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**COUNCIL GROVE AREA FOUNDATION
APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

1. **Organization Name:** Historic Preservation Corporation
2. **Address:**

803 W. Main Street	Council Grove,	KS	66846
Street	City	State	Zip
3. **Organization's Officers:**

President:	Shirley Spittles
Vice-President	Kenneth McClintock
Secretary	Shirley McClintock
Treasurer	Kathy Lamberson
4. **Contact Person, Title, Phone:** Shirley McClintock, Manager, (620) 767-7986
5. **Is this a tax-exempt organization?** Yes, under IRC Sec. 501(c)(3)
If so, date tax exempt status received: 1994
6. **Title of Project and Brief Description:** Trail Days Arts & History Center Phase Three. Complete the installation of a mural depicting a time line of events covering changes on this site from 1800 to 2010, related to the Santa Fe Trail
7. **Geographic Area to be served:** Morris County, surrounding counties, and the State of Kansas
8. **What group will be benefited:** General public
Size of group: General population
9. **Anticipated Project Period:** June 2018 to October 2019
10. **Is this a request for Capital, Operating Support, or a Special Project?**
Special Project.
11. **Total Project Cost:** \$5,000.00
12. **Amount Requested from Foundation:** \$4,000.00
13. **Amount and Source of Pledges or Commitments to date:** none to date
14. **Other Grant Applications or Funding Requests made for this project:**
We will be seeking individual donations through a letter seeking support. We are not applying for grants from other sources for this specific project. The mural must be completed before work can begin on the south interior wall of the Trail Days Arts & History Center, since attachment of the metal silhouettes requires access to the interior side of the wall. We will be seeking funds, grants, etc. from other sources to do Phase Four, which is working towards completion of the interior of the building. Some of our funding sources, such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture (which

funded a large part of the 2017 exterior improvements), do not fund art projects of this nature.

15. What action has been taken on the other applications or requests?

We have designed and printed a support letter which will be our tool to solicit donations. A copy is attached for reference. We will seek the larger donations from outside Morris County, and they may not fund such a local project as this mural. We are holding off making other applications and requests at this time, to reserve them for the interior of the building.

16. What is the purpose of the project; what specifically will it accomplish?

The purpose of this specific project is to complete a work of art on the south wall of the Trail Days Arts & History Center building. When the exterior of the building was completed in 2017, the mural background was included, in preparation for installation of the metal silhouettes to tell the story of the Trail Days Historic Site from 1800 to 2010. It is designed to become an attraction for visitors to this area. The silhouettes will portray Native Americans, a Santa Fe Trail covered wagon, the original Rawlinson-Terwilliger Home, and the configuration of the Home when it served as a gasoline filling station, with a dateline showing the development of the site over the years, and finally as it was in 2010 when the Home was restored.

17. What are the problems this project will try to solve? Rural communities struggle to survive. We need to do all we can to attract residents and visitors to our area. By showcasing the area's history, art, and culture, we make the community more attractive to live in and to visit. Our purpose is to promote the art, history, and culture of the rural communities of the Flint Hills.

"Phase One" included the raising of the walls to a greater height, and constructing a sizeable addition to the original building to provide a lobby, rest rooms, dressing room, storage room, and HVAC room. This has been accomplished.

"Phase Two" provided exterior insulation and Drivit surface coating making the building an attractive place for meetings and activities in a multi-purpose auditorium with a seating capacity for 100 people. In addition, the roof was re-shingled, gutters installed, and exterior woodwork painted. This has been accomplished.

"Phase Three" is the completion of the mural on the south exterior wall. It will add an interesting attraction for visitors viewing a unique art work telling the story of our colorful past.

Future phases will include completion of the interior plumbing, wall coverings, flooring, ceiling, electrical system, HVAC, etc.

The completed Arts & History Center will be used to present videos, slides, enlarged photographs, and other presentations that could feature such things as wild flowers, the Flint Hills, historic churches and other historic structures, ranching and agricultural life, ghost towns of the area, the beginnings of towns and communities with their histories and culture, sites of interest, featured citizens of the past, local poetry with visual illustrations, quilt shows, works of local artists and craftsmen, human interest stories, and many other presentations and programs that would highlight and promote this area, which is rich with history, art, and culture.

The metal artwork for the mural is to be done by Alexander Artworks, supporting a local business creating art. In turn, this artwork will act as a promotion of the development and growth of the local art industry, contributing to the local community and helping solve the problem of decline in rural communities.

This should also help spark interest among the public to see this area as a wonderful place to reside and to visit.

18. How will this project be implemented? This specific project will be implemented by Alexander Art Works, under the supervision of the Manager and the Board of Directors of the Historic Preservation Corporation.

19. What local support is there for this project? Local individuals have volunteered through the years for program services and fund-raising events sponsored by the Historic Preservation Corporation. The Morris County Historical Society and the Historic Preservation Corporation have co-sponsored projects from time-to-time. We have had Council Grove art students and area artists display art work at our events, and plan to do more of that in the future. Many people have volunteered their time and talents to this project and its programs over the years.

Many local people proudly bring relatives and guests to the Historic Preservation Corporation facilities to be exposed to the historic and cultural experiences we offer, and we anticipate that this support will increase when the Arts & History Center is completed. The Council Grove / Morris County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism has provided a letter of recommendation for this project.

20. Who else in the community is working on this problem? No one else is attempting to provide a structure for historic, cultural, and artistic activities such as are anticipated for the Trail Days Arts & History Center.

21. How will you coordinate with others working on this problem? The Council Grove / Morris County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism has expressed an interest in working with the Historic Preservation Corporation to make use of the Arts & History Center.

22. If awarded, how will the grant you are requesting be used? The funds will be paid to Alexander Art Works.

23. Is there any additional information you would like to be considered in our determining whether to make this grant? In 2010 and 2011, the Historic Preservation Corporation made a county-wide effort to promote the history, art, and culture of all the willing communities in Morris County. The Corporation, with the assistance of Tri-County Telephone Association, arranged for Marci Penner and WenDee LaPlante, of the Kansas Sampler Foundation, to come to Council Grove and assist all interested communities develop a presence on the Internet.

The Manager of the Historic Preservation Corporation, along with Donna Frese, visited and filmed each willing community to capture the historic, cultural, humanitarian, and artistic aspects of each community, recorded on DVDs.

Certified by the National Park Service both as an historic site and as an interpretive site on the Santa Fe National Historic Trail, the Rawlinson-Terwilliger Home already contributes to drawing many visitors to the area. The Trail Days Arts and History Center will add to that attraction.

The Historic Preservation Corporation has met all 20 standards of the Better Business Bureau and is accredited as a charity, and has achieved the Platinum Level (the highest level) of transparency as a charity by GuideStar.

An investment in the Historic Preservation Corporation's activities will enhance the development of the communities which the Council Grove Area Foundation seeks to serve.

Signature Shirley McClinton **Date** April 30, 2018

(PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION TO FARMERS & DROVERS BANK, P.O. BOX C, COUNCIL GROVE, KS 66846)



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April 30, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

The Council Grove/Morris county Chamber of Commerce is in support of the grant application for the Arts & History Center located in Council Grove. This event center is needed to be the focal point for the entire area. We have many tour groups coming to visit our historic community and this will be a fantastic gathering place for groups to meet.

The Arts & History Center will give us an opportunity to showcase the arts, all of our cultural attractions and photography for all to enjoy. It will also give us a place to put on reenactments and other plays portraying our history and showcasing local talent.

Please grant this opportunity for the Historic Preservation Corporation to help us with the mural on the building for local residents and visitors to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Diane L. Wolfe, IOM
Executive Director