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Left message for Larry Kalina told him that the grant request would be considered at next meeting

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GRANT APPLICATION

*Must be received in our office on or before the due dates below

Due Dates April 15th and October 15th

Date: April 11, 2016

Name of Organization (must match IRS 501(c)(3) designation) Fine Arts Committee of the Potosi School District

Address 128 Hwy. 61 North

City, State, Zip Potosi, Wisconsin 53820

Phone 608 - 763 - 2161

Person Responsible for the Grant Joci Grinde

Position in the Organization Volunteer

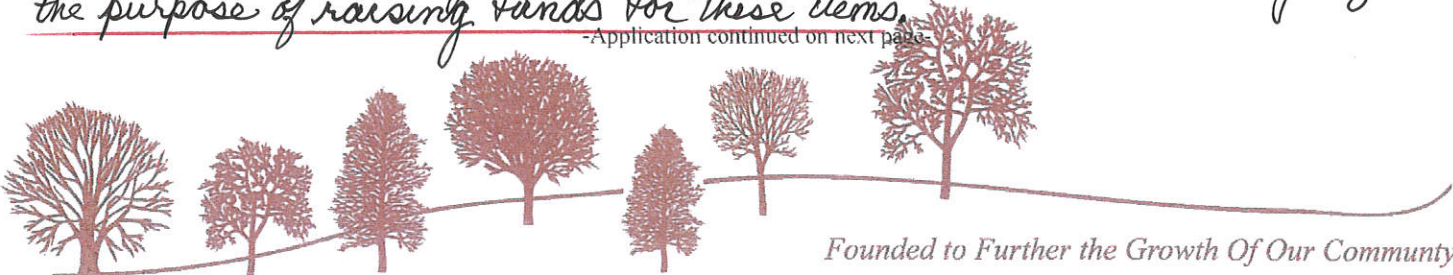
Organization's Purpose The Fine Arts Committee supports all the fine arts programs in Potosi Schools and the entire community. At this point the goal is to raise funds for seats, lighting, and sound system for a new auditorium.

This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ 10,000.00

Describe the reason for this grant request in the space below: In the fall of 2015, district residents approved a referendum for remodeling our school which includes a fine arts performing area and community auditorium. The referendum covers the construction and all major segments of this renovation. It does not however cover all costs for seating, stage lighting, or sound system for the new auditorium. The newly formed Potosi Fine Arts club has been organized for the purpose of raising funds for these items.

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Founded to Further the Growth Of Our Community.

Attachments to this grant that we find useful in considering your grant request.

- A. Supporting information.
 - 1. Specific use of grant.
 - 2. Time schedule.
 - 3. Other sources of funding.
 - 4. Describe the effect of postponing your request to another time.
 - 5. Describe who, when, how and where will the effects of this grant be felt.

- B. Your organization's history, activities, services, and composition. (Videos are of limited use.)

On attached sheet.

Applications are considered in June and December of each year. The corresponding deadlines are April 15th and October 15th. Concise grants that address the needed information are appreciated.

PLEASE SEND THIS APPLICATION TO ELMER G BIDDICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:

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1. Specific Use of the Grant:

The upgrading of our school will begin on May 15, 2016 and the auditorium will be part of that project with a fall of 2016 completion date. Existing space will be upgraded to include the performance space. This space will be utilized for classroom presentations, school and Potosi Community Band practice and concerts, graduation ceremonies, award programs and banquets, speakers and assemblies, plays and musicals, school board and community meetings and events, staff in-service, FFA events, forensics, and robotics competitions. Although the infrastructure for sound and lighting will be in place, specific equipment will be purchased in phases. The purpose of this grant to provide seating in the performance area, as seating cannot be done in "phases." People need a place to sit!

2. Time Schedule:

May 15, 2016 remodel/upgrades begun.

Sept. 2016 remodel completed. Infrastructure of auditorium in place

Oct. 2016 installation of seating, basic sound and lighting equipment

Nov. 30, 2016 all seating installed in time for Christmas concerts and elementary Christmas program.

3. Other sources of funding.

Referendum

Keith Livens donation \$400,000

Campaign to sponsor a seat (see included flyer) sent to district residents, alumni, school retirees, and vendors for the district

Monthly collection of scrap metal (Sanford Boys)

Refreshment sales at Community Band Summer Concerts in the Park

Singing Valentines

Community Band hog roast

Lions Club/Community Band soup supper

Drive 4UR School with Pioneer Ford (August 13, 2016)

We will be continuously doing fund raisers, writing grants and appealing to foundations.

GoFundMe account

4. Describe the effect of postponing your request to other times.

Without this grant, there is a good possibility we will not have all of the seats needed in time for the Christmas concert. Seats, including installation, will be approximately \$85,000, which although is only a small percentage of the entire project, must all be funded through donations, grants, and fund raising.

5. Our district serves 320 students 4K through high school and employees 52 people. Directly, or indirectly, all residents of the district are affected and can potentially use or benefit from the facility. In addition the Community Band of approximately 40 members ages high school through 70+ from several communities including Highland, Spring Green, Lancaster, Platteville, Mineral Point, Prairie du Chien, Dodgeville, and Cassville in addition to Potosi. They will use the space to practice and perform.

Teachers will be able to use the auditorium presentation for their class. Assemblies are now held in our gymnasium and it is difficult to hear speakers. The new facility will eliminate this problem.

As the performance area will have a permanent screen and audio visual equipment, the janitors or teachers will no longer have to set up a screen, roll in a projector, and pull out the bleachers. When the musical, play, or a concert is held, a stage must be constructed, risers brought in for the choir, and chairs set up, including some on risers, for the audience. The same process is necessary for graduation. Then everything must be taken down and stored. This takes a great deal of time for our janitorial staff.

Because all musical performances and the art show are held in the gym, physical education classes must meet elsewhere. In the winter, this means not having physical activity on the days the gym is tied up. On concert days, it may be for just that day, but it can be over a week when the sets must be in place for play practices. Practice for the play, which is a months-long process, are held in the cafeteria, which requires students move all of the tables and they are not really practicing in what will be their performance area until the last two weeks. The use of the gym by fine arts also affects athletics. They cannot hold practice at all if the weather doesn't allow them to be outside. This causes conflict between those students and adults involved in fine arts and athletics.

Performers and musicians will no longer feel like second class citizens with no space of their own. When they perform, they will be able to hear each other and will benefit by the opportunity to perform in an appropriate setting. We anticipate more students will be willing to join band and chorus when they see we value and appreciate their talent.

The space will also be used for FFA Events, forensics, and robotics competitions giving these participants a quality space to showcase their talents.

The annual, required All School Code meeting will be held in the auditorium. All parents of students in extra-curricular activities must attend this meeting. It can also be utilized for other presentations for parents, and the community at large. This will be a community space, not just used by the school.

B. Your organization's history, activities, services, and composition.

Potosi School District has been in existence for many years and has supported the fine arts through band, chorus, plays, musicals, and art shows. For all of these years fine arts and athletics have shared the gym. We formed our Fine Arts Club on May 1, 2015 in anticipation of the passage of a referendum that fall which would include space for an auditorium. The purpose of the club is to provide funding for the auditorium's seating, sound, and lighting systems, to provide equipment and resources for the program, to support opportunities for students to engage in the Fine Arts, and to sponsor events and activities to promote the Fine Arts. Currently, the committee is comprised of faculty, community members, and parents.



School District of Potosi



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April 7, 2016

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Dear Foundation Members:

Thank you for your consideration of our grant application on behalf of the Potosi School District Fine Arts Club. In addition to the application, we have enclosed the two brochures that have been sent to our district residents and potential donors.

We will be honored to acknowledge your donation by having your foundation name placed on our "Sponsor Wall" in front of the auditorium. Please know that your generosity will make a very positive difference in our community, school, and especially our students.

If you have any questions or need additional information about the project, please contact Larry Kalina, chairperson of the Fine Arts Club, at 608-763-2768.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Grinde

Gail Steiner
Fine Arts Club Grant Writers