

420 NORTH POKEGAMA AVENUE, GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA 55744-2662

## Historic Central School HF TBD/SF 575



The City of Grand Rapids is requesting State funding assistance from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund to make critical improvements to Historic Central School. Key information follows:

- Originally constructed in 1895 and served as a K-12 school for 77 years.
- Ownership transferred to the City around 1972.
- It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.
- The last major renovation was in 1983.
- Small commercial businesses have occupied the building since 1983 with limited success due to the unique architectural design.
- A recently completed downtown redevelopment plan recommends relocating non-profits from prime downtown commercial buildings to Historic Central School.

## **Proposed Improvements**

ADA Improvements to restrooms by eliminating tight spaces and adding bathrooms to all floors.





Replace Structural Roof of Building. Notice the deteriorated sill plate.





Waterproof and repair the leaky rock and mortar foundation.



Other improvements included but not limited to are:

- Heating, venting, and air conditioning replacement.
- Electrical upgrades.
- Secondary stairway to meet emergency access requirements.
- Parking lot improvements.
- Elevator Replacement.

## **Project Budget**

The opinion of project cost follows:

| Item                | Project Cost |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Construction        | \$6,925,000  |
| Professional Design | \$675,000    |
| Total Project Cost  | \$7,600,000  |

The City of Grand Rapids is requesting \$3,800,000 in State Cash from the Arts and Culture Heritage Fund.