

A G E N D A R E P O R T

DATE November 16, 2004

ITEM Request to apply unused CDBG allocation for CM Russell Museum roof project

INITIATED BY Community Development Staff

ACTION REQUESTED Approve Funding Amendment

PREPARED & PRESENTED BY Katrina Stark, CDBG/HOME Administrator

REVIEWED & APPROVED BY Mike Rattray, Community Development Director

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Community Development Staff recommends approval of the application of \$10,000 unused 2004-2005 CDBG funds for roof replacement on the Studio, a building placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

MOTION:

I move to approve the application of \$10,000 from unused 2004-2005 CDBG funds for the replacement of the C.M. Russell Museum Studio roof replacement.

SYNOPSIS:

The C. M. Russell Museum approached the City of Great Falls for assistance in the repair of the Studio roof. The Museum wishes to use contemporary materials but adhere to State Historic Preservation standards to maintain the original appearance of the building. The Community Development Department requested the State Historic Preservation Officer to review the project then make a recommendation to the City Commission for this additional project.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Great Falls receives federal Community Development Block Grant monies through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development that may be allocated for Historic Preservation. Under HUD CDBG regulations, “rehabilitation, preservation, and selective restoration of publicly or privately owned properties (USDHUD, 2004, p. 1)” are acceptable applications of funds.

The C. M. Russell Museum originally approached the City of Great Falls for \$6,890.00 in CDBG monies. However, upon review of the project by Pete Brown, Historic Architecture Specialist, Montana SHPO, the original dollar amount requested was amended to a total amount of \$10,000 to address a more historically correct roof material. The C. M. Russell Museum has agreed to the recommendation of laminated asphalt shingles.

The C. M. Russell project includes the removal of existing roof material and the installation of a roof with laminated asphalt shingles.

The requested funds will be utilized from unused CDBG projects from the 2004-2005 allotment.

Attachments: C. M. Russell Museum request letter
Montana Historical Society letter

References

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. 2004. *Community Development Block Grant Program Preserving America*. GPO.