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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: 4-9-2024

Name of Organization (must match IRS 501(c)(3) designation) Village of Montfort

Address 102 E. Park St. P.O. Box 157

City, State, Zip Montfort, WI 53569

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Person Responsible for the Grant Chuck Piper - President

Position in the Organization President of the Board of Trustees

Organization's Purpose To provide services to the community

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 \$ 20,000

Describe the reason for this grant request in the space below: The village would like to take advantage of an incredible opportunity, but we are in need of initial funds. Because the Biddick name has always been present in Montfort history, we are reaching out to your foundation for help. In the event that a new library space is achieved, we would like to consider naming it after C.C. Biddick, in honor of his service to the Montfort High School.

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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.)

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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Village of Montfort Community Building Improvement Project

Introduction

The Village of Montfort Community Building has been an important part of our community since it was built in 1937. However, the building has accessibility issues that seriously hinder our ability to serve the public. The municipal offices and the library are not on ground level. We have been striving to resolve this issue and bring the building up to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards. The village recently engaged UW Platteville Senior Design students to use our building as a final project. Plans to build a library addition, update the restrooms, and bring the municipal offices to ground level were presented to the village. Unfortunately, funding is always a problem.

We have recently been made aware of the Flexible Facilities Program, which is a product of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The state of Wisconsin has been awarded \$107 million for the Flexible Facilities Program. Funding is available for the construction of new, or renovation/ expansion of existing libraries, community centers, and multi-purpose community buildings. The grant does not cover municipal offices, but would cover improvements to the library and the community room. No matching funds are required for this grant, which is an exceptional opportunity for Montfort. The maximum grant amount for each project is 4.2 million. Awards will be made through a competitive application process. More information can be found at Wisconsin.gov Division of energy, housing, and community resources.

Description

Because FFP is an extremely competitive grant, we have been in contact with Ron Brisbois and Delta 3 Engineering. Joe Baillie from Delta 3 presented to the board during our March meeting. He expressed his opinion that this project would be a good candidate for the FFP grant. He feels that bringing the building up to ADA standards would score well. Being a multi-use building is also an asset. We would like to build a library addition in the corner of the "L" shape of the building that would have ground floor access. Additionally, the space currently occupied by the library could be raised to ground level by reworking the stairway. This area would become the village offices. The final portion of the improvements would involve reworking the kitchen and stage portions of the community room. The kitchen would be brought up to commercial standards, and an adjoining dining area would be created.

Budget

Delta 3 Engineering gave an estimate to write the grant and do the initial design work required to submit the grant at \$15,000 to \$20,000. The village does not have money in the budget for this type of expense. There is no guarantee that we will be awarded the grant. Furthermore, it does not cover municipal offices, so the village would need to fund that part of the improvements.

Impact

This project will enhance our ability to serve the community and ensure that the building can be used for many years to come. We hope to restore the Community Building to its former status as the heart of the community, increase library usage opportunities for people with disabilities, and increase use of our community room.

Flexible Facilities Program

- Provides Grant money for library renovation or expansion projects, including new buildings
- **Max grant amount is 4.2 million**
- Must also expand broadband and/or internet connectivity opportunities
- **No matching funds required**
- Focuses on supporting community empowerment, and adopting strong labor practices.
- Awards will be made through a **competitive application process.**
- Category A: New Facility Construction B: Existing Facility Renovation or Expansion
- The “Facility” must be a library, community center, and multi-purpose facility (excluding school facilities)
- Grantee Implementation/Performance Period; June or July (Tentative) 2024-November 30, 2026

Anticipating updates and
application release
in April or May

