

Heritage Preservation Commission

Review and report for EDA project

109 E Cherry St, Mankato

EDA Levy Project

The City's program guidelines for an EDA, Economic Development Authority, loan states as follows:

C.4- Historical Society Review

1. All rehabilitation projects will comply with the historical review requirements of the financing source used. Properties receiving CDBG funds will be reviewed by Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and properties receiving city funds will be reviewed by the Mankato Heritage Preservation Commission (MHPC) to determine if the structure is historically significant before anything occurs.
2. After the initial property inspection has been completed by the Rehabilitation Advisor, the following will be submitted to the SHPO or MHPC.
 - a. A summary of the work to be done at the property;
 - b. Photographs of the structure;
 - c. Property description;
 - d. Any other information requested by the SHPO or MHPC.
3. Any changes in the scope of the project requested by the SHPO or MHPC will be initiated.

A project utilizing EDA funds is proposed. The project is located at 109 E Cherry Street. The property is not locally designated, nor is it on the National Register of Historic Places. However, because it is receiving local EDA funding, a review by the HPC is required. The proposed scope of work is attached and includes:

1. Tuckpoint exterior walls of building.
2. Waterproof the exterior masonry walls after tuckpointing.
3. Equipment rental fees.

For reviews of this sort, the Secretary of Interior standards for rehabilitation can be used for evaluation purposes: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/secretary-standards-treatment-historic-properties.htm>

The Secretary of the Interior's Standard for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guideline for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Building, can be found at this link. <https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/treatment-guidelines-2017.pdf>

Staff believes the building could be historically significant as the property is located within the downtown district. Staff recommends the approval of the scope of work with the review from HPC at the meeting on 5/8/2025.

