



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution to Apply for and Accept Funding from a Tennessee State Museum Grant

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

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Strategic Focus Area: 3. Exceptional Cultural & Recreational Opportunities

Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution

Executive Summary:

If approved, the City will apply for and accept funding from the Tennessee State Museum Capital Maintenance and Improvement Grant in the amount of \$100,000. Funding will be used to make structural repairs and upgrades to the Brown House and freestanding restrooms at Allandale Mansion.

The accompanying resolution authorizes the City to apply for a \$100,000.00 award that carries no match requirement. The Tennessee State Museum grant program is for capital maintenance and improvement projects at public museums and is funded through a direct appropriation from the state legislature to the state museum.

The freestanding restroom building at Allandale Mansion is located on the grounds between the Mansion and Harvey's Barn. This restroom serves as a vital facility to Allandale's use as a park since it is the most accessible restroom facility on the grounds. The building currently has foundation issues, non-compliant restroom venting, and deteriorated siding and roofing. The estimated cost to renovate the building is \$92,220.00 including fees and construction contingency. This renovation work would include foundation work, siding and roof repairs/replacement, electrical and plumbing upgrades, and new fixtures and finishes.

The Brown House at Allandale Mansion is an original c. 1852 farmhouse structure that is attached to Allandale Mansion. The house is currently used for storage because the floor sags significantly due to structural failure in the joists. The HVAC system that supplies the house also requires upgrades to heat and cool the building. The estimated cost to make the structural and HVAC repairs to the Brown House is approximately \$26,500 including fees and construction contingency. If repairs are made, the Brown House will be converted for use as staff offices and workspace.

Grant announcements are expected in October of 2025. The total project is estimated to be \$118,720. Funds are available in the Allandale Trust Fund to match the estimated additional cost over the grant's \$100,000 award.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Architectural Report
3. Preliminary Cost Estimate
4. Grant Application

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