



City of Columbus, Wisconsin
Tourism – Room Tax Fund Reimbursement Grant Application

Applicant Name: Amy Jo Meyers

Organization Name: City of Columbus – Recreation Department

Applying for: Total of \$947.80 to help offset costs to replace worn-out tables and carts to improve guest experience at the Fireman’s Park Pavilion.

Use of Funds: To ensure the Fireman’s Park Pavilion continues to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all guests, we are requesting funding to help us purchase the following:

- **Rectangular Folding Tables (\$1,019.40):** 12 new 8-foot rectangular folding tables at \$84.95 each to replace worn and unstable units.
- **Storage Carts (\$1,824.00):** 3 Replacement carts designed to safely hold and transport tables and chairs, ensuring longevity and ease of setup for events. New at \$608.00 each.

These improvements total \$3,998.75 and will not only enhance the comfort and safety of our visitors but also improve the efficiency of event setup and breakdown, supporting a broader range of community and tourist-focused events at the Pavilion.

The Recreation budget is no longer part of the City’s General Fund. This means that if we spend \$20, we must generate \$30 in revenue to offset that expense. While the total budget for the Pavilion of \$21,600 may seem high, \$13,000 of it is designated solely for cleaning, with the remainder reserved for necessary pavilion maintenance and repairs. Because these costs must be covered entirely by our own revenue, we are requesting support from Tourism to help with extras.

With this grant purchase, it probably makes more sense to investigate adding folding tables. As of right now, the Pavilion has 38 rectangular tables and 22 round tables. Adding six-foot or eight-foot folding tables to replace the old tables would be beneficial as they could easily be stored in both janitors' closets and would not require a cart. Additionally, these folding tables could then easily be rented out from time to time and easily moveable on our end. I would suggest ordering 8-12 folding tables.

Secondly, the pictures don't really highlight the problems with the carts. The carts need to be only for chairs or tables. The carts that do both are not in the best condition as they have far distances to travel and carry too much weight. The casters, metal brackets, and cables have had to be replaced multiple times. With



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that in mind we could use three table carts with casters that are anchored with four bolts on each one. There probably only needs to be one chair cart ordered.

The Fireman’s Park Pavilion is a key community and tourism venue, hosting events that attract both residents and a significant number of non-resident visitors. Our Fourth of July celebrations, Oddfellows events, and private rentals such as weddings and quinceañeras consistently draw visitors from outside our city, contributing to local tourism and economic activity—what is often referred to as “heads in beds” for nearby accommodations and spending in local businesses.

The pavilion’s current tables, chairs, and carts are worn and in need of replacement, limiting the comfort and overall experience of guests. Upgrading these amenities will enhance visitor satisfaction, support larger events, and continue to drive non-resident attendance, directly benefiting the local economy.

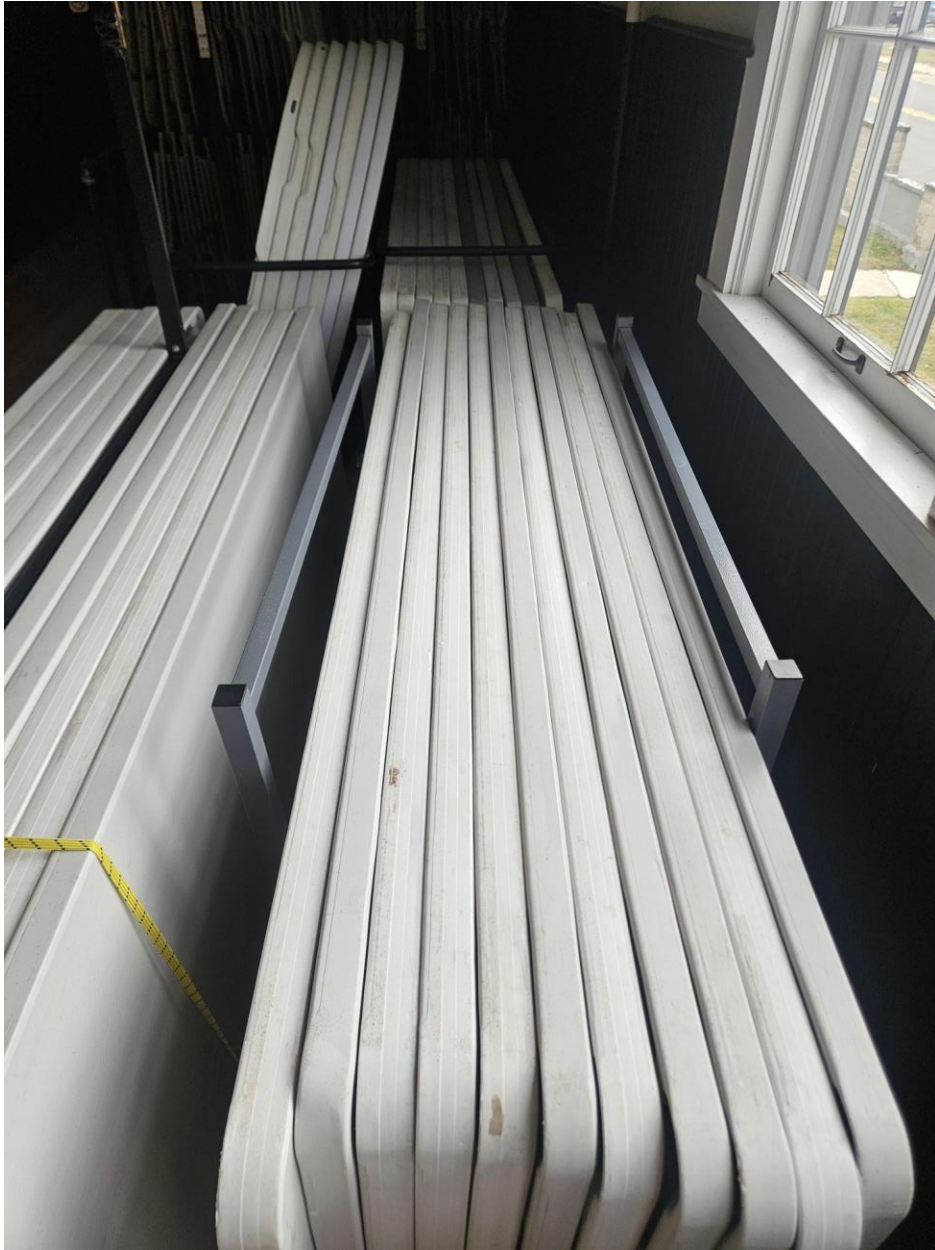
In the past, the Tourism Commission has recognized the importance of these types of improvements and has provided funding for similar enhancements, understanding that investments in event infrastructure help attract visitors and increase regional tourism activity. Replacing the pavilion tables and carts aligns with this mission, ensuring the Pavilion remains a welcoming, attractive, and functional venue for both community and tourist events.

Supporting Materials:

- Photos of current tables and carts
- Display and cost of proposed tables and carts



Current Tables and Carts





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Proposed Tables and Carts



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Product Overview

- ✓ Durable, black powder-coated steel construction
- ✓ Holds up to 84 folding chairs
- ✓ 4" casters offer easy mobility
- ✓ Space-saving storage and transport solution