



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 6, 2024

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Consideration and Approval of the Certified Local Government Grant Contract for year 2024-2024 with the State of Utah Department of Culture and Community Engagement and San Juan County for a Structural Assessment and Possible Repairs to the St. Christopher's Mission's Historic Clinic Program. Mack McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDATION: Make a Motion Approving the Contract Award

SUMMARY

Christopher's Mission holds significance for the town of Bluff, the local Navajo chapter, and the Episcopal diocese. Their works centers on bridging Navajo-land and the nearby towns through worship, as well as creating a broader sense of community by providing needed services and safe spaces. The former clinic has been inactive for the past several years and will be rehabilitated and reopened as the Catherine Pickett Community Center. The rehabilitated building will facilitate public, educational, and behavioral health programs and services, as well as after school programming. There is a bus stop at the Mission and an after-school program will provide those students with an opportunity for structured activities and socialization in a safe environment. The building will be available and actively used for the town of Bluff, the local Navajo chapter, and the nearby communities.

Much of the original material of the clinic remains and can be repaired or replaced in-kind. The space is greatly needed by the community and one of the best ways to protect it is through continual use and regular maintenance. The building has undergone some alterations in the past, some of which can easily be reversed and others that will be much more expensive and not practical at this point (but hopefully in the long-term).

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

\$5,000 in Grant Award and \$5,000 matching funds. Matching funds can be in-kind. Work and in-kind has already taken place by Restoration Works International (RWI), a non-profit working with St. Christopher's Mission. RWI received a privately-funded grant for \$5,000 last August from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The work for both grants has been completed. The same engineer was used for both the structural assessment (private grant) and the recommended structural drawings (CLG grant).