

October 13, 1998
motion

Introduced By:

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Proposed No.:

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MOTION NO. **10593**

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2 A MOTION approving an Emergency/Urgent Needs award to
3 Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority from
4 the King County Cultural Facilities Program, in accordance
5 with Ordinance 10189.
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7 WHEREAS, the King County landmarks and heritage commission is authorized by
8 Ordinance 10189 to administer cultural facilities projects, and

9 WHEREAS, the King County landmarks and heritage commission received,
10 reviewed, and recommended approval of an application for emergency/urgent need funding
11 from Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority, and

12 WHEREAS, the recommended funding adheres to the guidelines and the financial
13 policies approved by the King County council in Motion 8797;

14 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

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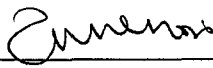
The county executive is hereby authorized to allocate \$10,000 to Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority from the arts and cultural development fund, as listed in the attached funding chart (Attachment B).

PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 14th day of December,
1996.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chair

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council

Attachments: A. Historic Seattle Preservation & Development Authority Project

Summary

B. Funding Chart

ATTACHMENT A.

Project Summary

**KING COUNTY LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
Minutes of August 26, 1998 Meeting**

Commissioners Present

Pat Fels, Chair
 Leon Leeds
 Julie O'Neil
 Bill Southern
 Greg Watson (Commissioner-Elect)
 Pat Schneider (Commissioner-Elect)
 Roxanne Thayer (Commissioner-Elect)

Staff Present

Julie Koler
 Clo Copass
 Charles Payton
 Holly Taylor

Commissioners Absent

Chizuko Norton (Commissioner-Elect)
 David Leavengood (Commissioner-Elect)

EMERGENCY/URGENT NEED APPLICATION**Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority**

1117 Minor Avenue E
 Seattle, WA 98101
 Incorporated: 1974

Historic Seattle is a public development authority whose purpose is to promote historic preservation through protection of architectural resources. The public charter allows Historic Seattle to provide educational, consultative, and advisory services related to architectural preservation. Over the past 23 years, Historic Seattle has completed 18 development projects, providing 74 units of affordable housing in historic buildings. Additionally, Historic Seattle operates the Good Shepherd Center in Seattle's Wallingford neighborhood. The Center houses over 30 tenants, most of which are non-profit organizations.

Project

Historic Seattle acquired the Egan House from the Seattle Parks Department in May 1997. The well-known Modern house, located on Lakeview Boulevard in the green belt below St. Marks's Cathedral, was designed by noted Seattle architect Robert Reichart, and built in 1957. The Parks Department had slated the house for demolition. The building has experienced severe structural deterioration, and requires stabilization before a tenant can occupy the building

Historic Seattle had not anticipated or budgeted for this project this year, and thus they are seeking \$10,000 from the Emergency/Urgent need fund to stabilize the building so a tenant can utilize the building. A more extensive restoration project will take place over time as additional funds are raised.

Moisture wicking through direct ground contact from an enclosure behind the front foundation, and from poorly flashed plywood sections has weakened the structural cantilever, which is being supported on temporary posts. This damage needs to be addressed as quickly as possible to prevent further damage in the winter season, which will escalate restoration costs.

Once the building is stabilized, the Pacific Arts Center, a non-profit arts education organization will lease the building from Historic Seattle. By identifying a tenant that is focused on arts education, Historic Seattle creates the opportunity for public access to and interpretation of this unique building.

The building is the most intact of architect Robert Reichart's unique and progressive buildings in the city, and it provides opportunities for public education about the challenges of preserving post-war structures.

In reviewing the application, the Commission noted that this important structure would have been demolished if Historic Seattle had not been willing to acquire the property. They also noted that the building is in urgent need of stabilization to prevent further deterioration. The Commission urged Historic Seattle to pursue landmark designation for the Egan House and to ensure that public access and interpretation of the structure is part of the programming for the facility.

Recommendation

The King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission recommends an award of \$10,000 to Historic Seattle from the Cultural Facilities Program's Emergency/Urgent Needs fund to enable the organization to stabilize the Egan House for lease to a cultural organization.

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ATTACHMENT B

King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission
Cultural Facilities Program

1998 HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS
EMERGENCY/URGENT NEED AWARDS

King County Landmarks & Heritage Commission Emergency/Urgent Needs Funds

Total Available for 1998 Emergencies/Urgent Needs	\$18,800
Recommended Historic Seattle Award	<u>\$10,000</u>
Balance	\$8,800