



Request for Council Action

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Timothy C. Murray, City Administrator
Deanna Kuennen, Community and Economic
Development Director

FROM: Kim Clausen, Community Development Coordinator

MEETING DATE: April 9, 2019

SUBJECT: Resolution 2019-060 Authorize Submission of a
Grant Application to the Minnesota Historical Society

Background:

Based on City Council direction, officials from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), including an Historical Architect, toured the building at 27 3rd Street NW. They were not able to provide a structural analysis, but based on their experience, their opinion is that the building, as well as the building at 223/225 1st Avenue NW, are still salvageable. They recommended applying for a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage (MHCH) Grant to obtain necessary structural analysis of the building. A structural analysis will provide the Council with objective, factual information about the building condition along with cost estimates for repair.

Small grants up to \$10,000 are awarded on a quarterly basis, with the next application submission deadline on April 12. There is no pre-application or match requirement. Applicants are notified of grant awards approximately 8 weeks after the submission deadline. Staff is in the process of obtaining cost estimates from qualified structural engineers, but SHPO indicated other communities have been able to obtain similar analyses for \$10,000 or less. If cost estimates come in slightly higher than \$10,000, the City could request the HPC allocate a portion of their annual budget to the project, identify another funding source, or choose not to proceed with the analysis.

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution 2019-060, Authorizing Grant Application to the MHS

Attachments:

- Resolution 2019-060

CITY OF FARIBAULT

**RESOLUTION #2019-060
AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Historical Society (“MHS”) administers the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage (“MHCH”) Grant program to assist local governments with heritage preservation-related activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Faribault (“the City”) is eligible to apply for these grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the City has been a recipient of MHCH grant funds through the MHS in the past and accordingly has experience in administering these grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the City recently acquired two contributing buildings in the local downtown commercial historic district, located at 27 3rd Street NW and 223/225 1st Avenue NW; and

WHEREAS, due to its deteriorated condition, the City has determined a need for a Structural Assessment of the building at 27 3rd Street NW in order to determine the future use of the building.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes submission of a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Grant application to the Minnesota Historical Society for the purpose of assisting with the costs associated with obtaining a Structural Assessment of the building at 27 3rd Street NW.

Date Adopted: April 9, 2019

Faribault City Council

Kevin F. Voracek, Mayor

ATTEST:

Timothy C. Murray, City Administrator