Capitol Area Architectural and Planning

Projects Summary

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Project Title	Priority Ranking	Funding Source	<i>/</i> / X		2020		2022	
Capitol Complex Monuments and Memorials Repairs and Restoration	1	GO	\$	3,200	\$	0	\$	0
Total Project Requests	\$	3,200	\$	0	\$	0		
General Obligation Bonds (GO) Tota	\$	3,200	\$	0	\$	0		

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Project Narrative

(\$ in thousands)

Capitol Complex Monuments and Memorials Repairs and Restoration

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2018 Request Amount: \$3,200

Priority Ranking: 1

Project Summary: Repairs to Memorials and Monuments on the Capitol Complex- identified

in the 2013 Monument Condition study.

Project Description

The Minnesota State Capitol Complex has 26 memorials and monuments and one tribute located throughout its ceremonial grounds and public spaces. These monuments range in age from over 100 years (John A. Johnson) to the new Memorial to Special Forces in Laos and the new Minnesota Workers' Memorial (both completed and dedicated in 2016). All of these monuments were initiated by citizen groups and completed, in all but two cases, with a mix of public (State appropriations) and private dollars. The monuments completed since 2006 have maintenance funds, raised by the sponsoring group and transferred to the Department of Administration where they are set aside in a dedicated account in perpetuity. Monuments completed before this time have no maintenance accounts and are left to the State to maintain. Over the years, the normal weathering process has taken its toll on memorials and they are beginning to deteriorate rapidly. If significant repairs are not made soon they will begin to fall apart or pose safety hazards. This project will provide the stabilization, stone and joint repairs, statue and plaque refinishing, landscape renovation and other repairs necessary to restore these monuments.

Each year an estimated 230,900 people visit the Capitol Grounds. These monuments provide history and education about the State's heroes, leaders, visionaries and others who have had significant influence on our State. These monuments and memorials represent the contributions and valor of the people of this State, and the State has a responsibility to maintain them for current and future generations.

A study commissioned by the Department of Administration, Capitol Area Architectural Planning Board and Minnesota Historical Society assessed each monument and memorial, prioritized needed restoration and repair work, and identified an ongoing maintenance plan and budget for each.

Project Rationale

The memorials and monuments located throughout the ceremonial grounds and public spaces of the Capitol Complex are in a varying range of conditions. The normal weathering process has taken a toll on many of them, to the point they are beginning to deteriorate rapidly. If significant repairs are not made soon, they will begin to fall apart or have to be dismantled in order to eliminate the safety hazards that will result as they become unstable.

Project Timeline

Design 7/2018 - 4/2019

Construction 4/2019 - 6/2020

Other Considerations

None at this time.

Impact on Agency Operating Budgets

None at this time.

Description of Previous Appropriations

In 2017, \$350,000 was appropriated for the restoration of the Peace Officers Memorial. That same your, funds associated with the Capitol Building Restoration was used in the redesign and reconstruction of the Aurora Senate parking as a pedestrian plaza/pathway. At the same time, the Johnson and Nelson statues, as well as the Columbus statue, were restored as part of that project. Lastly, the 2017 Legacy Bill included \$250,000 for the Medal of Honor Memorial, which together with private monies totaling an additional \$500,000 will include redesign and renovation of the Millie Fountain. Thus, these five items have been deducted from the 2013 comprehensive budget.

Money from this request should be appropriated to the Administration Department.

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