

TO: Selectboard Members, Town of East Montpelier, VT  
FROM: Sandal Cate, President of the E. Mont. Historical Society in conjunction with the Four Corners Schoolhouse Board and officers of the EMHS (shared address: PO Box 63, E. Montpelier, VT 05651)  
DATE: November 17, 2023  
RE: Request for project funding for non-profit town organizations

CONTEXT: The EMHS would like to request funds for the creation of display cabinets to be kept in the Four Corners Schoolhouse for exhibiting various historic artifacts and paper materials. As the Society does not have a permanent home for any 3-dimensional objects, and as we depend on the Town Office for storage of a great number of historic documents, we have met recently, discussed with and gotten approval from the 4CSH Board to have space for two lockable display cabinets to be kept at the Schoolhouse. These would not necessarily mean that all of our current materials at the Town Office would be moved to the 4CSH, but hopefully some of them would.

We envision hiring a cabinet-maker (local person, of course) to design and build two movable display units approximately 4' wide x 6' tall x 2' deep with lockable doors with glass inserts. These would be on lockable wheels so they can be rearranged as needed, depending on other events at the 4CSH. As Hobie Guion is the current president of the 4CSH Board, and as he is a carpenter, he has estimated the cost of such units. A request total is below.

In addition to these display cabinets which may very well sit on the stage area of the Schoolhouse, there is a need for two step units to access the stage. We envision a step being added at two access points. (Thinking in terms of handicap access, the building has a ramp to the main floor.) Lastly, we would build a portable ramp so that the stage could be accessed more readily, and if needed, the cabinets could be moved off the stage to the main floor. This ramp would be movable and storable until needed.

Here is our best estimate of the costs of these proposed units. We are hopeful that the Selectboard will consider this request as reasonable and of good use to the town in promoting its history. We, the EMHS, discussed the prospects of using the 4CSH much more in the future once its remediation work is completed as we have done in the past. The 4CSH Board is enthusiastic about this collaboration. If needed, we would assist them with insuring these storage units. Many thanks for considering our request.

#### ESTIMATED COSTS OF PROPOSED DISPLAY UNITS AND STAGE ACCESS FOR 4CSH/EMHS GROUPS

Two hardwood display cabinets on wheels with lockable doors	2 @\$3000 = \$6,000
Two inserted steps for stage access (may require extra carpentry)	2 @ 1,000 = 2,000
One portable ramp for stage access	1 @ 1,000 = 1,000
Contingency expense (as this is an estimate)	<u>= 1,000</u>
TOTAL REQUEST	\$10,000

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