

The Fairbury Parks Department is proposing a Community Center Rehab Project to make upgrades to the community center. The Community Building, originally built in 1978, is an important community facility that houses the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging Senior Center, Nutrition Site and transportation headquarters, along with providing a location for indoor sporting and community events. This once highly utilized facility has seen a significant reduction in users and is starting to show its age. It is in need of upgrades and repairs that will improve the site and make it possible to expand the center's use. We are proposing an \$80,000 – \$100,000 project to add or improve:

- Energy efficient lighting
- Energy efficient windows
- Flooring
- Sidewalk
- Interior paint
- Gym floor resurface
- ADA assistive devices and doors
- An indoor walking track
- Volleyball and pickleball courts
- Gym floor protectors to expand the use of the gym for large events
- Senior Center Programing

In addition to making budgeted upgrades to the center the city is also applying for AARP and Kiewit grants. AARP's grant request for \$25,000 has been submitted and we are awaiting response. Preapplication has been submitted to Kiewit requesting approximately \$20,000 and they have responded that they are interested in the project and encouraged the city to reach out to community stakeholders for commitments of local support and grant matching funds. For that reason, the scope of this project will be dependent on community support along with the total grant dollars and matching funding received. We have begun collaborating with the school and other civic organizations to support the upgrades and provide intergenerational educational opportunities and we are encouraged by the community wide support we have already received from Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, Fairbury Public Schools, FYI center, Fairbury Public Library and Jefferson County Veterans association, all of whom are volunteering their time and assistance with advertising, event programing, installation of sidewalk and ADA assistive devices. We are now reaching out to individuals and businesses seeking support to help fund the proposed upgrades. Grant matching funds are directly proportional to local support and donations of any amount are appreciated. Tiered levels of sponsorship will be made available and donating businesses and individuals will be recognized in the chamber letter, city website, newspaper and permanently at the site.

- \$1 - \$999 - Name listed on the website and in the chamber newsletter
- \$1,000 - \$4,999 – Name listed on the website, in the chamber newsletter and in a newspaper ad
- \$5,000 and up – Name listed on the website, in the chamber newsletter, in a newspaper ad and on a plaque to be located in the Community Center

Donations to the Fairbury Civic Foundation are tax deductible as allowed by IRS charitable giving guidelines.

If we are able to secure match funding support from the community by **May 27th, 2022** we will submit final application to Kiewit with a potential project start date of June 29th, 2022 and completion date no later than June 29th, 2023.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! PLEASE HELP US GET THE WORD OUT! If you or anyone you know of would be interested in helping us improve and expand the use of the community center please let us know at your earliest convenience so that we can proceed forward with securing additional community support and matching grant funds.

For questions contact Laura Bedlan at the Fairbury City Office at 402-729-5261 ext. 2 or send donations to:

Community Center Rehab Project
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