



2018 BOND DEVELOPMENT QUESTION

Response to Request for Information

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REQUEST: If there are multiple phases in their plans, how much would be needed, for each cultural center, to execute their first next phase?

RESPONSE:

The proposed funding for each PARD operated Cultural Center considers the estimated funding needed to complete specific elements of the master plan or to address specific identified facility restoration/renovation issues. These are outlined below and in the attached summary proposal:

Mexican-American Cultural Center (MACC) - Funding is for the completion of a single phase of the recently approved master plan- estimated to cost approximately \$15 million. The estimated cost for all phases of the recently approved master plan is \$40 million. The \$15 million represents a little more than a third of the total estimated cost, and will address top priorities identified in the master plan including general renovations to the existing building, renovation of the auditorium, expansion of the South Crescent, and high priority site improvements including the Gran Entrada.

Carver Museum - The \$7.5 million proposed funding represents funding to update the master plan, complete basic building renovations (roof replacement, HVAC replacement, window repairs, ADA improvements, etc.) and provide seed funding to initiate implementation of priorities determined through the master plan.

Asian-American Resource Center (AARC) - The \$5 million proposed funding represents funding to complete an initial phase of improvements of the yet to be completed master plan. Since the master plan is not yet complete, a clear set of priorities and cost estimates for this facility are not available for the purposes of seeking funds through a bond development process. PARD recommends allocating \$5 million to address known issues related to parking, pedestrian connectivity, outdoor amenities and seed funding to implementation of phase 1 priorities that are determined through the master plan process.

Mexic-Arte- The funding request of \$15 million represents the amount needed to supplement existing funding and repair the building as determined by an extensive engineering and structural assessment.

