special Category Application		
Requested Action:	Approve Resolution		

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Mayor and Council approve the attached Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Florida Division of Historical Resources Special Category Program, requesting $405,838.00 for the Historic Town Hall Museum, and further authorizing an amount of $405,838.00 as the City's required matching funds.

City Impact: District 4
Fiscal Impact: $405,838.00 in FY26
Funding Source: N/A

BACKGROUND AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Background Information:

Homestead Town Hall, located at 43 North Krome Avenue, holds significance in both social history and architecture. As the first municipal building constructed in Homestead, it played a central role in the City's political and social life from its completion in 1917 until the construction of a new City Hall in 1975. The building is recognized under the "Historic Resources of Homestead, Florida" multiple property group within Historic Context II: Incorporation/Boom Time Era (1913–1926) and is classified under Property Type F.3: Public Buildings.

The City will restore Town Hall to accomplish the following objectives: protect the structure against further deterioration and damage; meet current building codes; preserve the original intent of the façade through the restoration of its exterior features; and utilize the structure as an effective and attractive historical education center. Staff conducted an assessment of the building, focusing on the deteriorating roof and the overall condition of the structure. The evaluation identified several critical needs, including roof replacement, building waterproofing, elevator repair, and plumbing upgrades. The City determined that the need to enhance the exterior walls of the structure through waterproofing is significant, as the historic structure has become vulnerable to water damage and intrusion. The elevator must be repaired to ensure accessibility to meet ADA standards. Additionally, plumbing improvements will be necessary in conjunction with the roof work and repairs to support long-term functionality.

Exhibit Attachment(s): (3)

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FUNDING INFORMATION

Finance Approval:	Approved-Carlos M. Perez 7/2/25	Total Approved Amount:	$405,838.00
1 - Account Name:	Professional Services (FY2026)	Account Number:	001-1440-519-33-05 (FY2026)
Amount:		Current Balance:	
2 - Account Name:		Account Number:	
Amount:		Current Balance:	
3 - Account Name:		Account Number:	
Amount:		Current Balance:	

PROCUREMENT SECTION

Received Date:		Reference Number:	
Transaction Type:		Bids Solicited / Received:	
Vendor Name and Information:			
Procurement Amount:		Details:	
Procurement Notes:	The procurement process is not applicable to this item.		
Review Committee Members:			
Completed Date:	7/1/2025	Completed By:	Malia Rivera, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB

REVIEW - APPROVALS

Fleet:	Approved	Initials:	IS	Additional Approvals:
HR / Risk:	Not Applicable	Initials:	BF	Finance: Nothing is being approved for expenditure at this time. This item is to approve the setting aside of $405,838 in the Proposed FY2026 Budget. If the grant is approved, a follow-up item will be required to be presented to Council for the acceptance of the grant and establishment of the grant budget.
ITD:	Not Applicable	Initials:	YC	

Legal Review:	Lori Smith-Lalla, Esq.	Legal Date:	7/1/2025
Director Authorization:	Zerry Ihekwaba, PhD, PE	Director Date:	7/2/2025
City Manager Authorization		Item Status:	

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