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## **TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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August 10, 2018

John L. Horn Hunt County Judge Post Office Box 1097 Greenville, Texas 75403 at I o'clock a M

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By Caunty Clerk Hunt County TX

Dear Judge Horn,

At its April 2018 quarterly meeting, the Texas Historical Commission awarded a Round X Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program grant of \$4,907,560 to Hunt County towards a total project cost of \$16,478,243 for a "Full Restoration" of your 1929 courthouse in Greenville. On June 29, THC received your letter stating that the county finds it cannot execute that plans without first establishing other facility needs and that further it cannot relocate from the courthouse to begin the subject project until 2024.

We wish to inform you that the Commission gave consideration to your letter at its July 29<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting. It denied the requested approval for a single initial phase of exterior restoration work which represents a considerable reduction in your funding application's proposed scope. A proposed action to recapture your Round X grant award of 44,907,560 was unanimously approved on the basis that the award was made in consideration of the application as submitted for a Full Restoration, not a partial restoration of the courthouse. To be fair to other program participants, we are consistent with previous policies and priorities regarding allocation of program funds. The Commission further emphasized the importance of putting the Round X program funds to use as soon as possible.

We recognize the County's strong commitment toward this project and anticipate a future application for this work from Hunt County when the timing is better. We will give all due consideration to that request in light of the previous award. Thank you for your efforts to preserve and protect the historic county courthouses of Texas.

Sincerely,

Sharon Fleming, AIA, DSHPO --

Director, Division of Architecture &

Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program

Cc: David Chase, ArchiTexas