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State grant will restore historic Carnegie Building

The Washington State Historical Society has recommended that Snohomish County receive more than \$880,000 in grant money for the renovation of the county's Carnegie Building.

The funding will be used to complete structural upgrades to the Everett building, which will become the home of the Museum of Snohomish County History.

The museum is expected to make tenant improvements and begin moving in items for storage this fall.

“This grant allows us to make certain improvements, which will allow this historic site to have another life,” County Executive Aaron Reardon said. “Snohomish County is rich in historic and cultural resources worthy of preservation, and this building is one of them.”

“Historical preservation has always been a top priority for me,” said County Councilman Brian Sullivan, a strong proponent of the project and its future use. “Now, we are one step closer to restoring the Carnegie Building with these funds.”

Grant funding will be available next July assuming state legislative and gubernatorial approval, both of which are expected.

Specifically, the county will receive \$882,000 – the full amount requested under the grant application. The county was one of 53 organizations and municipalities that applied for a grant.

In addition to the grant money, the county will complete roofing repairs this summer at the Carnegie Building, which is more than 100 years old and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Carnegie Building has served as a library and mortuary and has been owned by the county since 1980.

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