

11. Montpelier ~ 115 State Street (State House) Restored Carpets, Seating, Draperies, Interior Finishes.....\$200,000

The Vermont State House is one of the most heavily visited museums in the state with over 150,000 Vermonters, schoolchildren and tourists coming through its doors per year. With a newly-resplendent golden dome, surmounted by a new statue of *Agriculture*, it will undoubtedly attract even more visitors in coming years. All that traffic, particularly during the legislative session in winter and spring, takes a toll on the most ephemeral elements of the late 20th century interior restoration of the State House, and this appropriation intends to be the first step toward ensuring that carpets, draperies, upholstery and other interior finishes keep pace, as time goes on, with their necessary ongoing replacement.

Today’s State House was carefully restored to its mid-19th century appearance from the early 1980’s through 2000, with painstaking study of old photographs and inventories informing the replication of carpets, draperies and upholstery with many of the same materials from 140 years earlier. Now many of these materials have degraded due to heavy use, and if we are to keep the authentic interiors of the State House intact, a plan of careful in-kind replacement is needed, and the cycle of replacement must begin. Planning the cycle and beginning to execute that plan is the purpose of this appropriation.

We hope to engage a consultant who would assist the State Curator’s Office by researching ways to most efficiently and least expensively reproduce 19th century fabrics, carpets and furniture conservation and upholstery in a changed restoration marketplace. We also hope to reproduce several first and second floor carpets, rehabilitate 150 House chamber chairs that were never restored to begin with, repair plaster and repaint certain walls and ceilings, reproduce faded and deteriorating draperies in several of the principal chambers, and create a cyclical plan to replace additional elements in ’24’25.

Summary	Approved Through FY '18	Current Year FY '19	Budget Year FY '20	Budget Year FY '21	Future Requirements			Totals
					FY '22	FY '23	FY '24-FY '28	
Cost Allocation:								
Planning & Design, Outside Consultants			20K					
Site Acquisition								
Construction								
Fit-Up			80K	100K			200K	400K
Total Appropriation for Fiscal Year(s)			100K	100K			200K	400K

Total Request for FY 2020	\$22,058,423
Total Request for FY 2021	\$19,260,000
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Total Request for Section 1 FY 2020 and FY 2021	\$41,318,423

