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Freer House Exterior Envelope

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors authorize the President, or his designee, to approve financing of \$550,000 utilizing the Series 2020 Bond Funds to make necessary repairs to the exterior envelope of the Northeast Portion of the Freer House to ensure weather tightness. The previous leaking has caused damage to the interior.

Background and Project Description

Built by industrialist and art collector Charles Lang Freer in 1892, the Freer House is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a masterpiece of American shingle-style architecture and the birthplace of the Freer Gallery of Art (NMAA, Smithsonian) in Washington, D.C. As an early champion of American, Asian, and Middle Eastern art, Freer's legacy of multi-culturalism is celebrated in the house's mission and programming today. These bonds to our nation's capital and much of the world make the Freer House an ambassador of Detroit's unique cultural heritage.

This project will perform mortar tuckpointing of the masonry along the Northeast portion, which is the highest priority to avoid further damage to the interior. The dressed stone around the windows in this area will also be repointed to address spalling that has started to occur. Chimney #2 will be repointed, and capped, and new flashing will be installed. The gable will be repaired with a new membrane and flashing.

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Funding Source	
Series 2020 Bond Funds	
TOTAL Sources	\$550,000
Expenditures Plan	
Design Fees	\$63,825
Construction	\$354,175
Project Management Fees	\$22,000
Contingency	\$110,000
TOTAL Expenditures	\$550,000