

Alpine Historical & Conservation Society

Testimony for Community Enhancement Grant Application



This testimony for the public record is presented by Tom Myers, President of the Alpine Historical & Conservation Society in support of our application for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Community Enhancement Grant Funding. The Alpine Historical Society owns and operates the John DeWitt museum located at 2116 Tavern Road. We are a 501-c(3) non-profit organization and admission to the museum is free. Please direct any questions to Tom Myers by phone at 619-885-8063 or by email to: info@alpinehistory.org

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Thank you for this opportunity to give testimony electronically, and a very enthusiastic thank you for your past support of the Alpine Historical Society. Previous Community Enhancement Grants have been used effectively to make critical repairs, maintain our century old facilities, and to scan documents to make them available for free on-line access to visitors from San Diego County and virtually anywhere in the world that has internet access.

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Priority 1: We are requesting funds to construct a small storage building on our property for the storage of artifacts and archival materials. Our current storage area in the attic of the Beaty House is inadequate. The attic has insufficient floor load capacity for a storage area and the sloped ceilings do not permit efficient shelf storage of materials.

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Priority 2: Towering eucalyptus trees very near our historic buildings are a safety hazard to visitors and a threat to our museum. Wind storms in the last three years caused tree limbs to fall on our buildings. We are requesting funds to remove these dangerous trees.

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Priority 3: The concrete floor in the carriage house is severely cracked and uneven. This tripping hazard makes it unusable as an exhibit area. Funds are requested to remove the existing floor and install a new concrete floor.