

Revolving Fund for Prepayment of Consulting and Planning Fees for Capital Improvement as Established in NDCC 54-27-22

Applicable Statute

54-27-22. Revolving fund for prepayment of consulting and planning fees for capital improvements. Funds must be made available to all state agencies, institutions, and departments from a preliminary planning revolving fund in the state treasury under the control of the director of the office of management and budget for studies, planning, architectural programming, schematic designs, and cost estimates relating to proposed new capital improvements and major remodeling of existing facilities. State agencies, institutions, and departments interested in obtaining planning moneys shall submit a written request detailing the scope and purpose of such project to the director of the office of management and budget. The director shall file such request with, and shall present the director's recommendations regarding the proposed project and necessary planning moneys to, the budget section of the legislative council. Funds may be advanced only in the event that an authorization has first been received from the budget section. Such funds advanced must be repaid to the preliminary planning revolving fund as moneys become available through legislative appropriation or other sources for the commencement of the project.

Agency: 227 – Bismarck State College

**Project: 1. Existing Library Structural Analysis
2. Center for Creativity and Communication**

This request involves evaluating the deterioration at the existing library and construction of a new facility for the visual and performing arts and potentially a replacement library, with all the support spaces necessary for a complete Center.

Preliminary Cost Estimate: \$20,000,000

Pre-Planning Fund Recommendation: Yes

Funding Level: 1. \$13,000
2. \$95,000

The original request by BSC was a single request for \$100,000. OMB recommends increasing the amount available to completely study the library and determine if it can be renovated in lieu of demolished. Since the fate of the library directly affects the location of the Center for Creativity and Communication, OMB recommends the Structural Analysis of the Library be significantly completed prior to making a final site selection for the Center for Creativity and Communication.

- Projects 1 and 2: The agency presented a thorough need justification letter to OMB.
- **.Project 1 – (\$13,000)**
- A local structural engineer reviewed the existing library to evaluate visible distress.
- The report was inconclusive due to limited funding.
- This recommendation provides funding to expand on the existing report including but not limited to:
- A complete soils investigation “including soil sampling and testing”.
- “A thorough and comprehensive analysis of the existing building structure.”
- “An analysis of the existing grading around the building.”

- **Project 2 – (\$95,000)**
- Project has been identified as a “Fine Arts Center” and has been present in the BSC master plans as far back as 1994.
- The building location was displaced by the construction of the National Center of Energy Excellence.
- Strongly recommend that a portion of the funding be used for additional site selection and analysis.
- Site selection should not be determined until the results of the Library analysis are substantially complete.