

*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 3, 2001

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL  
ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS FOR LLOYD HOUSE

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**ISSUE:** City Council consideration submission of a grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for funding, in the amount of \$250,000, for the renovation of Lloyd House.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council authorize the City Manager to:

- (1) Approve the submission of a "Save America's Treasures" grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts in the amount of \$250,000;
- (2) Approve the use of NEA grant funds, if awarded, for funding additional costs for the planned renovation of Lloyd House; and
- (3) Execute all documents that may be required.

**DISCUSSION:** The federally funded "Save America's Treasures" grants to preserve our cultural heritage are administered by the National Park Service, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. Grants are available for preservation of nationally significant historic structures and sites. The "Save America's Treasures" grant requires a dollar-for-dollar non federal match. The Office of Historic Alexandria has received \$60,000 in grants from the Commonwealth of Virginia for initial work at Lloyd House. During the past several months, an Historic Structures Report has been completed that outlines the projects necessary for the renovation of the building, following the Secretary of Interior's Guidelines for historic preservation. A separate review was also prepared that indicates all of the required structural and ADA requirements for Lloyd House. The CIP budget identifies \$540,000, which includes the \$60,000 in State funds, for work at Lloyd House. In the event that this grant is funded, additional work will be authorized, beyond what City staff had been able to propose using City CIP funds.

Under the scope of work suggested by City staff, using only the State grant funds and City CIP, all required structural and code work would be accomplished. The NEA funds would allow for additional renovations that, while extremely important, are not required at this time. This work would include repointing of exterior brickwork, repair of damage to the window sills, historic paint analysis, repairing the stair structure, matching historic finishes and trims, and the preparation of a small panel exhibition on the history of Lloyd House outlining its architectural and cultural significance of the property over the last two hundred years.

Staff is presently preparing a bid for architectural services and expects to have an architect selected in the very near future. Work can begin sometime in the fall, with possible occupancy by the Office of Historic Alexandria next spring. Lloyd House has been vacant since the archival and historic collections were moved to the Barrett Library in 2000, and needs significant renovation work before it can be reoccupied.

Once occupied by the Office of Historic Alexandria, the building will be able to serve a public purpose, as required by grants received for the purchase of Lloyd House and the adjacent garden during the time of its initial renovation in the 1970's. The Administration Division of the Office of Historic Alexandria will occupy the first and part of the second floor of the building. The first floor will be used for public meeting space for City Boards and Commissions and for occasional rental receptions, including the use of the garden. Two rooms on the second floor will be used by the director of the Office of Historic Alexandria. Additional office space is available for other City uses. Lloyd House is owned by the Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission which has agreed to lease the building to the City. Members of the Commission have authorized the scope of work, and will be reviewing plans for the renovation of the structure.

**GRANT PERIOD:** Grants will be awarded after July 20, 2001.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Matching funds required for the grant are available through \$60,000 in State funds, and the unallocated prior FY CIP funds of \$250,000 as well as additional current FY 2002 CIP funds of \$290,000. If the grant is awarded the project will cost \$480,000 in City CIP funds, \$60,000 in State funds, and \$250,000 in Federal funds for a total of \$790,000. If the grant is not received only those renovations covered by the funds authorized by the State and City's CIP will take place.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

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