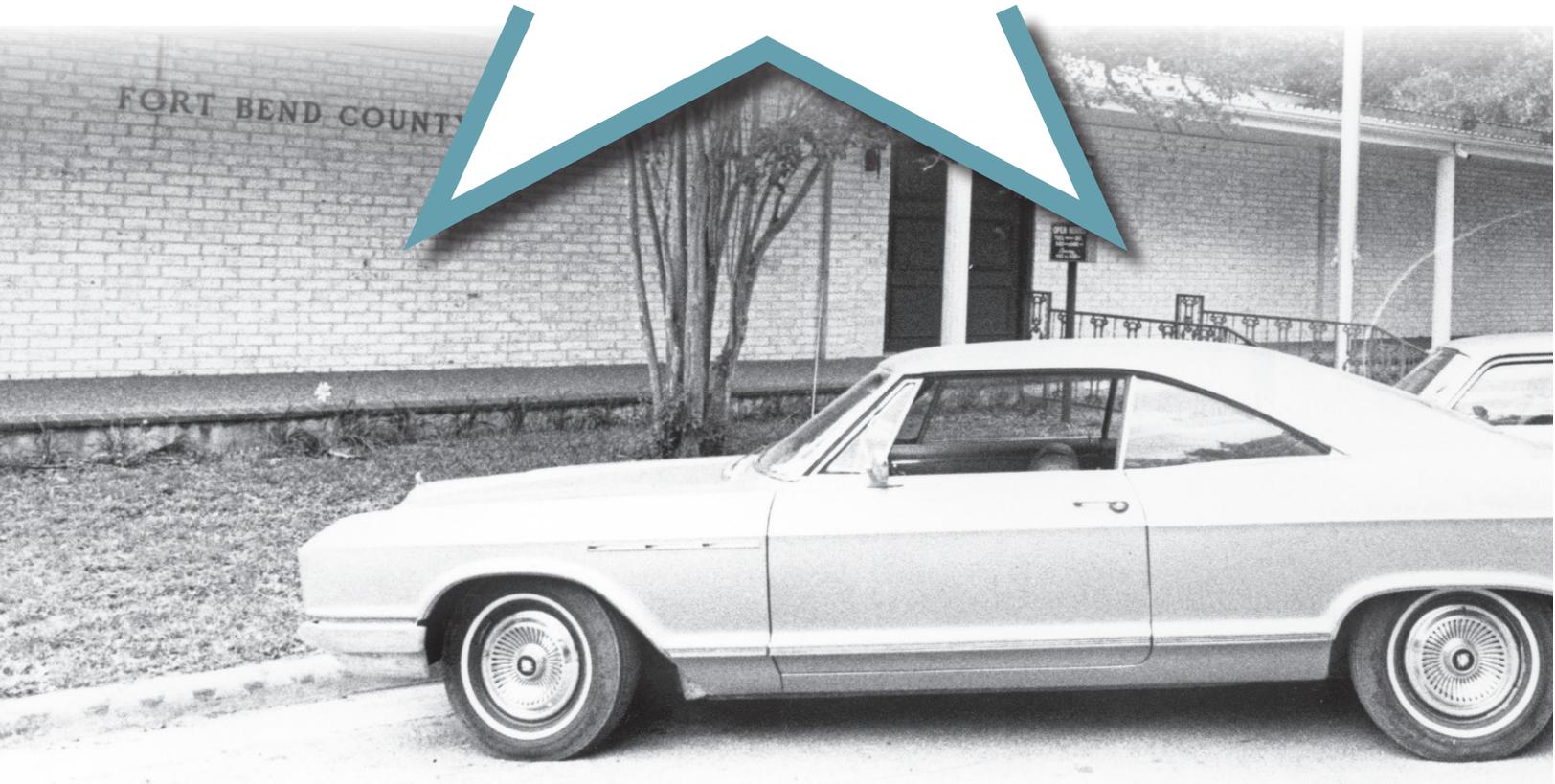


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When does a dream go from being just a dream and start to become real? Here at the Fort Bend History Association, we've been asking ourselves that question as our campaign — dream — for a new, improved, and inspired Fort Bend Museum has taken hold.

A year ago, it really was just a dream. Now, we're more than halfway toward our \$2 million fundraising goal. That's the amount needed to turn an old, outdated, non-descript building damaged by a fire into a re-imagined space where more stories, more people, and more historical items can come together.

Let's be specific: "Halfway" means **\$1,051,091 raised to date**. For that, we are grateful, humbled, and even more inspired to make our dream of a better place — a community place — happen.

The amount raised so far has enabled us to go forward, develop plans and meet with architects and exhibit experts. They've helped us go about actually turning our dream into something you can see on paper. And yes, it's looking really great.

To answer the initial question, our dream is becoming a reality. And it seems as if we get positive reinforcement every day: either a generous gift from a longtime supporter, a check from someone we've just met, or even more recently, an amazing challenge grant from The George Foundation for \$250,000.

That's where you come in. A challenge grant is just that — a challenge to us and the community to raise \$250,000. Once that number is achieved, the challenge amount of \$250k will be provided by The Foundation. In other words, this amazing opportunity alone, once reached, will put us more than three-quarters of the way to our final goal.

That's $\$1,051,091 + \$250,000 + \$250,000 = \$1,591,091$.

As a reminder of what our re-imagined building will be: We will create a new look from the outside, one that matches the era and style of our historic Moore House next door (think "carriage house" to complement the main house).

On the inside, we will be even more imaginative. We will create a flexible exhibit space that can tell the history of our county by day, and be transformed into a unique, accommodating event venue by night, with modular displays and interactive exhibits that can be moved to the walls, freeing up room for meetings, receptions, and town halls.

We haven't forgotten the space in between the Museum and the Moore House, either. We see this area as a perfect outdoor gathering place, creating additional possibilities and a unifying hub with the Museum, home and courtyard all working together and becoming a true center point for the community.

This new plan is bold and visionary, but also smart and realistic. It preserves our history while inspiring our community.

Your gift, of whatever amount, will help us continue our march forward — and truly make a great dream an even better reality.

Claire Rogers
Executive Director
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Rebuilding history by creating a unifying hub for our community

More than 50 years ago, residents and leaders of Fort Bend County came together to create a museum and to commit to telling the story of how our area came to be.

Thanks to their vision, we have a museum where that story is housed and a home where it comes to life.

Today, we are about to build on that vision, creating an even more inspiring place to tell new stories and reflect in new ways on our most enduring ones. More than a museum, we're looking to create an iconic, welcoming gathering place. Here's how:

- **An all-new museum exterior** – historic, welcoming, and architecturally similar to the historic Moore House located next door
- **Expanded galleries inside** – with the ability to tell more stories in memorable, compelling ways (growing from 1,200 static square feet to 3,000 flexible square feet)
- **Modular exhibit design approach** – enabling the space to be opened up as needed to become an event center with a unique historic flavor for groups, weddings, lectures and presentations (up to 150 guests comfortably seated, accommodated, and inspired)
- **More interactive exhibits** – where members, guests, families, and volunteers can explore and engage in a dialogue around diverse stories, voices, and perspectives
- **Enhanced outdoor patio space** – a functional and comfortable link between history museum and historic home, surrounded by decades old magnolia trees, and providing additional options for community gatherings and events

Turning vision into reality — beginning this year:

Building & Exhibit Renovation Needs: \$2,000,000

We are raising \$2 million to transform our museum and the courtyard next to it into a sustainable, functional, and historic community hub.

It will be a better place to celebrate our history, a more accommodating space for groups, a safer environment for our staff, and an iconic venue that says *this is what our county and our community is all about*.

With your help, we are confident we can preserve the history of Fort Bend County for the diverse range of citizens who call it home.

Sometimes, to embrace the past requires looking to the future. For those who preserve Fort Bend's history, appreciate it, and learn from it — now is that time.

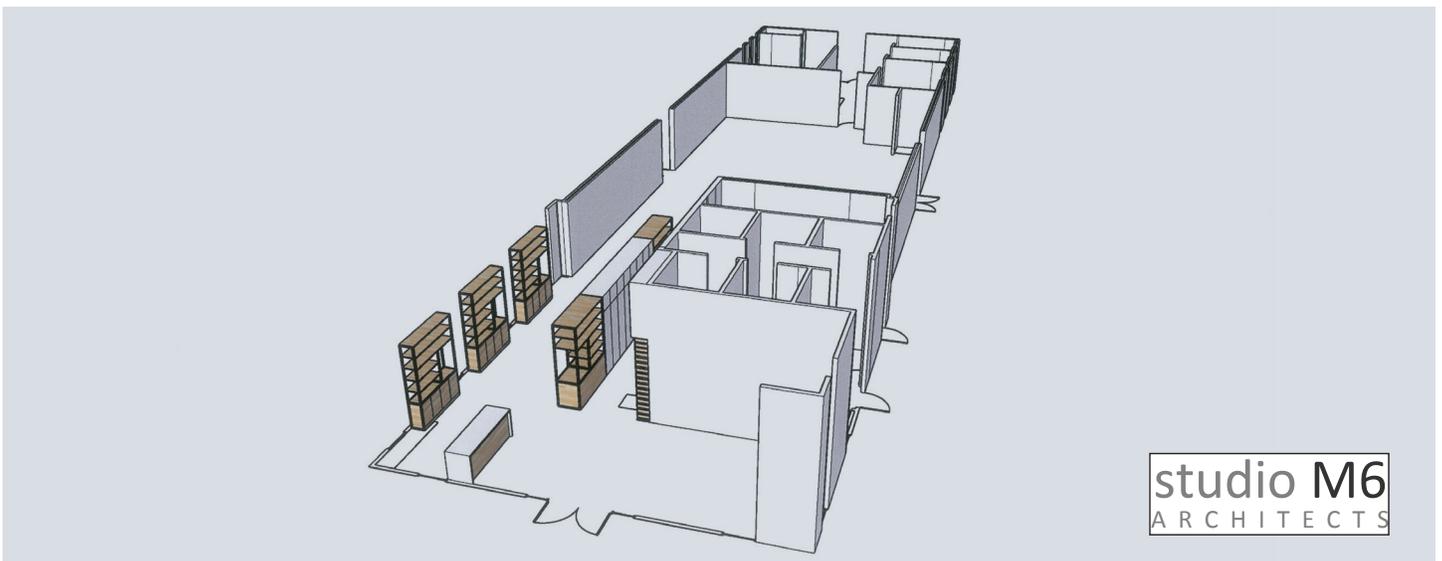
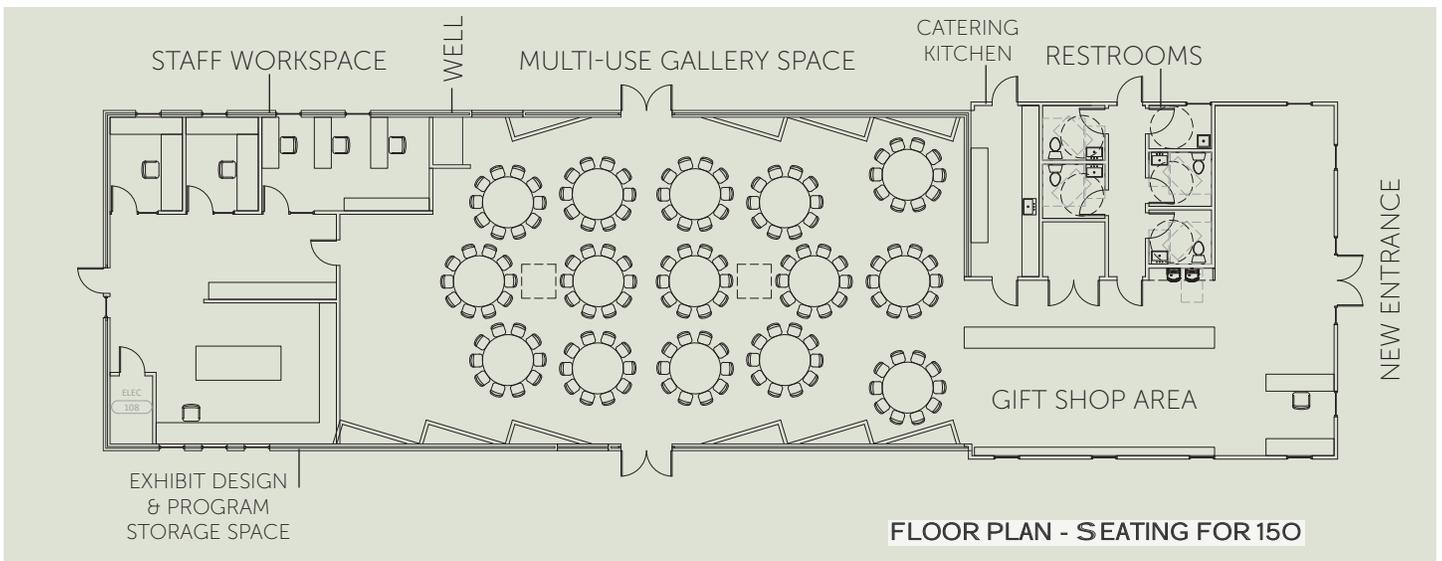
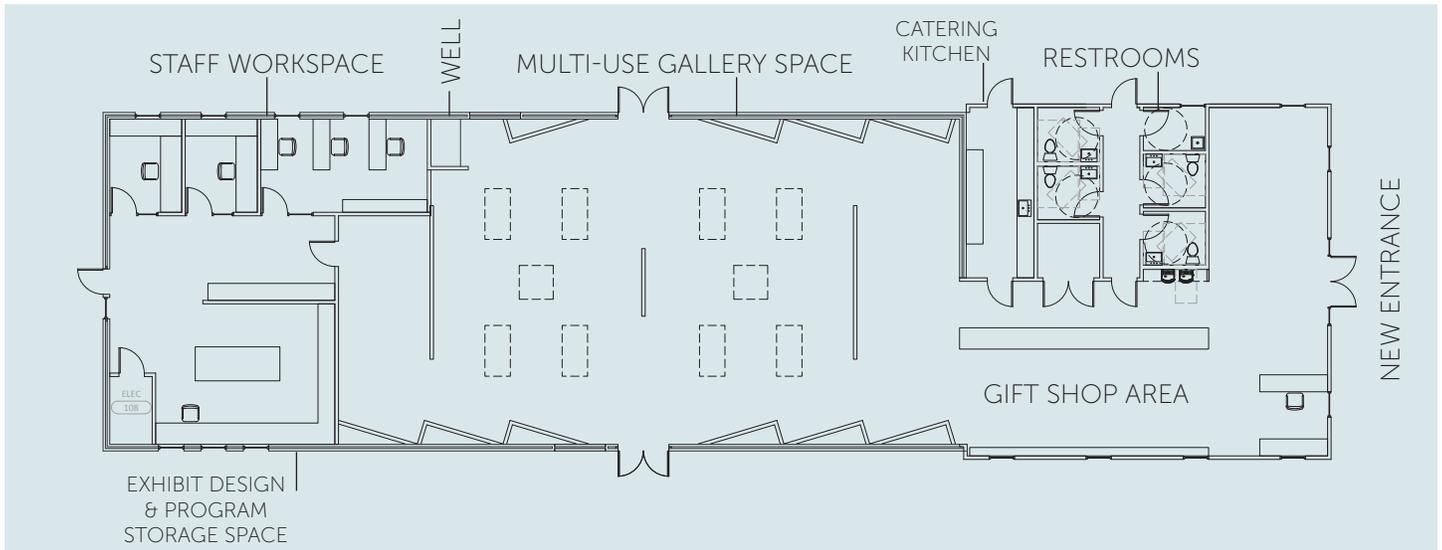


BUILDING DRAWINGS

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BUILDING DESIGN



IMPACT TODAY



11,712
Total visitors to the Museum in 2017

6,900
Adults and children reached as part of the Texian Time Machine and other community outreach programs



7,718
attended a school field trip at the Museum in 2017



THANK YOU
Fort Bend
Museum for
Lit was so much fun!

I had a awesome time
I've always wanted to learn about what we learned about today thank you
Coming you

Annual Events

Seasonal Lectures • Lone Star Stomp
Spring Break Programs • Tea Parties
Bites & Brews • Twilight Tours
Miss Ivy's Spooktacular Halloween Party
Candlelight Ball & Tours



NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

\$500,000

Two Available

Building Renovation
Exhibit Gallery

\$250,000

One Available

Building Extension

\$100,000

One Sold/One Available

~~Temporary Gallery~~ SOLD
Technology Package

\$50,000

Eight Available

Permanent Exhibits (5 available)
Multimedia (1 available)
Building Entry (1 available)
Courtyard (1 available)

\$25,000

Eight Available

Landscaping (1 sold, 1 available)
People & Groups Revolving Exhibits (6 available)

Exhibit donors will have first right
of refusal to renew support when
exhibit components expire.

\$10,000

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