

The Florida House of Representatives
Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2022-23
For projects meeting the definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Town of Wausau - Possum Palace Renovations
2. Date of Submission: 11/17/2021
3. House Member Sponsor: Brad Drake

4. Details of Amount Requested:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request.

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2021-22 (If appropriated in 2021-22 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2022-23 (Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated	Recurring Base Budget	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds
Input Amounts:					565,000	565,000

- e. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2022-23 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request	565,000	100.0%	N/A
2. Federal	0	0.0%	No
3. State (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local	0	0.0%	No

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5. Other	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	565,000	100%	

5. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No

6. Which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue requested? Department of Economic Opportunity

a. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No

b. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

The Town Wausau will award the contract through a competitive bid process. The bid documents will provide for liquidated damage cost for the project. The project will also have a 5% bid bond and a 100% Performance Bond from the contractor in the event that default becomes an issue. The first phase of the project is under construction through a CDBG Project for \$472,000.

7. Requester:

a. Name: Margaret Riley

b. Organization: Town of Wausau

c. Email: townofwausau@bellsouth.net

d. Phone #: (850)703-9873

8. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project.

a. Name: Clifford Knauer

b. Organization: Town Engineer - Dewberry Engineering

c. Email: cknauer@dewberry.com

d. Phone #: (850)974-8815

9. Registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project.

a. Name: None

b. Firm: None

c. Email:

d. Phone #:

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

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- a. Name: Town of Wausau
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Washington
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Washington

11. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds?

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

12. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

These funds will be used to complete the renovation project for the Possum Palace and will include the interior improvements and sitework improvements that were not fully funded through the CDBG project that is under construction. The improvements include additional parking lot paving, sidewalks, interior renovations, and other structural improvements shown in the completed plans package attached.

13. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Amount Requested (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		

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<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The project design and permitting is completed. The additional funding would be for construction and inspection only. All development orders have been issued and building permits have been obtained to complete construction if the funding becomes available. The project is shovel ready.	565,000
TOTAL		565,000

14. For Fixed Capital Costs requested in Question 13, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete?

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

15. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

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16. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

a. Please Describe:

The Possum Palace improvements has been supported by the Washington County Board of County Commissioners and the Town of Wausau as well as a number of community groups that use the park and building on a regular basis. The building is used as a community center for events on a regular basis by Washington County and the Town of Wausau. The CDBG project is under construction.

17. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

No

18. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

The funding would allow the construction to be completed as shown in the plans and specifications.

b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

The Citizens will have better service with the construction of the Possum Palace renovations. The community does not have any other buildings of this size to host events such as Possum Day or community center gatherings by numerous clubs and associations throughout Washington County. Possum day often has over 10,000 guests and many of the building facilities do not meet current standards for HC.

c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups"). Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled

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- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe): All citizens of Washington County will be serviced by the facility

d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

19. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit or outcome
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	The Possum Palace will improve economic activity for the Town of Wausau and for Washington County as it is used for festivals, events, and celebrations of all holidays including Possum Day events that attract tourists from all over the panhandle.	The attendance to festivals, parades, and events will increase with improved parking, restrooms, and interior uses for the building that will be completed.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	The completed project will increase tourism in the region as a destination for festivals and events.	Increased attendance at events.
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe): Improved facilities for H/C and Elderly	The renovations will provide parking and restrooms that meet current H/C requirements that were not in place when the building was originally constructed in 1970. There has not been any major renovations in over 30 years on the building and the overall project will bring the building up to current codes.	The level of benefit will be measured by additional attendance to events.