

FY 2014-15 Supplemental Capital Construction Request

Colorado Historical Society (History Colorado) Ute Indian Museum Expansion

Motion: Approve the supplemental request from History Colorado for additional funding for the Ute Museum Expansion project (\$500,000 CCF).

GENERAL INFORMATION

2014-009

1. Which supplemental criterion does the request meet?

New Data

According to History Colorado, the project's construction costs have inflated 23 percent since the last cost estimate in 2009. At that time, design was initiated on the project before state funds were rescinded due to an economic downturn. Other factors contributing to the project's cost increase include new tribal leadership, a desire for more revenue-generating space in the museum, and the addition of a geothermal heat system to the design.

2. Which projects will be restricted to fund the supplemental request?

No restriction is necessary since this is not an emergency supplemental request.

3. Has the request been approved by OSPB and CCHE?

Yes

PRIOR APPROPRIATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST INFORMATION

The appropriation to be amended was authorized in the following bill: SB 13-230

<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Prior Appropriations</u>	<u>Supplemental Request</u>	<u>Future Requests</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
CCF	\$2,406,789	\$500,000	\$0	\$2,906,789
CF	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
	\$2,806,789	\$500,000	\$0	\$3,306,789

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

The supplemental request seeks additional state funding to cover a 23 percent inflation in the construction costs since the project's last cost estimate in 2009. Since the project's inception in FY 2001-02, state and cash funds have been appropriated and rescinded on multiple occasions during economic downturns, with the most recent rescission taking place in 2009. In addition to construction cost inflation, the agency cites a change in vision for the project by new tribal leadership, a push to include more revenue-generating space in the museum, and the addition of energy-efficient elements to the project's design as contributors to the increase in project cost. If the supplemental is not approved, History Colorado says the project will be rescoped to remove the following elements:

- three steel wikipup exterior structural components representing the three Ute tribes;
- an exhibit hall addition that expands space for programming;
- a shade structure for the patio, intended for outdoor programming and wedding rentals;
- three flag poles for tribal flags; and
- a geothermal heat system.

History Colorado says that, if the supplemental request is not funded, the agency will reduce the project's scope to a

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point where the museum space will be insufficient to house exhibits, a gift shop, and community rental space. Further, programmatic highlights designed by stakeholders will potentially be lost, as well as a modern environmental system designed to reduce long-term operating costs. The agency notes that the project's architect is using value engineering, such as materials reuse, use of overstocked supplies from other properties, and in-house construction of interior furnishings, to reduce the cost of the project. The estimated savings savings from this approach is \$114,000.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT

The project expands and improves the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose, adding 5,440 ASF to the existing 4,657-ASF facility. The project improves exhibits, classrooms, support facilities, public orientation, and security functions at the museum. Project design was initiated several years ago under a separate project, but funds were rescinded due to an economic downturn. The museum currently uses a single, small room for classes, community gatherings, traveling exhibits, and revenue-generating event rentals. The project proposes building new classrooms, additional exhibit and storage space, additional restrooms, and expanded kitchen and retail areas. The whole interior of the museum will be modified as part of the project.

According to History Colorado, the Ute Indian Museum is History Colorado's only regional museum on the Western Slope, and the existing museum facility has reached its capacity, offering inadequate space for events and visitors. The museum is the product of multiple partnerships with Ute tribal groups, municipal governments, and area stakeholder organizations. The museum is located on 8.65 acres of the original 500-acre ranch deeded to Chief Ouray and his wife, Chipeta, in the heart of traditional Ute territory. Its grounds include the Ouray Memorial Park and Monument, Chipeta's Crypt, the gravesite of Chipeta's brother, Chief John McCook, and the Dominguez and Escalante Monument. The museum itself displays an important collection of Ute ethnographic objects, providing a resource for learning about the Ute people in Colorado, and it provides public meeting and programming space to the Western Slope community. The renovated museum will reflect the heritage of the Ute people and serve as a landmark to anchor the Montrose area's planning efforts regarding public facilities, parks, open spaces, education, and tourism.

QUESTIONS / OUTSTANDING ISSUES

None.