



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1817

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The proposed project would supplement construction of the Possum Palace Community Center funded by the DEO Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and would provide interior renovations, parking improvements, stormwater management, and landscaping. During the bidding process, bids came in over the CDBG grant budget of \$600,000 and the town does not have funds in place to construct the items listed above. This request would allow the project to be constructed completely and allow for engineering/architectural inspections throughout construction to ensure funds are spent in the most beneficial way to address the needed upgrades.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	658,000
Total State Funds Requested	658,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	658,000	52%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	600,000	48%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	1,258,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

n/a

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds would be used to supplement construction of Possum Palace. This includes construction of interior renovations such as interior lighting and ceiling fans as well as site work, parking improvements, landscaping, and stormwater management. Additionally, funds would be used for engineering and architectural services required during construction activities.	658,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		658,000

12. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

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b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Engineering/architectural inspection services and utilization of various construction vendors would be required to complete the project and ensure funds are spent in the most beneficial way to address the needed upgrades. This request would provide much needed electrical components such as ceiling fans and interior lighting, stormwater management, parking improvements, and landscaping.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Possum Palace will be one of the only indoor facilities for public use within the Wausau community. The community center will provide an indoor space for events, classes, and trainings hosted by the public, town and county staff, various school extracurricular clubs, and will be the voting district precinct.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

Funds would benefit all groups within the town as well as the county and surrounding areas. More than 800 individuals would be served.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will



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be measured?

Upgrades to Possum Palace would provide an enriched cultural experience for people who attend events held at the facility. Ticket sales for established events and the number of events held at the facility would be an expected benefit. Improved education would be provided since the facility would offer training and educational seminars. An evaluation of ticket sales, number of events held such as courses, trainings, seminars, and attendance would be completed prior to and following construction. Transportation facilities would be improved by providing a paved parking area; an engineering inspection would be completed to evaluate improvements prior to and following construction. Construction would provide immediate job opportunities for the entire area; workforce interviews would be performed to determine the number of workers employed by the project. Stormwater management would be provided where none currently exists; a stormwater model would be completed to measure outcome.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

The town would award the contract through a bid process. The bid documents would address how liquidated damages for project overruns would be handled. The contractor would incur a cost per day for each day following a due date or construction delay which exceeds the contract timeline. The bid documents would require that the contractor provide performance and payments bonds, and a 10% retainer would be withheld to ensure issues are resolved or corrected in a timely fashion.

13. The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

The Town of Wausau is the owner and the entity.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

15. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization
b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- ☐ For Profit Entity
☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)
☒ Local Entity
☐ University or College
☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name
e. E-mail Address
f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number