



**TO:** Mayor Tom Ross  
Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Harold Stewart, City Manager

**DATE:** April 27, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **Carnegie Building Assessment and Funding Request**

**I. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

- A. Recommend Council consider the funding request from MACA for improvements at the Carnegie Building.

**II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS**

Harold Stewart, City Manager 857-4750

**III. DESCRIPTION**

A. Background

In 2021 the City and the Minot Area Council of the Arts (MACA) entered into a lease agreement for the building to become more accessible for the community to use. The City owns the building and is responsible for structural maintenance, MACA helps schedule the building for meetings and events and is responsible for routine janitorial and property maintenance. At the October 18, 2021 Council meeting Council approved providing funding to have an Architect Assessment completed to identify needed improvements and cost estimates for the building, as well as other needs at the building. The results of the Assessment were provided to the Council via email in June of 2022. Recently MACA approached Staff regarding consideration of funding some of the identified improvements. The Assessment cost estimates were updated and resubmitted earlier this year.

B. Proposed Project

MACA's funding request is attached to this agenda item and includes exterior and interior repairs, additional chairs, and an ADA compliance upgrade.

C. Consultant Selection

Ackerman Estvold completed the Architect Assessment and update of estimated costs.

**IV. IMPACT:**

A. Service/Delivery Impact:

Improves access, aesthetics, and capacity of the facility for public use.

B. Fiscal Impact:

MACA is requesting approximately \$59,000 to make interior and exterior improvements, and to purchase additional chairs to meet the needs of larger gatherings. The source of the funding has not yet been identified by Staff.

**V. CITY COUNCIL ASPIRATIONS**

*Dynamic and Flourishing:* Investing in the improvements will add to the vibrancy of Downtown.

*Safe and Welcoming:* Addressing the ADA and pigeon issue of the facility will improve access and aesthetics for all citizens.

*Excellent and Connected:* Improvements and investment will assist with increasing the potential use and revenue of the facility, and strengthen the partnership of the City with MACA.

**VI. ALTERNATIVES**

- A. Council could consider encouraging private donations in conjunction with City funding.
- B. Council could decide not to fund any improvements at this time.
- C. Council could consider funding other improvements outlined in the Assessment.

**VII. TIME CONSTRAINTS**

There is increased interest in use of the facility for events, many of which completion of these improvements would make the building more accommodating.

**VIII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Updated Assessment Costs
- B. Needs Priorities provided by MACA