



City and Borough of Sitka

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Paxton and Members of the Assembly

From: Dave Miller, Interim Municipal Administrator

CC: Amy Ainslie, Planner I
Jay Sweeney, Chief Finance and Administrative Officer
Melissa Haley, Controller

Date: July 19, 2018

Subject: Certified Local Government Grant Application – Sitka Maritime Heritage Society

Background

The Historic Preservation Commission has recommended approval of a Certified Local Government grant application submitted by Laura Bennett on behalf of the Sitka Maritime Heritage Society, a registered non-profit organization. The recommendation was made at their July 10, 2019 meeting.

The intent is to continue the ongoing rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the historic Japonski Island Boathouse. This phase of the project will restore and repair a historic exterior wall on the building's Northeast wing and complete the exterior of the newly constructed entry addition shell with siding, doors, and windows. An open house will also be held to educate the public.

The State Historic Preservation Office announced the FY 19 grant on May 31, 2019. The Historic Preservation Commission considered the application on July 10, 2019 and voted 4-0 to support the project. The application deadline is July 31, 2019.

Analysis

The Sitka Maritime Heritage Society has received numerous grants for the preservation and rehabilitation of the historic Japonski Island Boathouse, and this application represents a continuation of that effort. The project is supported by Goal 6 of the Sitka Comprehensive Plan, which is to “Celebrate Sitka’s historic, cultural, and arts resources, which are ethnically,

religiously, and racially diverse; highly valued and essential to defining Sitka and local quality of life; and integral to the economic base of the community.”

The subgrantee must follow all applicable federal, state, and city requirements regarding procurement, entity status, and reporting. Qualified historic preservation professionals must be consulted throughout the project as directed by the State Historic Preservation Office. If awarded, a municipal subgrantee agreement must be signed prior to commencement of the project. An administrative fee will be charged to the grant in accordance with Finance Department policy.

Fiscal Note

The grant application is for a 60-40 match grant. The Sitka Maritime Heritage Society intends to contribute \$15,838 with in-kind and donated/purchased resources and requests \$23,757 from the Historic Preservation Fund for Certified Local Governments (Federal Share).

Recommendation

Approve the resolution supporting the grant application.