



TOWN OF ELIZABETH

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Historic Advisory Board
From: Alex Cramer, Planner/Project Manager
Date: May 5, 2025
Subject: Discussion and Possible Action on Prize Selection for Historic Building Coloring Contest

Summary

The Historic Advisory Board's first annual coloring contest for elementary school students (K-5) is currently underway, with submissions being accepted through May 23. To finalize contest preparations, the Board needs to determine prize structure, including number of winners across age categories and appropriate prize selections. Staff seeks Board direction on prize selection criteria and budget allocation.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board:

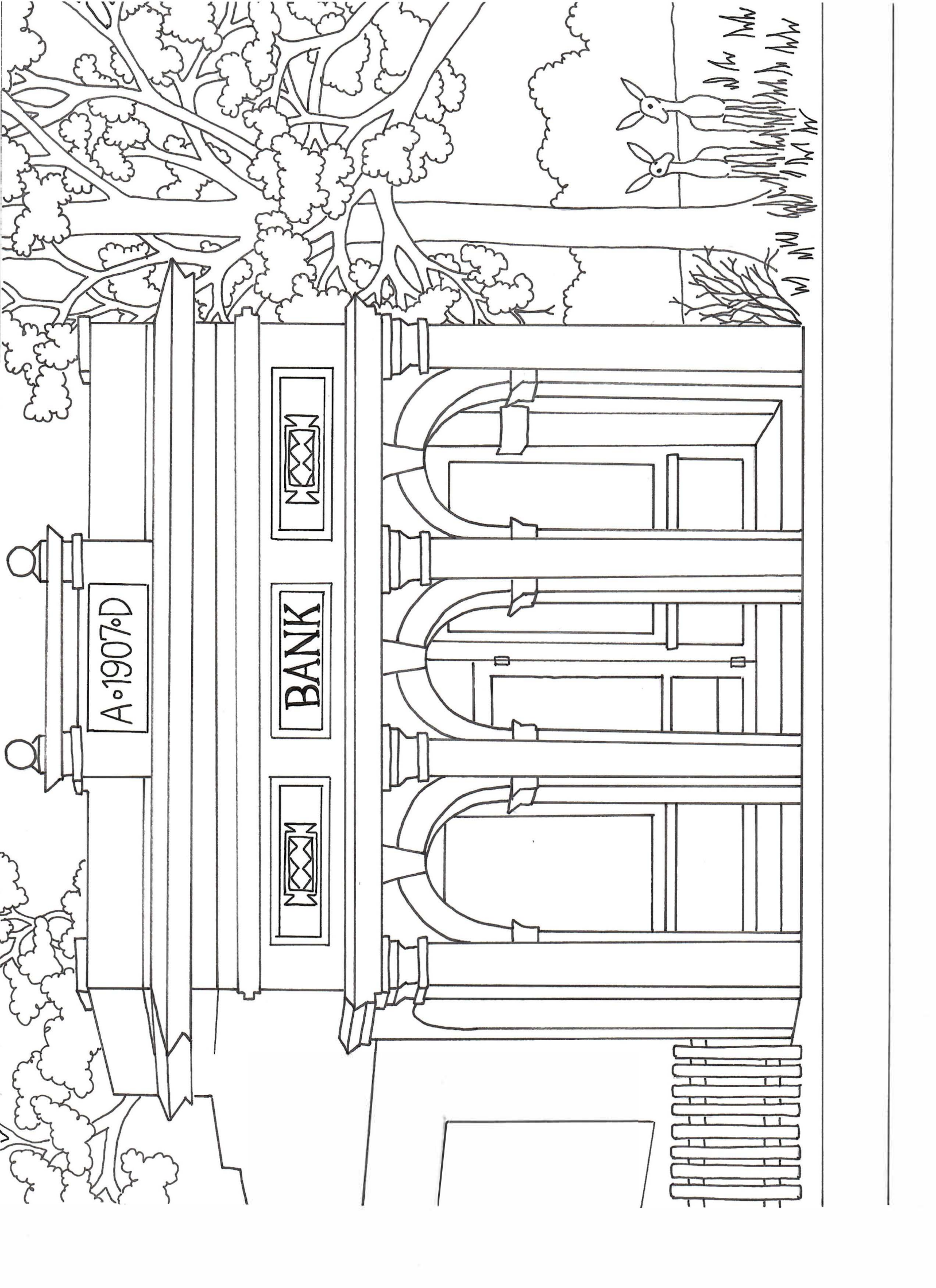
1. Determine the number of winners by grade level (e.g., one winner per grade, or winners for K-2 and 3-5 categories)
2. Select prize types appropriate for elementary students (e.g. gift certificates)
3. Establish a budget allocation from the available Community Outreach and Education funds

Budget Considerations

The 2025 Workplan and Budget (attached) allocates \$5,000 for Outreach and Education initiatives. No funds have been specifically earmarked for this contest yet. Staff estimates prizes would cost between \$15-50 per winner, depending on prize selection and number of winners chosen.

Attachments

2025 Coloring Contest Sheet
2025 Workplan & Budget



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BANK

The Great Historic Bank Building Coloring Adventure

A special Preservation Month celebration by the Elizabeth Historic Advisory Board

THE SECRET HISTORY OF OUR MYSTERY BANK!

Psst! Did you know? The beautiful building at 188 S Main Street has a *super cool secret* past! In 1907 (that's over 115 years ago!), this wasn't just any building - it was where the town kept ALL its money! The First National Bank of Elizabeth had fancy columns, beautiful arches, and even a REAL BANK VAULT that's still inside today!

Some people wonder if the bank was ever robbed by bandits... but we know something even more exciting happened! In 1919, a bank worker named Henry Winters got caught taking money and went to jail! GASP!

This amazing piece of Elizabeth history is so special that in 2023, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places - that's like getting a gold star from the whole country!

YOUR MISSION (should you choose to accept it):

1. Take this paper and create your most **COLORFUL**, **AMAZING** artwork of our historic bank
2. Become a history detective! Visit Main Street with your family to see the REAL building
3. Return your masterpiece by **FRIDAY, MAY 23rd** to:
 - o Elizabeth Library (651 Beverly St):
 - Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-8:00pm
 - Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm
 - Saturday: 10:00am-5:00pm
 - o Inside Town Hall (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm)

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR MASTERPIECE?

- ALL artworks will be displayed at the Elizabeth Library
- Community voting runs from May 27th through June 6th during regular library hours
- Detailed voting instructions will be available at the library
- WINNERS will be announced at the first Friday Night Market on June 13th
- Multiple winners from each age group will get special prizes!
- Your amazing artwork might appear in the newspaper, website, and social media!

Parents: Be sure to follow the Town of Elizabeth Facebook page for updates and reminders about voting and contest results.

ARTIST INFORMATION

Young Artist Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

YES! I give permission for my child's artwork and name to be published in the local newspaper, town website, and social media if selected as a winner.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

*Thank you for celebrating our Town's history!
Special thanks to local artist Wendy Finch for the amazing drawing.*

Town of Elizabeth Historic Advisory Board Workplan & Budget								
Priority	Goal	Projects	Timing	Status	Lead, Support	Success Measures	Budget (\$16,000)	Expenditures
Required CLG Activities	Maintain CLG compliance and fulfill all program requirements	Election of Chair & Vice Chair	Jan-25	Completed	Staff	Completed by January deadline		
		Establish designated meeting posting place	Jan-25	Completed	Staff	Designated and documented annually		
		CLG Annual Report	Oct-25		Staff	Submitted on time with all requirements met		
		CLG Annual Review	Every 5 years		Staff	All documentation complete and approved		
Board Development & Operations	Maintain effective board function through continued education and structured operations	Saving Places Conference	Jan-25	Completed	Staff, HAB	Half of HAB attending/reporting back	\$3,000.00	\$709.85
		CLG Training	As needed		Staff, HAB	1 training completed		
		Create comprehensive onboarding packet	Feb-25		Staff, HAB	Created and implemented, feedback from new members		
		Implement project assignment check-ins	Feb-25		Staff, HAB	Monthly completion rate, project progress tracking		
Community Outreach & Education	Develop youth interest in local history through educational partnerships and interactive programs	Coloring contest	May-25	Sheets distributed, voting in June	Dennis, Lynn	25 participants	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
		Junior Oral History Program	Ongoing	Reach out to County 4H program		3 student participants/interviews completed		
	Maintain active online engagement and resource sharing through website and social media	Maintain/update website	Ongoing		Staff	Updated monthly		
		Launch "Get to Know HAB" campaign	Feb-25	Website updated, social media in process	Staff, HAB	5 posts, 50 engagements		
	Create accessible resources to inform the public about local historical assets	Launch "Preservation Myths" campaign	Oct-25		Dennis, Staff	5 posts, 50 engagements		
		Create a local historic landmark brochure	July-25		Staff	Created and 100 distributions		
		Develop a resource library	Ongoing		Bob, Staff	Catalogue and organize 10 resources by end of year		
		Establish partnership Elbert County Museum	Ongoing		Bob, Staff	Establish working relationship with museum resulting in access to 10+ historical photographs with clear usage agreements		
Preservation Initiatives	Establish supportive relationships and resources to encourage historic property preservation	Create a welcome packet for new owners	April-25	Discuss at 5/5 mtg	Staff, John, Dennis, Jacque	Distributed to property owners, receive feedback	\$8,000.00	\$552.30
		Continue oral history collection program	Ongoing	7 COMPLETED this year!	Bob, Lynn	5 interviews completed		
	Document and preserve Elizabeth's history through community stories and memories	Develop oral history program packet	May-25	Discuss at 5/5 mtg	Staff, Bob, Lynn	Creation and implementation		
		Continue deed research	Ongoing		Bob, Lynn, Jacque	5 properties completed		
	Research and document Elizabeth's historic properties to build foundation for preservation initiatives	Create standardized research template	Jan-25		Staff, Bob	Creation and implementation		
		Create designation benefits handout	Mar-25		John, Staff	Created and distributed to all eligible property owners		
		Develop tax credit/financial incentives guide	Mar-25		Staff	Created and distributed to all local registered property owners		
		Create FAQ sheet addressing common concerns	May-25		John, Dennis, Staff	Created and posted on website		
Total:							\$16,000.00	\$1,262.15
Events	Engage the community in Elizabeth's history through interactive events and meaningful recognition programs	Historic Walk & Talk	Sept-25		Staff	150 attendees	\$5,000.00	
		Misc. Commemoration	As needed					