



Bismarck Event Center

DATE: February 27, 2024

FROM: Amanda Yellow, Marketing & Sales Manager

ITEM: Grant approval for the Belle Mehus Auditorium

REQUEST:

Request Commission Approval to Accept the Historic Preservation Fund Grant and Cultural Heritage Grant for the Belle Mehus Auditorium.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Replace carpet & brass railing in the Belle Mehus Auditorium. The two grants applied for are the Historic Preservation Fund Grant and the Cultural Heritage Grant and both have been awarded. Docusign grant review is in process.

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION:

Seek approval of the Historic Preservation Fund Grant for \$50,000 plus a cash match. Seek approval of the Cultural Heritage Grant for \$50,000 plus a cash match. The cash match for the Cultural Heritage grant can be applied to the Historic Preservation Fund grant or vice versa.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:

Charlie Jeske, Director, 701-355-1372, cjeske@bismarcknd.gov

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Historic Preservation Fund Grant Award Letter
2. Cultural Heritage Grant Award Letter



January 3, 2024

Amanda Yellow
City of Bismarck
315 S. 5th Street
Bismarck, ND 58504

Dear Ms. Yellow,

Congratulations! The proposal for Replacement of brass rail and carpet of Belle Mehus Auditorium located in Bismarck has been selected for funding through North Dakota's Historic Preservation Fund grant appropriation. We are offering a grant of \$50,000 to assist in the preservation efforts. The required match is 50% of the completed project.

Please do not begin work on this project until the contract has been signed. If you choose to accept the grant, please send an email or letter of acceptance to Amy Munson, Grants & Contracts Officer. In the letter, include the legal address of the property, including township, range, section, and quarter sections. For city or town properties, include the lot number.

Upon acceptance of the grant, you will receive a contract in the mail, which must be signed and returned to us. The contract will detail the commitments and requirements of the grant. Please read it carefully. We have recently updated the historic preservation covenant that will be required to receive the grant funds.

Work on the grant project must be completed by August 30, 2025, and inspect by SHSND staff in September 2025. There can be no extensions, as this is a federal deadline. Work completed after the deadline cannot be reimbursed. We advise using a timeline that gives both you and your contractors a safety window for completion of the project.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone (701-328-3573) or email amunson@nd.gov.

Sincerely,

Dr. William D. Peterson
Director



November 22, 2023

Mr. Charlie Jeske
Belle Mehus Auditorium
315 South 5th Street
Bismarck, ND 58504

Dear Mr. Jeske,

Congratulations! The Belle Mehus Auditorium Cultural Heritage Grant application for Replace Carpet & Brass Railing project has been approved for \$50,000 of grant funding. Contracting documents will be sent in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions concerning the grant contract and attachments, please contact Amy Munson, Grants & Contracts Officer at amunson@nd.gov or 701-328-3573.

We are very pleased to have the opportunity to provide this assistance and look forward to working with your organization.

Sincerely,

Dr. William D. Peterson
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota