

Ossipee Area Community Center

1. Executive Summary

The Ossipee Area Community center is seeking a grant for the amount of \$220,000.00. The proposed grant is to get the building space up to code and ADA compliant for \$120,000.00, to pay help pay the salary for an executive director for 1 year to open the space, to buy needed equipment for the operations of the center. And to start paying the rent on the space, as the space has been donated free of charge until the physical opening date, lastly the remaining \$20,000.00 is to help initiate our proposed projects for the residents and community.

2. Purpose of the Grant

We opened the community center to create a space where the community and all of its residents can grow and come together. We are currently a 501c3, registered with the State of New Hampshire and the IRS.

The community center has obtained 2,187 square feet of space to operate. The town has requested that we update the space to become ADA compliant for the disabled. We have had new plans drawn up for the space. We have also acquired an Electrician, a Construction professional and a Stone Mason to donate their time to update the building but, we will need to purchase all the materials which the architect has quoted to be around \$120,000. We have already completed some of the work such as painting and we have had a lot of items we needed already donated to us for center use.

Once the space has been updated, we will need to hire an executive director to run the center and implement all the projects we have in mind to help the community.

The center space has been donated until the day we can officially open the doors, then the owner of the building has requested a rental fee moving forward. Part of the proposed grant will to be to cover 1 year of the contracted rent for the space.

We would also like to purchase needed items that we have yet to be donated, such as a lockable file cabinet since we will be working with children and staff which is all considered legal private information.

Lastly, we would like the remaining \$20,000 to initiate a few of our projects and start getting the residents involved within the community.

3. Goals, Objectives and Action Plans

The Community Center will be a space where families, and residents of the community to come together to learn and grow. We plan to hold activities and events for all ages. We are working with other non-profits such as the Ossipee Concerned citizens, Ossipee, Old Home Week, Ossipee Main Street Program, Whitehorse Recovery Center and The Kingswood Youth Center. The Center will work alongside these non-profits and other to

expand the services in the community and to expand the projects they already have in place.

The Community center believes that the children in the community need to succeed in order for the town to grow. One of the projects we would like to start immediately is having Licensed Professional tradesman/women teach a class on their trade and have the children involve themselves in demonstrations. This opportunity will give the children options for careers in their future. If the children show an interest the tradesman can give the appropriate age children and apprenticeship to teach them the trade and to help them advance in the trade until they are professionals themselves. We are also planning to teach classes about cooking, sewing, finance and computers for all who are interested. Another projected program we will be starting is a family night for all interested. Considering Ossipee is categorized as low income, we would like to offer a night for families to come together for a movie or games with dinner included. With the grant money we would be able to initially offer these nights free of charge.

4. Timetable for Implementation

We would start immediately with the rehabilitation of the building. Once the building is complete and the town approves us to open we will open and start our projects for the community to learn, grow and enjoy.

5. Budgeted Grant Amounts

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| Building Repairs | \$120,000.00 |
| Rent | \$ 21,800.00 |
| Salary | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Equipment | \$ 8,200.00 |
| Program | \$ 20,000.00 |
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| Total | \$220,000.00 |

6. Evaluation

According to others centers in the state, programs such as ours have worked in their areas. We would like to see Ossipee and the surrounding towns also prosper and help the children succeed in all their endeavors in the future. There are no other centers in the area that are active at this time, so we do believe that what we can do to help will make a difference.