



CITY OF SACRAMENTO

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Gentlemen:

On January 27, 1981, the Sacramento City Council reviewed the Preservation Service Fund Grant Application for Cityspace Facade Rehabilitation. The City Council concurred with the purpose of the project as described in their application. The interest of the City Council has been demonstrated in the appointment of a Preservation Board which has been charged with the responsibility to identify and make every effort to preserve the historical and architectural significant structures in the Central City and has established a policy of preservation. The citizens of the City of Sacramento have always taken great pride in the preservation of their historical structures and the accomplishment of any beneficial project which enhances the beauty of our City has always been well received.

This program can be a demonstration to the City of Sacramento and others of the valuable interest and ability of the private sector in developing methods to renew and re-establish economic viability and community pride in the preservation of buildings and commercial areas. This private sector effort must be given every support and assistance particularly in these times when government continues to find its economic resources limited, particularly in the area of preservation. Presently, the Preservation Board is in the process of identifying significant non-residential structures pre-1941. It is because of these similar goals and related activities that the Preservation Board and the City Planning Commission unanimously supports the Cityscape, Incorporated, program.

The approval of funding for Cityscapes, Incorporated, program will show an excellent support effort to beautify the City and also provide a means to the property owners for revitalization of buildings in the older portion of the Central City area. The Sacramento City Council strongly urges the National Trust to approve the grant sought by this group.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Name of project Cityscape Facade Rehabilitation

2. Location of project

City Sacramento State California County Sacramento

Congressional district _____

Professional design services for the rehabilitation of a selected downtown Sacramento blockface.

3. Kind of consultant services requested _____

4. Project summary (In the space provided below, summarize the project specifically and concisely, including the purpose for which a consultant(s) is requested, the procedure and schedule for the project, and any intended future use for the project site. Attach additional pages if you wish to provide a separate more detailed description of your project.) The purpose of the project is to provide a catalyst to downtown revitalization through the facade restoration of the 900 block of J Street in Sacramento. The non profit corporation will implement the project by providing both good proposed facade designs and low interest loans to facilitate their use. The architectural consultant will develop facade designs for project properties that are compatible to both past and present urban environments. The scheduled time for completion of the project is one year. The organization also will encourage future public improvements and policies on the part of the City.

5. Complete attached budget form and submit two copies with this application.

6. Describe why assistance from the Preservation Services Fund is required.

Professional design services and accompanying support activities funded by the Preservation Services Fund are necessary in order to assure a high quality of facade design compatible to both the past and present character of the area, and the full participation of all project block owners.

7. Has the organization chosen a consultant for the project? yes

If yes, specify and enclose resume or list of qualifications _____

Stafford, King and Associates

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8. Describe future plans for the project beyond the scope of this grant proposal. Include how the organization will implement consultants recommendations. Identify funding sources for financial assistance for future plans for the project. The organization will seek funding from a variety of sources in order to provide low interest loans to project property owners. Owners will then utilize the loans to rehabilitate the facades of project structures according to the developed design plans. The organization will coordinate communications among merchants on this block to encourage increased economic activity. The organization also plans to encourage city commitment to the project through a variety of future public improvements and policies.

9. Who owns the property in question? variety of private owners
If applicant does not own the property, describe property owner's involvement with the project. _____

Concurrence of owners regarding the project will be obtained.

10. Architectural/historical/cultural significance of project site Project structures possess varied architectural merits, primarily due to an accumulation of alterations through the years. Culturally and historically the block has significance. It stands opposite City Hall across the principal civic park on one of the city's earliest thoroughways. A few of the structures appear to date to the mid-19th century and are currently being research for historic associations.

11. Has the property, district, or area in question been recognized in any existing federal, state, or local historical survey or register? yes
If yes, please specify The current survey of non-residential structures being conducted by the City has identified some of the properties for research and potential inclusion.

12. Describe involvement, if any, to date of your State Historic Preservation Office with your project _____

13. Does your community have an official historic preservation agency? yes
If so, name the agency and briefly describe its involvement with the proposed project Sacramento Preservation Board



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