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**Formstack Submission For: Tennessee State Museum
Capital Maintenance Grant Application Disaster Relief**
Submitted at 01/13/25 9:34 AM

Legal Name of Organization:	The City of Kingsport
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Museum Address (if different):	853 Bays Mountain Park Road Kingsport, TN 37660
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Organization Type:	Affiliated with a government entity
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For this grant, museums are defined as a public or private nonprofit agency or institution organized on a permanent basis for educational or aesthetic purposes, which by utilizing a professional staff, owns or utilizes tangible objects, cares for them, and exhibits them to the public on a regular basis.

The Good Shepherd Nature Center at Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium and the Farmstead Museum in Kingsport, Tennessee, meet the definition of a museum as outlined in the grant criteria. They serve educational and aesthetic purposes by preserving, interpreting, and showcasing tangible objects of historical, cultural, and natural significance. Through a professional staff, these institutions maintain a commitment to the care and public exhibition of these objects. Their activities directly align with the fundamental elements of a museum: permanent organization, educational and

Describe how your organization meets the definition of a museum. :

aesthetic goals, tangible object collection, and consistent public engagement.

Was your organization affected by Hurricane Helene? :

Yes

Hurricane Helene caused significant damage to Bays Mountain Park in Kingsport, Tennessee, leaving a trail of destruction in several areas. The most severe impacts included damage to structures, including the roof and balcony, and various tree-related hazards. Animal habitats were crushed, but thankfully there were no injuries or loss of life.

One of the primary sources of damage to Bays Mountain Park was the impact of falling trees, which caused extensive harm to park buildings, particularly to the roofs of structures. Large, mature trees were uprooted or broken by the high winds, and many fell onto the park's buildings, damaging the roofs. These trees punctured the roof's surface, creating holes and allowing water to seep in, leading to significant water damage inside the buildings. The roof damage was severe enough that it required immediate attention to prevent further structure deterioration and to avoid additional water intrusion.

Describe the storm-related damage to your organization. What related projects would be funded or partially funded by the Capital Maintenance and Improvement Grant? :

The most severe water damage occurred in areas where trees fell directly through the roof. This caused water to pour into the buildings, damaging the interior, including walls, ceilings, and flooring. The water damage further exacerbated the issue, requiring costly repairs and restoration efforts. The moisture also posed a risk to the structural integrity of the affected buildings, as prolonged water exposure could lead to mold growth, wood rot, and other secondary damages that could compromise the safety and usability of the structures. The affected areas needed extensive cleaning and drying

to prevent long-term damage from the water intrusion.

In addition to the damage to the roof, several trees fell onto balconies in the park. The weight of the trees, combined with the strong winds, caused significant structural damage to these outdoor areas. The trees not only broke railings and decking but also caused damage to the supporting structures of the balconies. Some areas were left completely unusable, and the damage was so extensive that the balconies required full repairs and rebuilding in some places.

Has your organization applied for TEMA or FEMA funds for this project? :

No

Estimated Total Project Budget:

289705

Amount of Funding Requested (Minimum \$5000):

150000

Estimated Date of Project Completion:

Temporary repairs to mitigate additional damages and provide a safe environment to the public have been completed. Final repairs will be complete by June 30, 2026.

Documentation of damage as described in application. Examples of this include photographs of damage, inspection reports, etc. :

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Attach a copy of your organization's Project Budget:

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Estimates, Quotes, or Invoices for Project :

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Attach a copy of the general operating budgets for the last three completed fiscal years for your organization. :

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Copy of the IRS letter indicating your eligibility for nonprofit status under the applicable provision of the Internal Revenue Code.:

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