



BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM PROJECT FACT SHEET

Centennial Fine Arts Center Ely, White Pine County

BACKGROUND

The White Pine Community Choir Association purchased the property in 1986. Formerly owned by the Church of Latter-Day Saints, the building served from 1927 to the mid-1970s as the Ely Stake Center. The building is now known as the Centennial Fine Arts Center (CFAC) and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The CFAC served as a venue for the performing arts from 1986 until 2017. The choir rehearsed and performed multiple concerts every year in the sanctuary area. The CFAC would also host traveling musical performances, quilt shows, art shows, local musical recitals, and children's theater events, in addition to using the basement as a gymnastics and cheer practice space.

In 2017, the choir changed its mission to preserve and renovate the building, which was beginning to show its age – the leaking roof was especially alarming as it led to the crumbling of interior plaster, cracked interior walls, etc. The major cause leading to the roof's deterioration was the harsh Great Basin weather coupled with the age of the roof. The building's historic status prompted the choir to reach out to local, state, and national organizations for technical and funding assistance.

Right before the COVID pandemic, the choir was able to secure enough funding to remove and replace the asbestos-containing roof through a subgrant from Nye County's Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund. However, in 2020, the pandemic halted the project. When the project resumed in 2022, the cost of professional asbestos removal and roof construction had significantly risen, leading to a funding shortfall. This prompted the choir and the choir's contractor to seek funding from the Nevada Brownfields Program to cover the shortfall. In 2023, the choir applied and was accepted for Nevada Brownfields Program to perform asbestos abatement activities on the roof of the building.

FUNDING

<u>Activity</u>	<u>NBP Funding</u>	<u>Date</u>
Cleanup	\$81,305	2023

CLEANUP

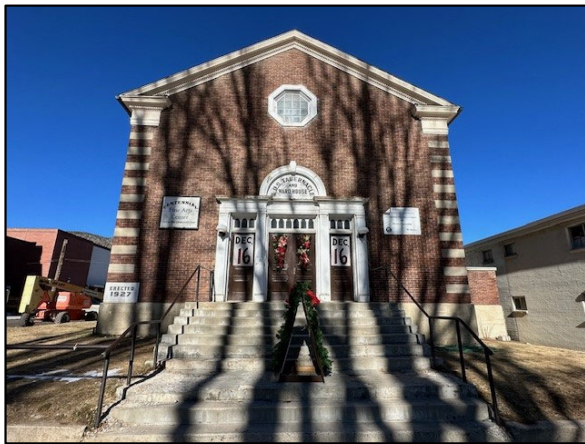
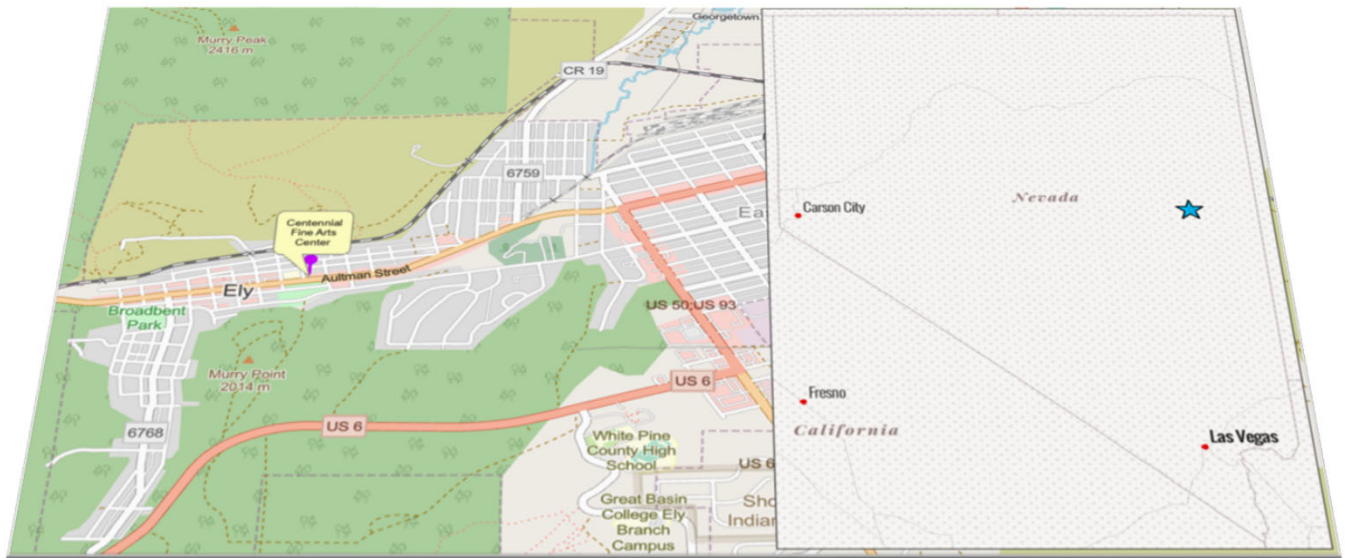
Asbestos abatement activities included removal and disposal of approximately 4,080 ft² of asbestos containing green and tan roofing tiles and associated black tar.

SITE LOCATION

- 910 Aultman Street, Ely, White Pine County
- APN: 001-199-06
- 0.17 acres

CURRENT STATUS

The choir continues to live up to its mission for the CFAC of preserving and restoring the building. Currently, the choir is working to stabilize the building's foundation using funding from various sources, including donors. Future projects include: 1) purchasing and installing an elevator for ADA access and constructing ramps; 2) repairing and replacing windows as needed; 3) replacing cracked cement between bricks, replacing front cement steps, and stabilizing masonry chimney; and 4) developing an interior restoration plan.



RESOURCES

To learn more about the Nevada Brownfields Program, visit:
<https://ndep.nv.gov/environmental-cleanup/brownfields>



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