

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION FOR CULTURAL CENTERS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

**Staff summary/speaking points on Agenda Items for June 16, 2025, meeting**

**Agenda Item #5: - Introduction to the new State Historic Preservation Office Administrator and staffing update**

- The State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce that we have a new Administrator, Arthur (Art) Krupicz. Art has spent most of his career in or around SHPO's and most recently worked with Nevada State Parks as their Historic Preservation Specialist Archaeologist. He will be an excellent asset to the Nevada SHPO.
- Our office is currently seeking and interviewing for several new positions in our office, including two new staff members to supervise and assist with the CCCHP grant program. We look forward to filling those positions by the end of year.

**Agenda Item #6: - Update to the Commission on the allocation of gross proceeds to expenditures; First in, first out method.**

- The tracking of the grant funds historically has tied the project to a specific bond. We have recently been notified that we must use the general rule for expenditures, which is to use the first-in, first-out method. For example, if the grantees from the most recent B24A bond have expenses before those who are still working on their project from the B22D bond, we will pay the expense from the B22D bond since it is the oldest. The award for a project is an obligation of the authority, and not a direct link to the bond issuance. The goal is to expend the oldest bond first. Our office will be sure to track these expenses accordingly.

**Agenda Item #7: - Staff summary on the status of Commission grants for the FY21-22 and FY23-24 grant cycle and requests for additional funding.**

- All **FY21-22 (B22C)** spring bond funds were expended by November 2024.
- The **FY21-22 (B22D)** fall bond funds expended to date total: \$2,240,628.32. The remaining balance of obligated funding totals \$774,500.34. This includes \$2,418.58 in administrative costs to occur before June 30, 2025. There is currently \$159,012.53 in bond funds not obligated with additional interest to hit before the end of the fiscal year.
- The **FY23-24 (B24A)** grant agreement process has been slower than usual, but we are making progress. Now that we have our new Administrator, that will ease the workload on our other staff, and we can get all agreements out the door as soon as possible, as best as we can. We request continued patience from the grantees and recommend that they wait until they begin their projects to know if they will need any additional time or funding. We will be happy to work with the grantees as needed so they can complete their

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project in a timely manner. We have reimbursed \$72,351.00 to date from this bond. Our fiscal staff will be moving those expenses to apply to the B22D bond to follow the first in first out rule. There is currently \$92,994.68 in unobligated funds remaining in this round.

**Agenda Item #8:** - Review request from CCCHP-21-22, The Goldfield Historical Society, for additional funding to assist in covering the remaining unexpected matching funds expended during their project. Requested amount: \$50,727.00 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- During the August 19, 2024, Commission Hearing, The Goldfield Historical Society requested funding to cover unforeseen structural work that exceeded their grant funding and was applied to their match. The request was for \$125,727 and the Commission awarded \$75,000. The Society is returning to the Commission to request the remaining \$50,727.00

**Agenda Item #9:** - Review request from CCCHP-21-23, The Carlin Historical Society, for additional funding to assist in covering the increase in the contractor's cost for the Carlin School House Rehabilitation. Requested amount: \$3,340.68. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- The Carlin Historical Society submitted a project change to the SHPO to request an update their budget based on the updated estimate from their contractor for professional services that includes the development of a conceptual design, schematic design, and design development in preparation for the creation of construction documents for the reconstruction of the schoolhouse roof, including the bell tower and widows walk. They also requested an extension to December 01, 2025. SHPO staff internally approved the extension and approved the request to move the funding around to cover the cost estimate up to the awarded amount. The cost estimate is \$3,340.68 more than the grant award, and they would like to request this additional funding to cover these services.

**Agenda Item #10:** - Review request from CCCHP-23-03, The Western Missionary Museum Corporation, for additional funding to assist in covering the remaining \$5,000 to fully fund the repair of the stained-glass windows. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- At the September 05, 2024, meeting the Commission awarded the minimum requested which removed \$5,000 from the \$10,000 budget for the stained-glass windows. This request would assist in fully funding that activity.

**Agenda Item #11:** - Review request from CCCHP-23-19, The Nevada State Prison Preservation Society, for additional funding to assist in covering the increase in contractor costs due to the change of the scope of work for the cell house stairway. Requested amount: \$10,435.00 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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- The NSPPS has consulted Simerson Construction, and they have revised the approach to the scope of work for the repair of the cellhouse stairway. Our office has reviewed the scope and has determined that the proposal is appropriate. However, we will require some revisions and will be working closely with the grantee to finalize the revised scope to meet the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation.

**Agenda Item #12: - Discussion and decision to request the sale of bonds in accordance with NRS 383.530.1 in November of calendar year 2025.(FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- Prior to the SHPO completing a bond issuance request form, the Commission must approve that we participate in the request for the bond sale.

**Agenda Item #13: - Discussion of the application process and changes to be made. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- In the history of the bonds, since approx. 2009-2010, this Commission has been awarded \$3 million per biennium. This meant that our office did not participate in the first-year bond sale, but would prepare for the second year, requesting the \$3 million to be approved in the second fall bond sale.
- The applicants for that round would begin applying in Jan-April, awards then made in June-August, bond sale occurring in the fall, and then projects beginning once agreements were fully signed and covenants recorded.
- This year the governor recommended, and the legislature has approved \$6 million for the upcoming bond sales over the next 2 years. Since NRS 383.530 states that the bond award may not exceed \$3 million per year, and the bond sale for the first \$3 million will occur this fall, our application process will need to be revised.
- The SHPO will be reaching out to potential applicants to send in an Intent to Apply. This will be similar to submitting a Statement of Intent, but this will be for all applicants, not just new applicants. They will provide a brief description of their organization, what building they are rehabilitating, and a brief narrative on the project scope and budget.
- These notifications will be used to create a list of potential applicants and prove the need for funding to the Board of Examiners.
- The applications will still be made available in January after the bond sale has occurred, and the funds have been deposited. SHPO staff will update the Commission with any updates to the CCCHP forms or applications at the next meeting which we would like to schedule sometime between August – October.

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