

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND AND HISTORIC DISTRICT SIGN PROGRAM

Community & Economic Development Department

City Council
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BACKGROUND

- 2013 – CC established Historic Preservation Fund
 - \$500,000 from the General Fund
 - \$100,000 from Marcy Library
 - \$70,000 from Farm House
- 2019 – CC considered funding option
 - No General Funds
 - Could accept fund raising, grants, etc.
- 2023 – FPBC Considered Transfer of Fund
- 45 projects issued grants
- Approx. \$135,292 Remaining



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POTENTIAL FUND ALLOCATION

Project	Project Activities	Estimated Cost
Sign Programs	New Historic District Signs; Spanish Town Road ceremonial signs; Maintenance and contingency cost (about 25%)	\$75,000
Landmark Plaques	Purchase and issuance of 18 pending plaques and funding for 10 years (2 plaques/year)	\$35,000
Historic District Survey	Completion of a historic district survey as part of a designation request	Remaining Balance ~\$25,292
Total HP Fund Allocations		\$135,292

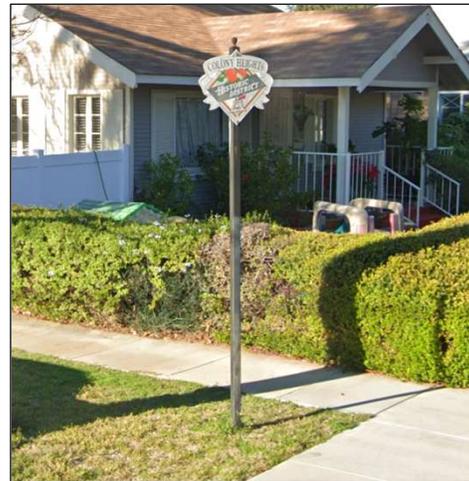


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HISTORIC DISTRICT SIGNS - CURRENT



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HISTORIC DISTRICT SIGNS - PROPOSED

VICTORIAN



ECLECTIC REVIVAL



ARTS & CRAFTS



MID-CENTURY



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LANDMARK PLAQUES



- Until 2018, 2/year issued
- 18 plaques to be issued
- Current Cost \$875
- Recommend funding 10 years (2/year)



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HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY



- Increased interest a Mid-Century HD
- 10 previously identified, with Context Statements
- Survey to be completed as part of designation
- Survey Cost - \$25,000 - 30,000
- Recommend Remaining Balance ~\$25,292



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



Strategic Priority No. 2 – Community Well Being

Goal No. 2.3 - Strengthen neighborhood identities and improve community health and the physical environment through amenities and programs that foster an increased sense of community and enhanced feelings of pride and belonging citywide.



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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the revised Historic District Sign Program as discussed in the staff report;
2. With at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$135,292 in the Grants & Restricted Programs Fund, Historical District Sign Program, expenditure account with funds from the Interest Bearing Special Deposits Fund, Historical Preservation Trust, for the purposes of the Historic District and Spanish Town Road sign programs, Landmark Plaques program, and to complete a historic district survey; and
3. Approve the preparation of Title 20 code text amendment and ordinance to remove Section 20.30.030 (Historic Preservation Fund) from the Riverside Municipal Code by staff.



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