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## Carnegie Library Building Receives Final Approvals for Remodel and Expansion

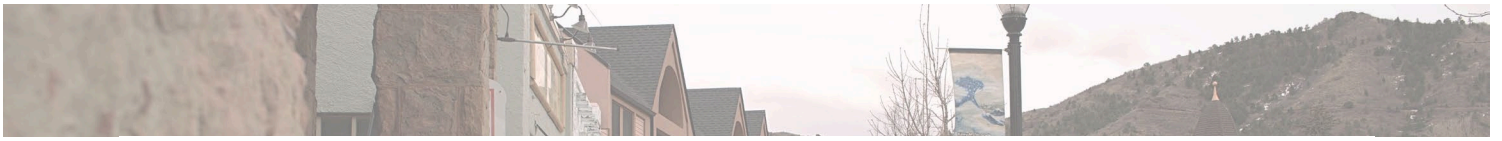
MANITOU SPRINGS CO – In 2015, community volunteers began an effort to restore and expand the Carnegie Library, and in March of 2020, the Manitou Springs Carnegie Library closed its doors due to its ADA issues that made the historic building inaccessible to many people with mobility-related disabilities. After three years of planning, eight community meetings, six public hearings, and countless hours of collaboration between city staff, boards and commissions, community volunteers, and the Preserve and Renew Our Carnegie Library Task Force, City approvals for the interior and exterior of the Carnegie Library Remodel and Expansion have been completed.

On March 21, 2023, the Manitou Springs City Council gave unanimous approval for the Major Development Plan for the Carnegie Library and on April 5, 2023, the Historic Preservation Commission gave unanimous approval for the Material Change of Appearance Certification for the Carnegie Library.

Mary Pulvermacher, a member of the Preserve and Renew Our Carnegie Library Task Force commented on these approvals stating “I am absolutely thrilled that our iconic Carnegie Library has been approved for renovation and expansion. The design is incredible and a tribute to the hard work and collaboration by the city, citizens, the architect, the Pikes Peak Library District, and other collaborators.” She continued, “the City can now move expeditiously to groundbreaking, construction, and ribbon cutting, thereby achieving unprecedented access to enrichment and growth for ALL our citizens, as well as visitors to our lovely city.”

### Design Specifics:

The Manitou Springs Carnegie Library project scope consists of a 2,950 SF addition onto the 3,486 SF existing historic Carnegie Library as well as interior remodeling of the existing space. The design intent is to impact the historic structure minimally while adding missing accessibility components and expanding the library’s program offerings based on 21st Century library principles. The addition will be pulled back from the



primary north elevation and dug into the earth to minimally impact the street perspective. Where the addition comes above grade, it will be located on the secondary south elevation. The addition's roof area has been designed to give back accessible park space to the community while allowing the addition to remain submissive to the primary structure. Please note, minor aspects of the design may change through the permitting process.

Mayor John Graham commented on the final City approvals for the Carnegie Library and stated "This marks a huge milestone. We've developed and refined a design that has met with broad support from the community and that has been formally approved by the Historic Preservation and Planning Commissions, the Park Board, and City Council. It has taken time, but this promises to serve us well into future generations. The City has committed \$1.5 million to the project, and is investigating other financial options, which we hope to see augmented with grants and financial support from the community."

To view the design, as well as learn more about the Carnegie Library, please visit: <https://www.manitouspringsgov.com/633/ Carnegie-Library>

Moving forward, the Final Design for the Carnegie Library will need to be submitted to the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department. Afterwards, the City will need to submit a Request for Proposals to receive bids for this project.

## Funding

The Carnegie Library Remodel and Expansion will cost approximately \$3.7 Million, which is a significant cost for a City the size of Manitou Springs.

Total Cost\*\* ~\$3,700,000  
Current Funding: ~\$1,800,000  
Funding Needed: ~\$1,900,000

*\*\*The City has not solicited bids for this project, nor has the City received permits for this project. This is an estimated cost.*

Current funding is composed of a combination of private funding, Manitou Arts, Culture, & Heritage (MACH) Funding, and City Funding, minus the design expenses.

City Funding: ~\$1,500,000  
MACH Funding: ~\$240,000  
Private Funding: ~\$370,000  
Design Expenses: ~(\$270,000)

The City is actively seeking grants, further private funding, and other funding methods to help reach the total cost of ~\$3.7 Million.



[Mayor John Graham featured in a video regarding funding for the Carnegie Library](#)

Donations are accepted here: <https://bit.ly/CarnegieFundraising>

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