



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3547

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project, Possum Palace Phase II, will consist of renovating and a continuation of the Possum Palace phase I. This project will consist of exterior and interior renovation. This will add new fixtures for the building adding visibility and security. This phase will also incorporate new ceiling fans to help cool activities during the summer events. The Possum Palace also currently doesn't have many dedicated parking spaces available. The Town, with this money, will also improve drainage on site and dedicate a parking area with ADA approved parking to allow accessibility for those wishing to attend events at the Palace.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,325,500
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,325,500</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,325,500	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>1,325,500</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?
- a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.
- b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

ARPA - \$198,000 to cover budget shortfalls.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
  Design
  Construction
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2024

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

The Town of Wausau.

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Permitting, Survey, Design, Construction, CEI	1,325,500
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,325,500</b>

### 14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

To update the existing Possum Palace with interior and exterior renovations. To equip the Palace for a more gather-friendly environment and to host more Town events.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

This funding will cover the permitting, design, inspection, and construction of the Possum Palace phase II.



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**c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?**

Have a place where not only Possum Day Festival is held, but a place the city can use for other events. Have proper drainage and parking in place to accommodate more activities in the future.

**d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?**

The Town of Wausau has a total population of 375, but the Possum Day Festival brings in many people from all over to enjoy the event.

**e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?**

To have a place that accommodates all who attend the Palace for any event the Town has there. Also to improve the drainage and parking around the Palace. The total number of individuals attending the events.

**f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?**

The Auditor General audits for both the Town and State agencies. If this project is not completed within the requirements outlined in the grant award, the funding may be withdrawn,

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

**a. Organization**

**b. Municipality and County**

**c. Organization Type**

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**

**e. E-mail Address**

**f. Phone Number**

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**



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a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number