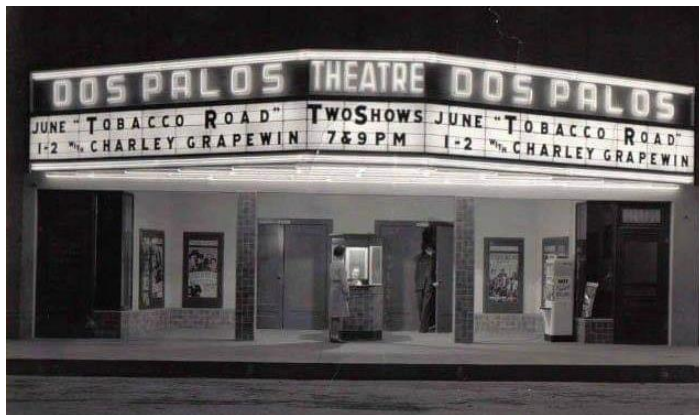


Request: The City of Dos Palos would like to purchase and restore the historic Dos Palos Theatre.



Description: The Dos Palos Theatre, located in the downtown area, opened on Christmas Day in 1946. The first movie shown here was *"It's a Wonderful Life."* It is a valuable community resource that must be preserved. This historic Theatre has served residents for generations as a movie theatre and its stage has hosted live theatre for local drama clubs and school plays. The auditorium was used as a community hall for candidate's debates and other important forums. Many live musical performances and educational lectures have been held here. The building's structural integrity is good, but its façade is deteriorating, its marquee is sagging, and its roof needs replacing. This two-story theatre with a balcony seats 350 people. Built by the city's first mayor, it served nearby military cadets in the 1940's. It was a woman-owned and operated business for several decades at a time when that was rare—the 1950's and 1960's. The Dos Palos Theatre set all time attendance records that still stand when it was the only theatre in a 100-mile radius to show The Beatles first movie-- *A Hard Day's Night* while other theaters shunned the group and their film. The Theatre's Lobby features unique artwork including the images of various actors that seem to move their eyes and morph into different characters as you move about the room.



Necessity: The building needs to be upgraded to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The Theatre's original heating, cooling, lighting, and plumbing all need to be modernized. Due to all the severe rains, the roof has become weak, and water damage has occurred. Our small town needs a multi-purpose community center. This facility would fill that need. A partnership between our school district, community and this theater could open doors to the arts, drama, band performances and many more uses could provide these vital opportunities.

Funding request: \$5,000,000

This request includes the purchase price of the building and all of the upgrades building needs to be updated to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act Theatre's original heating, cooling, lighting, and plumbing all need to be



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