



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

Applicant Name: Barbera Oelke

Organization Name: Wyvern's Trove

Applying for: Total of \$2,833.33 in Development Funding to help offset cost of acquiring air conditioning to improve the Wyverns Trove event facility to host tourism events.

Use of Funds: Wyverns Trove is planning to spend up to an additional \$8,500 this year to update heating and add air conditioning (AC) to allow for more indoor summer and winter events. Wyverns Trove continues to upgrade its event space and has recently replaced one of its two heaters to allow for indoor winter events. The lower-level heater was replaced this year after it failed on New Years eve and costed \$6,000. Most of the maintenance costs are utilities, but Wyverns Trove budgets around \$5,000 a year for basic maintenance and minor repairs.

The project that we are applying for reimbursement on involves new AC that must go in when the new heater goes in for the upper-level event space. Although the AC is a separate unit outside, they are inline, as they are attached inside the museum. The estimate doesn't break it down. Online listings for just the AC run \$2,500, plus labor, which may be included while replacing the heater. We're getting quotes for the heater and are currently assuming it will be similar in price to the one recently replaced.

Wyverns Trove is working on a summer quilt show that features sewing and painting activities celebrating USA 250 and looking to AC before the July event. Fans and open windows aren't enough when the temperatures are hot and sunshine last for several days in a row. We would have had to cancel last year's September event if the summer heat lasted another couple of days. We might be able to add an August event in future besides being just open more often. No one wants to come inside the museum in July or August without AC, so we only have lower-level meetings.

Supporting Materials:

- None