

Request:

\$500,000 to restore the Atwater Bloss library with ADA improvements.

Description:

The City of Atwater historic building was built in 1925. This is a valuable community resource that is part of our beautiful downtown district. As part of our downtown rehabilitation this building is part of the connectivity of the past and the future of Atwater. As we approach the Centennial of our City this building signifies the strength and beauty it holds. A library provides physical (hard copies documents) or digital access (soft copies) materials, and may be a physical location or a virtual space, or both. Libraries are institutions designed to preserve records, written material, legends, and literature. They preserve the history of time and place as well as the intellectual activity, discoveries, and innovative ideas within a culture. Currently the building is utilized for the Atwater Chamber of Commerce. The city would like to utilize the top story of the Bloss Library as a museum. This would house exhibits, both permanent and rotating and would represent the community of Atwater and its founders.

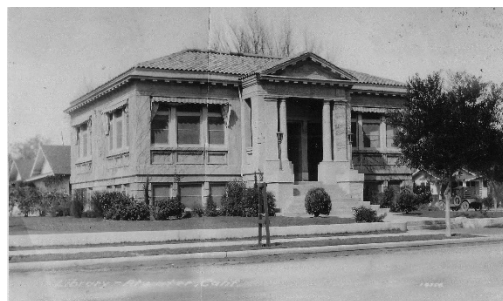


Necessity:

The building needs to be upgraded to meet current American with Disabilities Act standards. The current building is no longer functional due to many compounding factors. Several of the doors as well as the restrooms no longer meet ADA requirements and are in need of repair. The flooring is worn and is need of upgrade. The upstairs of the building will need to be accessible to the public from all sides of the building. The upgrades of the building allow Atwater residents and surrounding communities to engage in both business and educational opportunities.

Rehabilitation and Improvements:

Plans for rehabilitation and improvements include making the building accessible, safe, functional, and provide an environment for local residents and surrounding communities to engage in both business and educational opportunities.



Beneficiaries:

- City of Atwater residents of all ages
- Regional Community Civic groups
- Regional Business groups

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