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Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation
CCCHP 2019-2020 Grant Awards

Re: Comments on Goldfield High School Roof Repair Grant Request

It is extremely important that restoration of the 1907 Goldfield High School roof be undertaken as one project.

For ten years the Society, in partnership with the CCA/CCCHP, has been working toward the rehabilitation and reuse of this most significant and important structure as a community and cultural center for West Central Nevada. To that end, we've been following the restoration recommendations of Structural Engineer Melvin Green and Architect Ione Stiegler, as outlined in their Historic Structures Report of 2011. These recommendations laid the groundwork for establishment of a Critical Path toward the eventual repair of the roof, the ever-advancing deterioration of which over the last 67 years has led to the building's current degraded condition.

With funding from the CCA/CCCHP and private donations, and following the aforementioned Critical Path, the Society is currently completing the 10-yr. stabilization of the structure and has arrived at the long-worked-for next step...roof repair.

To provide the Commission latitude in the award of limited funds, our budget presents the costs for a "single project" with 100% current funding, or "two projects" with 50% current funding/50% future funding. However, if the proposed work is not completed using the "single project" plan in the upcoming grant cycle, it will not be completed for four more years, assuming funding is available at that time.

It is best to completely weatherize the building as soon as possible as the Society is constantly striving to minimize "threats" so that we can move on to interior restoration. If not, the Society will continue to try to keep the remaining roof sections from excessive leaking, but deterioration will continue. Also, if the "single project" plan is not adopted, the loss of economy of volume in materials/supplies purchase and the logistics of additional site move-ons and move-offs will increase completion costs considerably.

The roof repair should be completed as one project.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

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