RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Grant Agreement for the Rural Media Arts and Education Project in the amount of $25,000; and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the grant agreement. The funding will be used for the renovation of the Old Masonic Lodge, which also houses the Sixth Street Cinema. The building requires significant structural repairs and potential grant funds exceeding $1 million have been identified. However to receive these grant funds the Rural Media Arts and Education Project must demonstrate local financial support. The terms of this grant agreement allows the Rural Media Arts and Education Project to demonstrate financial support while only obligating the County to provide funding in the event the grant funds are awarded. It should also be noted that the Rural Media Arts and Education Project are the owners of the Old Masonic Building.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
On June 19, 2007, the Board received a presentation from the Rural Media Arts and Education Project and directed staff to develop a proposed grant agreement.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the grant agreement. It is unlikely that the Rural Media Arts and Education Project will secure grant funding for renovations, thus allowing the building to fall in further disrepair.

Financial Impact? (X) Yes ( ) No  Current FY Cost: $25,000
Budgeted In Current FY? (X) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $25,000
Additional Funding Needed: $0
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue  ____  4/5's vote
Transfer Between Funds  ____  4/5's vote
Contingency  ____  4/5's vote
( ) General  ( ) Other

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 39432  Ord. No. ______
Vote – Ayes: ___  Noes: ___  Absent: ___
Approved: ___
Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: ______
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: ______

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
Requested Action Recommended
No Opinion
Comments: ______

CAO: __________

Revised Dec. 2002
TO: RICHARD J. BENSON, CAO
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Approve a Grant Agreement for the Rural Media Arts and Education Project in the Amount of $25,000 and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement

RESOLUTION 07-432

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on September 4, 2007

ACTION AND VOTE:

Richard J. Benson, County Administrative Officer;
Approve a Grant Agreement for the Rural Media Arts and Education Project in the Amount of $25,000 and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement

BOARD ACTION: Rick Benson advised of the request for funding. Discussion was held with Tony Radanovich, Board President for the Rural Media Arts and Education Project, relative to the request and the status of grant applications for renovation of the Old Masonic Lodge. He advised that they received official word on Thursday that they were chosen to receive $100,000 from USDA, now they need to apply for the funding. They are still working on the 1.6 million dollar grant application from CCHE and there is a pending lawsuit; and he advised that the 1.9 million dollar grant application is off of the table. Discussion was held relative to involving the Historical Sites and Records Preservation Commission; whether the renovation would include current theatre requirements and ADA accessibility; and relative to suggested wording changes to the agreement.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Eleanor Keuning advised that the Historical Sites and Records Preservation Commission is planning to ask for time on a future agenda to discuss the Commission’s purpose and processes with historic buildings.

Tony Radanovich advised of his previous discussion with Planning staff when they began seeking funds for the renovation.

Barry Brouillette provided input on this project and their efforts; and he commented on issues with the staffing level in Planning.

Paul Chapman stated he feels that those who support this program should provide the financial support and he does not support taxpayer dollars being used for this program.

Shirley Wingo commented on her interest in the historic building and she stated she feels that the audience would help each other in the case of an emergency; and she does support the taxpayer dollars being used for this program.
Further discussion was held and Board members suggested changes to the agreement. (M)Pickard, (S)Fritz, Res. 07-432 was adopted approving the agreement with the changes as discussed; and with identifying the funding to come from General Fund Contingency. Further discussion was held. Rick Benson advised that it is the intent that this funding be included in the proposed budget, so there is no need to move funds from Contingency. Ayes: Aborn, Turpin, Fritz, Pickard; Noes: Bibby.

Cc: Thomas P. Guarino, County Counsel
    Chris Ebie, Auditor
    John Davis, Building Director
    Tony Radanovich
    File
August 27, 2007

TO: Brad Aborn, District I
    Lyle Turpin, District II
    Janet Bibby, District III
    Dianne Fritz, District IV
    Bob Pickard, District V
    Rick Benson, CAO
    Tom Guarino, CC

FROM: John E. Davis, Building Director,
      Jeff Hartsuyker Deputy State Fire Marshal

SUBJECT: Complaint of July 25, 2007 – Building being used as a Theater. Is it safe?

On July 25, 2007 the Building Department received a complaint as to the safety of the Sixth Street Cinema.

Inspections were held with Deputy State Fire Marshal Jeff Hartsuyker and Building Official John Davis. Minor deficiencies were noted and have been corrected by the building owners. A letter was received from California Certified Professional Engineer Matteson addressing the structural integrity of the structure.

On August 27, 2007 building owner Anthony Radanovich was advised building permits will be required for further remodels. At this time the Theater meets State and County minimum code requirements and is safe to occupy.

Thank you