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Preservation Assistance Grants Program
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The NEH Preservation Assistance Grants Program awards grants of \$2,000, \$3,500, or \$5,000 to small and mid-size institutions to help improve their ability to preserve and care for their humanities collections. In 1994, a general conservation assessment was conducted for the Edward-Dean Museum, with findings documented in the *General Conservation Assessment for the Edward-Dean Museum of Decorative Arts Final Report*. A major priority identified in the report was preventative conservation of the collections through the assessment and conservation of one group of collections at a time (textiles, furniture, ceramics, etc.). NEH Preservation Assistance Grants Funds, if awarded, will allow EDM staff to contract with a conservator who can assess the conservation needs of the textiles collection.

Recommendation and Fiscal Impact

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the submittal of a grant application to the National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grants Program in the amount of \$5,000, and authorize the Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA to execute, on behalf of the County of Riverside, the application, the standard agreement, and all other documents required by NEH for participation in the Preservation Assistance Grants Program. This grant program does not require applicants to provide cost sharing; therefore, there is no fiscal impact to the County of Riverside.

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Section 2. If the application for funding is approved, the County of Riverside hereby agrees to use the Preservation Assistance Grants Program funds for eligible activities in the manner presented in the application as approved by NEH and in accordance with program guidelines cited above. It also may execute any and all other instruments necessary or required by NEH for participation in the Preservation Assistance Grants Program.

Section 3. The County of Riverside authorizes the Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA to execute in the name of the County of Riverside, the application, the Standard Agreement, and all other documents required by NEH for participation in the Preservation Assistance Grants Program, and any amendments thereto.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
By: Lee A. Juncos
County Counsel