

## 5. PROGRAM SUMMARY

Brief narrative description of the project for which CVB funds are requested – please specifically describe visitor traffic. Include project budget.  
Please attach additional documentation if needed.

The mission of the Fremont Area Art Association is to promote visual art culture and education. The Fremont Area Art Association (FAAA) works to make a positive impact on the people of Fremont and the surrounding areas by promoting visual art, cultural art, and art education through the presentation of free art exhibits and free community space for activities aligned with our mission. We actively work toward our mission by encouraging cooperation and communication among artists, art teachers, art students, craftsmen, publishers, and others engaged in the visual arts. Through membership in the FAAA, we provide a registry for the member artists and appreciators. Gallery 92 West holds free exhibitions and juried shows as a way of promoting the study and appreciation of the arts by the public. It is our belief that art can be a catalyst to enhance our lives through the appreciation and creation of art of every kind.

The FAAA purchased the West Building at 92 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in 1979, and added to its footprint in 2015 by purchasing the building to the East, including the Kiel's Barbershop and Rump's Hardware Store. In 2017, the Gallery opened a state-of-the-art, fully accessible classroom in the West Building. In 2019 the FAAA opened a street-level Art Emporium, a gallery gift shop for member artists to sell their work. This component of our Gallery established the FAAA as a destination for visitors not only from Fremont, but from all across the state of Nebraska and beyond. Members, volunteers, and supporters of FAAA work together to achieve goals that accomplish and further grow our mission to promote visual art culture and education. These include goals of increasing and growing current programming and improving and updating our facilities so that we can continue to be a mecca for the arts in our area.

This project is a construction project with an intent of achieving three overarching goals: to reconfigure and repair the front façade of our buildings, creating a cohesive exterior look; to make improvements to the pottery classroom, including a new fire rated room for the kilns; and to construct a new entrance and lobby by incorporating the old Kiel's Barbershop space into our existing gallery and gift shop floor plans. While the entire project will cost \$267,000 total, we are requesting \$50,000 to fund a portion of the construction project. This space will be a stunning entrance to a hidden jewel of architecture, right in the heart of downtown Fremont. The historic buildings that house FAAA require maintenance and upkeep to preserve their beauty and to enhance their functionality in the modern world, making them a destination for visitors from near and far.

Gallery 92 West welcomed over 3,000 guests to its exhibits and events in calendar year 2022. These guests represent residents of Fremont, Dodge County, surrounding counties in our state, and people from all across the nation and beyond. When our facility is enhanced, we anticipate that our reach and our attendance will also grow to new levels. Gallery 92 West is truly a tourist destination... We estimate that at least 20% of our guests come from Omaha, Scribner, Oakland, Blair, and other surrounding communities, with many other guests joining us from other states. FAAA has applied to be named as part of the Passport NE Program, and if selected, we anticipate an influx of out of town guests to join us at the Gallery.

The desired results of the proposed project are to improve the exterior of the two buildings owned by FAAA, creating a better looking and better functioning façade. This benefits the entire downtown district, enhancing the look and feel of the MainStreet area. We also seek to improve the beauty and functionality of the interior of the buildings, incorporating the old Kiel's Barbershop space into the stunning gallery and gift shop footprints of the existing Gallery 92 West.

The mission of the Fremont Area Art Association is to promote visual art culture and education. This request would provide us with the resources necessary to complete the project that will promote our mission by enhancing our existing facilities. Our building serves as a community art center, and people of all ages gather here for meetings, classes, to enjoy free exhibits, and to socialize. The Gallery is buzzing with activity, and as we exist to provide artistic opportunities, we can better serve our members and guests with a building space that properly reflects its purpose as both a gallery and a community art space.

This project will require funding from multiple sources. The scope of the project is such that fundraising from various foundations, organizations, and individuals will be necessary to successfully complete the project. Our goal is to secure the project's largest donors FIRST, in order to establish trust and enthusiasm regarding the endeavor. This particular construction project has been teed up for completion for several years – however, timing and world circumstances have impeded its beginning. The timing is right for our membership and our organization to begin and complete this project now. Funding from the Fremont and Dodge County Convention & Visitors Bureau will establish the FDCVB as a major donor in the project and promote the Bureau's investment in our community for generations to come.

## 6. CERTIFYING OFFICIALS

To the best of my knowledge and belief, data and information in this application are true and correct, including any commitment of local or other resources.

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| <i>Lindi Janulewicz</i> | Executive Director | January 2023 |
| Signature               | Title              | Date         |

Grant requests are reviewed quarterly and due to the FDCVB by January 1, April 1, July 1, & October 1. Requests will be reviewed by the FDCVB Grants Review committee and considered by the FDCVB Board the same month.

**SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL AND TWO COPIES OF THE ENTIRE APPLICATION TO:**

Fremont & Dodge County Convention & Visitors Bureau

152 E 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 103, Fremont, NE 68025

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Future Projects for Grant Funding

December 28, 2022

**Front Façade: \$93,500**

- Insulated Glass at west building
- Remove and replace metal siding on the West Building with EFIS materials similar to East Building.
- Relocation of existing logo
- Tuckpointing of the brick in areas of voids

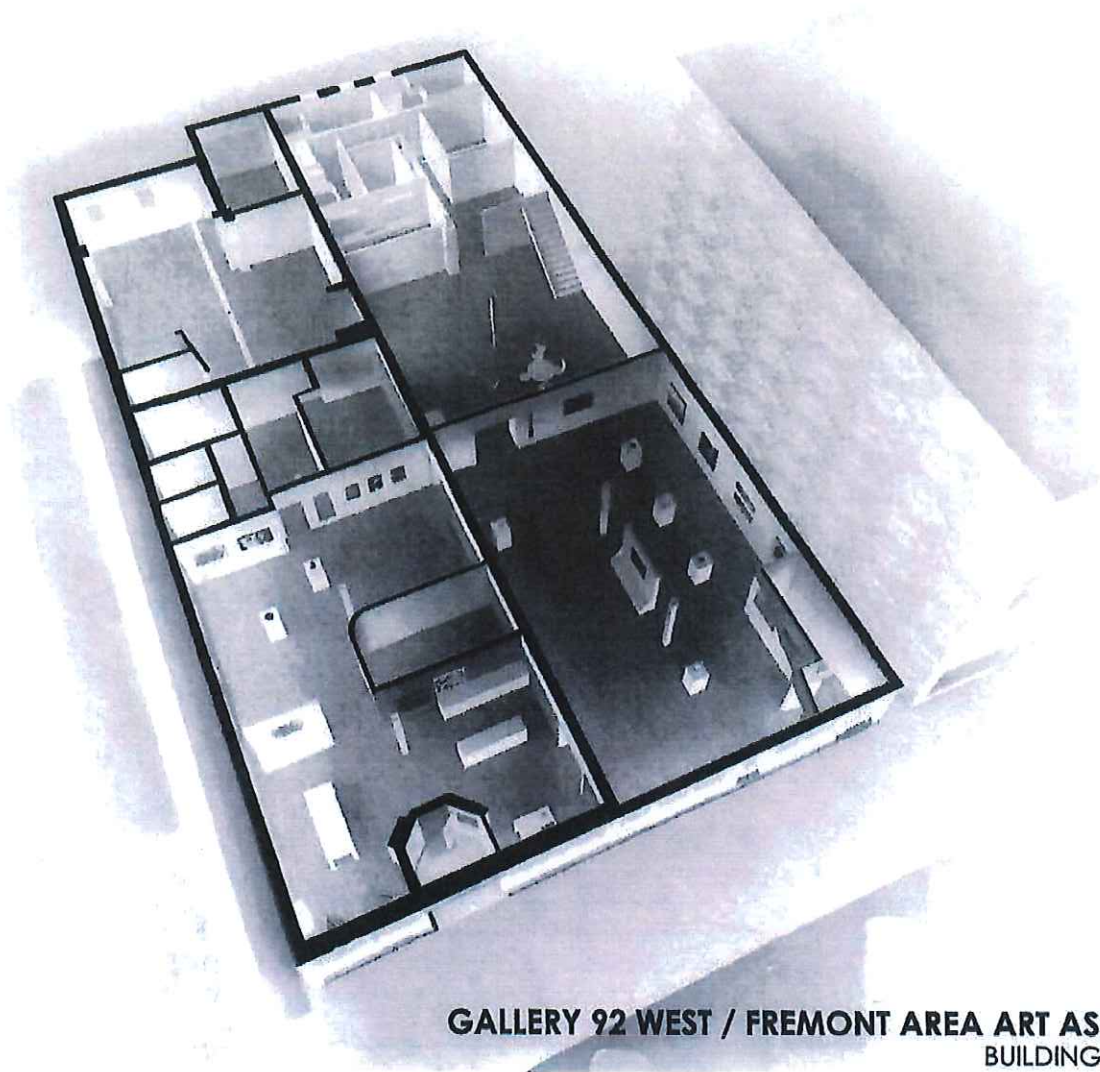
**Basement classroom reconfiguration: \$69,800**

- Remove existing wall to enlarge the classroom space
- Provide a separate one hour rated room with a fire rated door for the electric kilns with ventilation.  
Including drywall and painting of the room and the door.
- Install mechanical means of moving students and heavy materials to the lower- level clay studio  
-chair stair lift on existing stair

**New front lobby (Barbershop space) \$103,700**

- Create office space for staff, casework, door, borrow lite, carpet tile floor covering
- Create new opening into the main gallery to the east. Provide metal jamb cap.
- Enlarge the opening into the "Art Emporium" retail space
- New lobby counter and visitor greeting area
- Display area for retail – Art Emporium
- Refinish existing wood floor
- Painting of the space
- Fire Alarm extension
- Enclose existing west building entry to become display window.
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- New main entry door on the west building with correct swing to provide building egress
- New basement exit door at the east building to provide emergency egress

**We have included architectural fees and electrical fees.**



**GALLERY 92 WEST / FREMONT AREA ART ASSOCIATION**  
BUILDING RENOVATION