



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: **12.**

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 18, 2009

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH N. FRETWELL

☒ **Consent** ☐ **Discussion**

SUBJECT:
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Approval of Commission for Cultural Affairs Funding Agreement, Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$83,500 from the Nevada Commission for Cultural Affairs to the City of Las Vegas to further the implementation of seismic retrofit measures to the historic Federal Building-United States Post Office in order to allow for the building to be reused as the Las Vegas Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement located at 300 Stewart Avenue - Ward 5 (Barlow)

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

☐ **Augmentation Required**

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Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This amendment to the 2008 grant award from the Nevada Commission for Cultural Affairs to the City of Las Vegas, through the State Historic Preservation Office, will be used to further the implementation of seismic retrofit measures to the historic Federal Building-United States Post Office (aka, Las Vegas Post Office) in order to allow for the building to be reused as a museum and cultural center (aka, Las Vegas Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement).

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Commission for Cultural Affairs Funding Agreement, Amendment No. 1

Motion made by RICKI Y. BARLOW to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 1; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-STAVROS S. ANTHONY); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY expressed his opposition to spending money on the Organized Crime Museum.

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COUNCILMAN WOLFSON verified with BILL ARENT, Director, Office of Business Development, that the source of the funds is from the State Commission for Cultural Affairs. This would amend an agreement previously ratified for seismic retrofit work at the Historic Post Office. The City has two choices; either to accept the funding or decline it and give it back to the State. It is state funding without any impact to the City's General Fund or other revenue sources.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW thanked the Nevada Commission for Cultural Affairs for the funding and for keeping this marvelous project moving forward. He believes this museum will be greater than the Spy Museum in Washington, D.C.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON asked for an update on the opening of the Organized Crime Museum. MR. ARENT replied that the funding will prepare the interior of the space for the exhibit projected opening date will be the first quarter of 2011.

