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Community and Economic Development Grant Application FY2024-25 - Submission #1022

Name of Applicant Organization*			
City of Yachats			
Address*			
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City*	State*	Zip Code*	
Yachats	OR	97498	
Person Completing the Application			
Name*	Email Address*		
Rosa Marchand	commonscoordinator@yachatsmail.org		
Phone Number*			
5412724213			
Name of Your Project*			
ADA accessible bathrooms for Yachats Commons			
Total Project Budget*			
\$50,000			
This includes all anticipated sources of funding			

Amount Requested from this Program*

\$15,000

(max \$15k for Standard, \$60k for Impact)

-Pool of Funds Applying to*

0

Standard (\$15K Max)

0

Impact (\$60K Max)

Project Description*

This project is to build two ADA compliant bathrooms in the Yachats Commons, the community center of the city of Yachats, located in a former elementary school built in the 1930s. This building is in many ways the heart of the community used for many activities including preschool and afterschool care for children, exercise classes, civic and regional meetings, and large community events including the annual Mushroom Festival and Celtic Music Festival. As an older building the Commons is not ADA compliant with the new standards that provide sufficient room for scooters and larger wheelchairs. In addition, with only one bathroom, performers must "wait their turn" with everyone else. These two new bathrooms will be a significant step towards making the building accessible and comfortable to all. The work to create more accessibility in Yachats began in December 2022 with a grant through Travel Oregon to bring forth a travel website, specified for the needs of disabled travelers. The project to create the "Wheels of The World" website was completed in 2023. We are continuing our efforts by proposing this project to make the Yachats Commons accessible and to open up accessible travel to Yachats. US Americans with accessibility needs spend \$23 billion every year on travel and Yachats is working to welcome those travelers. By making the Commons more accessible, we open the opportunity for a wider audience for community activities. This in turn, creates a higher revenue stream that flows through all the businesses in Yachats directly affecting our immediate economy and ability to retain jobs.

What is the project and what will it do for community and/or economic development? What tangible items or results will the project deliver? How will the success of this project be judged? IMPORTANT: This fund is not intended for staff or operations. Please describe the economic impact of the project and how it creates or retains jobs in the community.

Funding*

In addition to the \$15,000 asked for in this grant, we have three other sources of funding. The City of Yachats has agreed to contribute \$27,250; the Yachats Chamber of Commerce \$1,750; and Polly Plumb Productions, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization active in bringing and managing events to Yachats has agreed to \$6,000. The total budget for the project is \$50,000, of which the partners will be contributing \$35,000. All these funds are committed.

If applicable, please describe status of other funds which you plan or have applied to and whether received. Please give the name of the fund, source of the funds, and when you expect to received an answer regarding funding availability. Also, list any other funds for which you have applied but were not funded. How much did you ask for, from whom, and why was the application not funded?

Collaboration*

This project is a collaboration between the City of Yachats, who owns and manages the Yachats Commons building, the Yachats Chamber of Commerce, which promotes tourism and local business development, and the nonprofit organization, Polly Plumb Productions, who is the first to hear the complaints when events run into problems. The City chose to work with these partners because both groups have a vested interest in developing the Commons as an accessible facility for community and economic development activities.

If applicable, please list who you are collaborating with and why.

Viability*

While it will be difficult to come up with actual metrics to measure the success of the two new bathrooms, their absence has been an ongoing problem for many years. This will be addressed by the completion of the two ADA accessible restrooms. We expect both bathrooms to be constructed and ready for use by May 1, 2025. After the bathrooms are opened, the city and the Chamber will jointly promote the new accessibility features on their website along with other accessibility efforts. The new website information will be created and posted by June 30, 2025. There will be no need for additional project funding after the end of the grant period as the city provides maintenance for the building.

How will the success of this project be judged? State success measures and timeline. Will this project need ongoing funding? and how will this be secured?

Desired Start Date*	Desired End Date*
5/2025	8/31/2025

At least one letter of support is required for an Impact application.		
Name of Chief Executive*		
Bobbi Price		
Γitle*		
City Manager		
Chief Executive Email*		
citymanager@yachatsmail.org		
Tax ID Number*		
93-0556954		
Type of Applicant Organization*		
Municipality ~		

Budget Documents*

Letter(s) of Support

Please submit as a PDF file

Final.pdf

2024 Yachats Commons ADA Bathrooms - Project Budget -

City of Yachats ADA Accessible Bathrooms at the Yachats Commons - Project Budget

Revenue	Cash	In-kind	Total
Lincoln County Communty and Economic Development Funds	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
Polly Plumb Productions: cash and in-kind	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$6,000
Yachats Chamber of Commerce: cash and in-kind	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,750
City of Yachats: cash and in-kind	\$23,250	\$4,000	\$27,250
Total Revenue	\$41,500	\$8,500	\$50,000
Direct Expenses			
Two ADA bathrooms - Framing, drywall, painting, and interior			
finish	\$11,000	\$0	\$11,000
Two ADA bathrooms - Electrical work: Bid received from All			
Electric on 11/2/2024. Work includes installation of exhaust			
fans, plugs, lighte, and two new circuits into the existing breaker			
panel.	\$6,500	\$0	\$6,500
Two ADA bathrooms - Plumbing	\$18,000	\$0	\$18,000
Two ADA bathrooms - Hazmat abatement	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500
Two ADA bathrooms - Permits and fees	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
Polly Plumb Productions (Bayview Construction): Construction			
Supervisor as in-kind services	\$0	\$3,500	\$0
Yachats Chamber of Commerce (Chamberlin Architect): Project			
design, ADA regulations, preliminary drawings as in-kind services	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
City of Yachats: Project coordination, community engagement,			
grant reporting as in-kind services	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
Administrative Expenses			
City of Yachats: Bookkeeping and accounting as in-kind services	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
Total Expenses	\$41,500	\$8,500	\$50,000
Surplus (deficit)	\$0	\$0	\$0
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November 8, 2024

Dear Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Funds Decision Makers:



The Yachats Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the City of Yachats's application to build two ADA accessible bathrooms at the Yachats Commons. The Chamber hosts multiple community development events at the Commons that draw visitors from across Oregon. Our events also support the economic development of local artists, lodging establishments, and restaurants. The partnerships that we have with the City of Yachats and other community organizations to keep the Commons active and thriving make the Commons the "Heart of the Community".

The mission of the Yachats Chamber of Commerce is to promote, protect, enhance, and expand economic vitality and the quality of life in our unique coastal community. One of our priorities in recent years has been promoting tourism in our community to visitors with mobility differences. In 2022 we participated in a technical assistance project funded by Travel Oregon to identify opportunities for improving accessibility in local businesses. Yachats is proud to be a part of an ever-growing community of accessible destinations on the Oregon Coast. Most of our businesses can accommodate the diverse needs of our visitors. We feel it is important to offer new ways for our guests with special needs to enjoy life off the beaten path.

Examples of accessibility efforts that we have implemented are that we now offer an all-terrain rig to visitors and the public for use in the area at no charge. Through our partnership with Wheel the World, we also offer a listing of establishments and venues that are guaranteed to be accessible https://wheeltheworld.com/accessible-travel/usa/oregon/yachats.

We are delighted that the City of Yachats is planning new accessibility projects for the Yachats Commons. Adding two new ADA accessible restrooms at the Yachats Commons will offer new access to patrons, volunteers, and staff who have mobility differences and who have been excluded to activities that are held at the Commons due to lack of restroom facilities that meet their needs.

The Yachats Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center's contribution to the project are as follows:

- \$750 cash
- Dave Chamberlin, a local architect and Chamber volunteer, has donated his services to create a design for the restrooms that meets current ADA accessibility standards. The value of the in-kind donation is \$1,000. Mr. Chamberlin owns D. Holmes Chamberlin Jr. Architect LLC.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to bring new community and economic development assets to our community.

Nichola Widzka Lippincott
Nichole Wutzke-Lippincott, Chamber Director

November 4, 2024

Dear Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Funds Review Committee:

I am a citizen of Yachats. I bought my first property in the city in 1989 and moved here full time in 2005. I served for six years on the Yachats City Council. I was President of the Yachats Ladies Club for nine years. I am currently the President of the nonprofit, Friends of Yachats Library. I am on the Yachats Area Chamber of Commerce and Polly Plumb Productions board of directors. I own a small at home bookkeeping business that serves several businesses and nonprofits in the area. I am active in the community and support many activities throughout the year.

For the last four years I have been confined to a power scooter and I rely on it for getting around my home as well as any outdoor and community activities. The lack of accessible restrooms at the Yachats Commons restricts my ability to participate in most events and presentations. The turns required to enter the current restroom, and the handicapped stall, do not accommodate my chair. I am unable to enter the restroom. Any use of the building must be timed to meet my bathroom needs. I'm sure I am not the only Yachats resident or visitor to the building that has encounter these same difficulties.

I am very much in support of the City of Yachats application to build two ADA accessible restrooms at the Yachats Commons. I look forward to being able to participate in events again.

A public building that is used as a community and event center and advertised as handicapped accessible very much needs to provide accessible restrooms. This is a long overdue project.

I hope the application for Community and Economic Development Funds is accepted and we can enhance the usability of the Yachats Commons and make it truly handicapped accessible.

Sandy Dunn

Sandy Dunn



November 3, 2024

Dear Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Funds Decision Makers:

The Yachats Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the City of Yachats's application to build two ADA accessible bathrooms at the Yachats Commons. The Chamber hosts multiple community development events at the Commons that draw visitors from across Oregon. Our events also support the economic development of local artists, lodging establishments, and restaurants. The partnerships that we have with the City of Yachats and other community organizations to keep the Commons active and thriving make the Commons the "Heart of the Community".

The mission of the Yachats Chamber of Commerce is to promote, protect, enhance, and expand economic vitality and the quality of life in our unique coastal community. As this effort has grown and matured, so have the needs of the Yachats Commons itself.

Our goal is to create a functional and comfortable environment in which all are welcome.. We are now hoping to bring to fruition an upgrade that has been in the works for a few years. Our current wish is to add another set of restrooms, and to make these two new units ADA accessible to offer new access to patrons, volunteers, and staff who have mobility differences.

In this facility, which at times holds as many as 400-500 people at once, there is one set of ancient elementary school style restrooms to accommodate the entire building. Patrons in a wheelchair or scooter are unable to access the current restrooms (even though at one time they were deemed ADA compliant). Sharp turns limit access to the stalls and the stalls are not large enough to accommodate scooters.

Our current plan is to construct two additional restrooms at the opposite end of the building to serve as both a set of dressing room/restrooms for performers and better ADA accessible restrooms for the public.

Polly Plumb Productions contribution to the project are as follows:

• \$2,500 cash

 As owner of Bayview Construction and PPP Board member I will donate Construction Supervisor services as an in-kind donation with a value of \$3,500. I have been responsible for overseeing several construction projects at the Commons.

Thank you for your consideration,

Stephen Farish,

Yachats Celtic Music Festival Director and PPP Board member

