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Salt Lake County Council Members

Dear Colleagues,

We have enclosed a letter from Georgia York and Ron Henline representing the Ethnic and Mining Museum of Magna. They are requesting assistance for two capital improvement projects for the Museum housed in the original J.C. Penney building located on the Magna Township Main Street (2700 South). Salt Lake County is the current owner of the building. After the County took title to the building, it entered into an agreement with the Museum that it would give the building to the Museum after twenty-five years conditioned on the Museum's continuous operation and that admission would be free to the public for that period of time. The twenty-five period ends in several years.

We are requesting \$106,000 from the TRCC Fund to pay for the following 2 projects at the museum.

The first project is the installation of an elevator that would allow access to the mezzanine for individuals with disabilities. The Museum has numerous artifacts and historic items in storage which they would like to display but need the space in the mezzanine to do so. They have contacted three elevator companies and have received an estimate for an ADA compliant Chair-lift for approximately \$26,000 installed, plus the building of an enclosure.

The second project is the repair of an exterior wall that is deteriorating and needs repair and stabilization to preserve the building. They have received a bid of \$80,000 for the repair.

The Magna community opened the Ethnic and Mining Museum in 1989 and has embraced its purpose of documenting Magna's rich mining history dating back to the latter half of the nineteenth century and telling the story of the importance of the immigrant populations that worked the mines and smelters of Kennecott.

We acknowledge this request was not prepared in time to be placed before the TRCC Advisory Board's normal schedule, but we are asking for the Council's support for this important request. With a signal of your approval, we would take the request to the full Salt Lake County Council for approval.

The TRCC Board will be meeting on November 19, 2018 and with approval, this request will be before them.

Sincerely,

Michael Jensen
District 2

Jim Bradley
At Large