

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor, District 2

DATE: August 28, 2007

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$500 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Rocklin Historical Society *St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church renovation project* as requested by Supervisor Weygandt (\$500).

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve appropriation of \$500 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Rocklin Historical Society *St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church renovation project* as requested by Supervisor Weygandt (\$500).

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS: In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked to approve appropriations to help fund the Rocklin Historical Society *St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church renovation project*. The Rocklin Historical Society is in the process of restoring St. Mary's Church, constructed in 1893 making it the oldest remaining original structure in Rocklin. The intent is to restore the building for use as a non-denominational wedding chapel and additional meeting location. The funds designated towards this project will help to expedite the renovation process and allow them to meet a completion deadline to accommodate three weddings scheduled for September and October.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.

ROCKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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July 26, 2007

Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor
District 2
Placer County Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Request for Revenue Sharing Funds

FROM: The Rocklin Historical Society

Tax ID No. 68-0314875

Tax Exempt Status: s.503(c)(3), granted May 18, 1999

DESCRIPTION: Intended Use of Funds

Following the successful completion of a four-year project to renovate the Victorian home of the Union Pacific Railroad doctor in Rocklin, which resulted in the Rocklin History Museum, the Society elected, in 2002, to save from demolition St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church, the oldest remaining original structure in Rocklin. The building, completed in 1893, had been the original Catholic Church in town, but was outgrown, abandoned and deconsecrated by the Diocese by 1983. At this time it was replaced with the current St. Peter's and Paul's Catholic Church on Granite Drive in Rocklin.

The Historical Society and the City of Rocklin signed a 99-year lease with the railroad in 2004 and in September of that year, moved the building some 300' down Front Street to a site which will become the 3-acre Heritage Park. The site is adjacent to the railroad tracks and also the new Rocklin Railroad Station. It is in the heart of Rocklin's Downtown Redevelopment area and will serve as a catalyst for additional improvement.

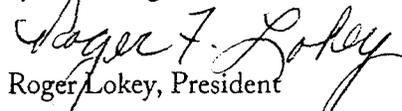
A large number of Rocklin citizen volunteers have been working to restore the building since its move. Uncounted thousands of volunteer hours of work have been expended to get it to the condition it is in

today. (Pictures of the church then and now are included.) The intent is to restore the building for use as a non-denominational wedding chapel and other types of meetings. Our agreement with the City regarding Heritage Park delineates their responsibility for park infrastructure and landscaping; the Historical Society is responsible for the St. Mary's building and its restoration/renovation.

At this time, most of the exterior work has been completed. We still need to raise the new steeple and use some Rocklin granite to create a new front entrance and stairs. We have recently completed, mostly with volunteer labor and materials, an annex at the rear of the building. As we have three weddings scheduled for September/October, there is some urgency in completing work on the interior. We still need to purchase and install interior and exterior lighting; refinish and repair the floors; create and make uniform, five double rows of stationary pews; add a final coat of paint; and, furnish the new annex – among many other last minute details.

Any revenue sharing funds the Board may choose to provide for this project would fill an immediate need and would ensure the Historical Society's ability to complete the restoration. We have a very extensive list of donors that includes private citizens, businesses providing materials and labor and businesses lending their support financially; this is a project which has caught the imagination and interest of the entire community. A list of those donors is available. Our agreements with the Placer County Visitors Council include advertising the completed project's use throughout the County as well as outside the County. Any of our financial records are available if needed or required. We have initiated and sponsored a number of fund-raising activities during the past three years and can provide a list of dates, times and places if needed.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future and any questions you may have can be answered by contacting either of the undersigned at any time.


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