



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

Applicant Name: Barbera Oelke

Organization Name: Wyvern's Trove

Applying for: Total of \$466.67 in Event Funding to help offset cost of producing a new summer crafting event with 2026 focused on celebrating the semi quincennial anniversary of the United States.

Use of Funds: Wyverns Trove is creating a new summer crafting event. This year, the theme will be "USA250 Birthday Party". In future years, it will have different themes if it is sufficiently successful. We estimate event cost totaling \$1,400.00 that includes fabric and other craft materials of \$1,000.00 and advertising costs of \$400.00.

Besides free cake and special quilt displays at the museum during the two-day event, we will be hosting a sew-in / paint-in for the National Quilt Project (which kicks off this July and concludes in 2030). We'll have no-sew options such as fabric painting and glue-on beads, etc.

It is easy for kids and adults and the more quilt blocks Columbus generates, the better it acts as publicity for the city. The project will include regional events featuring traveling quilt sections prior to the Washington DC display on the National Mall in 2030. We plan on working with the Public Library, Community Center, and School District to create more Columbus themed squares and can share any leftover craft materials with them or use them for future events on the same theme.

We plan to be a sponsor for the 4th of July book as well as trying other advertising venues. We are in contact with the Wisconsin Historical Society, which is collecting / distributing info on US250 themed events around the state, but we don't yet know if there is a cost. Paper newspapers and sponsorships are the primary costs other than the printing supplies we have left from last year's events.

Supporting Materials:

- None