

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 19-275

Pertaining to a Heritage Grant Agreement between the Minnesota Historical Society and the Board of Water Commissioners to define the administration of grant funding for the Highland Park Tower Repairs project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2017, MacDonald & Mack Architects performed a condition assessment of the Highland Park Water Tower. The condition assessment was funded by the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants (MHCHG) program. As a result of the assessment, staff understands the condition of the structure and has a plan recommending appropriate treatment that maintains the tower's historic and architectural integrity (the "Highland Park Tower Repairs" project).

At its July 10, 2018 meeting, the Board directed staff to make application to the MHCHG for grant funding to offset the costs of the project. Through that process, the Historical Society's Executive Council determined that the Highland Park Tower Repairs project is eligible for funding and recommended approval of a grant in the amount of \$250,000 to partially fund the project.

This agreement details the policies and procedures for the administration of the grant funds including:

1. Board must obtain and supply matching funds equaling \$224,000
2. Board is responsible for any project overages beyond the approved budget totaling \$474,000.
3. Timeline for receiving payments from the Minnesota Historical Society at five milestones, one of which is the execution of this agreement which releases \$75,000

Design is underway; if fully funded, contractor work would take place during the 2019 construction season.

See attached agreement

RECOMMENDATION

Board approval is recommended.