City of Carroll

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MEMO TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Mike Pogge-Weaver, City Manager MJP-W

DATE: April 4, 2018

SUBJECT: CAT Grant Application – Carroll Public Library Renovation Project

The City of Carroll is planning to apply for a CAT grant in the amount of $660,000.00 for the Carroll Public Library Project. Attached is the resolution approving the submittal of the application.

The Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Program is designed to assist communities in the development and creation of multiple purpose attraction or tourism facilities. This program can help position a community to take advantage of economic development opportunities in tourism and strengthen a community's competitiveness as a place to work and live.

The CAT Program has provided $19,035,029 in grant funding to 53 library projects in the State of Iowa since 2002. Grants for libraries have been approved between $50,000 and $1,232,743 with an average grant amount of $359,151.49. The program is designed to provide between 10% and 20% of the grant funding and looking at past successful applications, it is believed that $660,000 is an amount that will be successfully funded. The CAT application is due April 15, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: For the Mayor and City Council consideration and approval of the attached resolution supporting the application for a Community Attraction Grant for the Carroll Public Library Project in the amount of $660,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMMUNITY ATTRACTION AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE CARROLL PUBLIC LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Carroll is eligible for Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Grant Funding under the Enhance Iowa Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carroll is committed to the expansion of the Carroll Public Library; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, August, 1, 2017 a referendum was approved by the voters (1,802 Yes or 61.98% / 1,106 No or 38.02%) approving of the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed $3,800,000 for the purpose of reconstructing, renovating, remodeling, equipping and furnishing a building for use as City administrative offices and a City Hall, and thereafter for the reconstruction, renovation, remodeling, equipping and furnishing of the existing City administrative offices, City Hall, and Library for use as an expanded Carroll Public Library facility; and

WHEREAS, the Carroll City Council has committed an additional $500,000 of Local Option Sales Tax dollars toward the Carroll Public Library and City Hall renovation project; and

WHEREAS, additional required funding will be secured with grants/donations through the Carroll Public Library Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Carroll endorses the application for Community Attraction and Tourism Grant Funding for the Carroll Public Library project in an amount of $660,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Carroll City Manager is authorized to sign the grant application on behalf of the City of Carroll.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Carroll, Iowa, this 9th day of April, 2018.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CARROLL, IOWA

BY:_____
Eric P. Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

By:_____
Laura A. Schaefer, City Clerk