



South Bend

Redevelopment Commission

215 S. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Room 301, South Bend, Indiana

Redevelopment Commission Agenda Item

DATE: February 12, 2026

FROM: Nifemi Oluwatomin
Senior Engineer

SUBJECT: Budget Request- Studebaker HVAC renovation

[Signature] _____ Pres/V-Pres

ATTEST: *[Signature]* _____ Secretary

Date: February 12, 2026

APPROVED Not Approved
SOUTH BEND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Funding Source* (circle) **River West**; River East; South Side; Douglas Road; West Washington; RDC General; Riv. East Res.

* Funds are subject to the City Controller's determination of availability; if funds are unavailable, as solely determined by the City Controller, then the authorization of the expenditure of such funds shall be void and of no effect.

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

This budget request is for \$350,000 to pay for limited renovations of Studebaker National Museum HVAC system including two roof top units (RTUs) and modernizing the building control system

SPECIFICS:

This budget request of \$350,000 covers the design and replacement of two RTUs and the building control system for the Studebaker National Museum HVAC. This will be the culmination of modernizing the HVAC system at the museum which has been happening over the last few years to replace obsolete equipment. The new units will be serviceable with modern components and be more efficient. The upgrades to the building control systems will allow staff to manage museum temperatures more effectively. This is particularly important to ensure the long-term care of the museum's collections.

The City of South Bend has a Lease and Management Agreement with the Studebaker National Museum. The City is the owner of the building and leases the space and the City's collection of historic vehicles to the Studebaker National Museum. The Agreement gives responsibility to the City for the replacement of any part or all parts of the HVAC system.

It is requested that the Redevelopment commission approves \$350,000 from River West TIF to cover the design and construction of the Studebaker National Museum HVAC renovation.

Staff recommends approval.