

South Bay Grange Restoration & Funding Update

The South Bay Grange is continuing an exciting multi-year effort to restore, preserve, and modernize our historic 1914 hall so it can serve the community for decades to come. Thanks to grant support and the dedication of our members, neighbors, and community, we've made major progress in planning — and we're pleased to share where we are today and what comes next.

Funding Received

With the support of state funding and community advocates, the Grange has already secured important early funding to begin the restoration process:

- **\$25,000 for new exterior siding**
- **\$34,000 for replacement windows**
- **\$20,000 for electrical upgrades**
- **\$10,000 for attic insulation**

These awards form a **strong foundation**, but they are only the **initial step**. None of these improvements have begun yet, because before work can start, we must first create a clear, accurate plan of the building and prepare a complete scope of work to seek competitive bids.

Planning Work Before Construction

Before any restoration project can begin — especially on a historic building — having proper architectural measurements and documentation is essential. This ensures:

- A correct scope of work
- Apples-to-apples bids from contractors
- Accurate cost forecasting
- Full compliance with building codes and historic-preservation needs

We are incredibly grateful to have received a **generous donation from a skilled South Bay community member** — an experienced contractor — who is volunteering time to create a full **as-built building plan** (a measured drawing documenting the exact dimensions and structure of the building). This includes:

- Floor-plan dimensions
- Door and window placements
- Structural layout
- Utility locations
- Other critical details needed for bidding and planning

This volunteer support also includes **project-management guidance**, which is invaluable since the Grange is fully volunteer-run and we are committed to doing this work correctly to ensure long-term success.

Phase 2: Funding Requested

To continue moving forward, the Grange has submitted a **Phase 2 grant request**. This next funding cycle is essential to completing core restoration work, including:

- Upgrade electrical outlets for dining, dance halls, kitchen, exterior and fire code compliance
- Install wall insulation
- Replace exterior siding
- Build ADA-compliant family restroom
- Create ADA-accessible entryway
- Repaint exterior
- Restore interior wood walls

Without Phase 2 funding, these core safety, accessibility, and preservation projects cannot be completed — even with the Phase 1 funding already awarded.

Why Matching Funds & Donations Matter

Many grant programs require the Grange to provide **matching funds**, meaning local donations directly unlock additional grant dollars. Continued community support is essential for:

- Meeting any required matching-fund thresholds
- Strengthening our Phase 2 grant application
- Starting the improvements funded in the first cycle
- Preparing for future restoration phases

Every donation — large or small — helps us move from planning into construction.

Community Priorities: Restore the Historic Character

We hear our community loud and clear:

Restoring the South Bay Grange closer to its original historic character is a top priority.

This vision guides all planning and design decisions, from material choices to how we approach accessibility updates. We want the Grange to remain both historically meaningful and fully functional for the modern community.

If you are interested in donating towards restoration construction work, we value any donation big or small. We appreciate materials and expertise donations as well.

Questions about the restoration project or donations can be made by contacting us directly, Shannie Jenkins 360-970-6228 or Sandy Mode at 360-481-5251, or sending us a check to our address at :

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Thank you!