



Legislation Text

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REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A STATE HERITAGE CAPITAL PROJECTS GRANT FOR THE SHAY LOCOMOTIVE PAVILION (SHAY STATION)

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVES ADDRESSED:

Preserve and enhance neighborhoods
Continue effective financial management.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City of Longview, in cooperation with the non-profit Friends of Longview has an opportunity to apply for grant funding through the State Heritage Capital Projects Fund to complete the Shay Station. The grant opportunity requires City Council authorization for the application to be considered. An advantage of this opportunity is that expenses incurred over the past 3 years may be counted toward the 2:1 match requirement for the application. City Council funded the project with a \$37,500 matching grant from the Kuntz Family Trust fund and \$10,000 for design work in past three years, and the Friends of Longview non-profit has pledged \$10,000 in matching funds for the grant. If successful, this grant will provide funding for remaining site work including accessible sidewalks, benches, lighting, and interpretive panels for the Shay Station and the potential to install the preserved clock and mechanism from Longview's train station, formerly located at 7th and Broadway.

The City of Longview has benefited in the past from nearly one million dollars of funding through this program to restore the Columbia Theatre. About the Heritage Capital Projects Fund:

"On June 30, 2015, Governor Jay Inslee signed the State Capital Budget for the 2015-2017 biennium, and in so doing, authorized \$10 million to fund the 10th round of Heritage Capital Projects. State funding for the Heritage Capital Projects will be matched 2:1 by the grantees, and interpretation and preservation of Washington's history and heritage will be strengthened by projects throughout the state; capital improvements to existing facilities, construction of new facilities, preservation of historic buildings, structures, vessels, and locomotives, and improvements at historic or archaeological sites that are culturally or historically significant."

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to authorize and approve the submittal of a State Heritage Capital Projects Fund grant application by the City of Longview for completion of the Shay Station and enhancements of the site including installation of the Longview train station clock.

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