



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 23, 2024

TITLE:

Consider and act on a request for Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds in the amount of \$50,000 for the Bastrop County African American Museum & Freedom Colonies Museum.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Submitted by: Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, ICMA-CM, CPM, City Manager

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The request for Hotel Occupancy Funds were due on June 21st. At a follow up meeting with the group, they requested funding for the museum.

After the HOT fund taskforce met and concluded its last meeting, the fund was balanced with approximately \$135,000 surplus that would fall to fund balance.

The HOT fund has a 15% cap on qualified historical preservation and restoration projects. This funding would fit into this category, and would be below that cap.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$50,000 impact to the FY 24 proposed HOT fund budget

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the recommendation and direct staff to incorporate that amount into the budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. HOT Application
2. DRAFT HOT Taskforce budget amendments