

Community Need, Engagement, and Impact

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1. Community Need and Project Impact

1.a. Community Need - Describe the Negative Community Impact of COVID-19

“The ultimate resource in economic development is people. It is people, not capital or raw materials that develop an economy.” Peter Drucker

A sustainable economy is built by the people who live in it. To create a sustainable economy, a community must **first** invest in its people. In the area where the ICL Community Center is to be located, our community was built on a strong sense of Sisu-the fortitude and strength to survive in the far western end of the U.P, where winters are often seven months long and earning a living usually meant going underground into the iron mines or into the dense forests to log.

Today, long after the mines have closed and the logging industry has declined, this community still prides itself on its Sisu to survive in the face of adversity. Yet we also need the resources and spaces that help to create a positive environment-one that supports its people in building a sustainable, thriving economy. Those resources and spaces are lacking.

And the pandemic only served to exacerbate that lack.

What Needs to be Addressed?

The need to support economic development

Tourism is a major driver of economic development in Ironwood and the surrounding communities. Many of our businesses, particularly those located in the downtown area where ICL is located, are mom-and-pop or small businesses with 15 or fewer employees. The halt of travel and business restrictions/closures during the pandemic, particularly for those depending on the tourism industry, created a significant impact on families and businesses that continues to be felt today. Despite our city’s proactive leadership, recreational industry growth, and infrastructure improvements like our downtown outdoor City Square, the loss of large area employers such as the Ojiway Correctional Facility has hit our local economy hard. Every organization needs to define ways to assist in working toward a positive future. Currently, there are no accessible, 21st-century community centers or spaces where our residents and visitors can come to conduct work, find information, entertain/educate their children, and learn about the community, all in the same center.

The need to attract new families/workers/ entrepreneurs to our community

The western U.P. has seen a decline in the labor force for the last three decades, due to the aging of our population and outmigration. While outmigration slowed during the pandemic, so did the migration of people to the U.P. (Gogebic County’s population dropped from 16,427 in 2010 to 14, 380 in 2020.) Over 28% of our population is 65 and older. The reopening of

businesses following the pandemic has demonstrated how badly we need to attract new employees, with stores, restaurants, and service industry businesses often having to modify hours and/or services due to a lack of staff. There are currently 117 unfilled postings through the Michigan Works office serving Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, the highest we have seen in over 9 months and quickly approaching the highest level we've seen at 124. A large retail chain moving to the community within the next several months will be looking for approximately 60 additional people. The potential Copperwood Project at the former White Pine Mine site would require 400 additional employees. Attracting these potential employees requires the community to create places, spaces, and resources that offer value to those considering moving here.

The need to retain our young people

Along with attracting new people, we need to create opportunities for ***those already here***. To retain our young people, we need to make sure they feel they have the support they need to succeed. They need to see a positive, healthy future here, in the way the community perceives their value and provides the opportunities they need to grow.

These opportunities are lacking, particularly for youth who may struggle due to a variety of issues, from dealing with poverty, understanding their identity, lack of interest/ability in traditional school-related activities such as sports, etc. They deserve a safe, welcoming space to explore their interests and find the tools they need to maintain healthy, positive habits that help them to create a positive future.

Currently, programs for our children and teens are held in our 122-year-old basement, which is not accessible, struggles with water issues, and is not able to be renovated in any significant way to improve upon its use.

The need to offer resources to lift people out of poverty

36% of the households in Gogebic County are considered ALICE households (10% more than the state average) and in Ironwood, where the community center site is being proposed, 63% reach the ALICE threshold. While the pandemic may not be the only factor in the rate of poverty/near poverty in our community, it has helped to highlight the need for resources and places that recognize the needs of those households.

Two of the top three employment sectors in Gogebic County are in manufacturing and retail trade, two areas with traditionally poor earning potential and often little room for advancement. A significant portion of these workers are paid by the hour and are more likely to have fluctuations in income and fewer benefits. *The health and well-being of a community is directly related to the socioeconomic condition of its residents. Positive, accessible spaces that can provide opportunities to improve that condition are not available in our community.*

The need to support our vulnerable populations

Gandhi has been quoted as saying, "The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members." 2022 Census population estimates for Gogebic County showed 28.9% of our residents being 65 and older. Seniors face a complex set of needs and must balance a loss of earnings, increased health concerns, service shortages, decreased mobility, and limited housing options. The pandemic only underscored the vulnerability of the

health and mental well-being of our seniors, particularly those living on limited incomes or struggling with mental/physical decline. When social interactions shrink, as they did during the pandemic, seniors are the first to be put at risk. (The 2021 UP District Health Assessment showed that 25% of persons in the U.P. have been told by a medical care provider that they have some form of dementia.

The need for healthy spaces

The need for 21st-century community centers has only become more important since the pandemic when people feel less safe in crowded, poorly-ventilated buildings. People worked from home and often were seen parked outside of ICL to utilize Wi-Fi. (We also saw families doing the same, as students needed to complete homework online) The end of the pandemic has seen people continuing to work outside of the traditional office, and we have started to see people moving here because they no longer need to be within driving range of their employer. (During the pandemic, people discovered our community due to the ability to be somewhere less crowded, in an area that offers cross country, biking and hiking trails, ski hills, and other outdoor activities just outside of almost everyone’s door. We are now seeing those people considering a move here.) The need for public workspaces that offers private quiet space with all the resources they need to work remotely is critical to attract these satellite workers to our community.

ICL Community Center

The ICL Community Center will be a resource that can help to meet these needs. By creating a warm, engaging, universally designed 21st-century center, enhanced through its connection to a beautiful historic library, our community center will offer a multitude of vocational, cultural, recreational, and educational opportunities working toward creating thriving, healthy residents who are excited and prepared to create a thriving, sustainable *economy*.

1.b. Community Need - Describe Community Economic Need

- List the median wage of your community on the chart below and identify if it falls below the average state median income level.
- You may use the information provided by the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics median household income at the city/township level.

Median Household Income in Michigan Townships and Cities Sourced from the 2017-21 American Community Survey and the Median Household Income spreadsheet

Community	Number of People	Median Income	Above or Below State
Gogebic County (county where ICL is located; project will serve entire county)	14,319	41,948	Below
Erwin Township (current service area)	326	57,188	Below
Ironwood Township (188 HOUSEHOLDS with current non res. cards)	2,333	59,911	Below
City of Ironwood (current service area)	5,387	30,755	Below

1.c. Community Need - Impact

The pandemic:

- Made it necessary for all of us to look at what community means and how our organizations can better serve it.
- Created an opportunity for Ironwood and the surrounding communities to rethink their approach to economic development and to each other.
- Showed us that we need to be more resilient and adaptable in the face of change. It has also shown us the importance of supporting local businesses and connecting with our neighbors.

The Ironwood Carnegie Library has often been called “the community’s living room.” We are not only a source of information, but also a source of the community itself. The Community Center will provide all sectors of our community a place to connect-- place where personal and economic growth can take place and help to create a healthy, strong, thriving community that attracts new residents, new businesses, and new ideas.

The Community Center will:

- 1. Attract new people/potential businesses and employees to our community**
- 2. Develop and support a strong workforce through educational opportunities, assistance, and resources.**
- 3. Partners with local employers and organizations and offers space to conduct activities**
- 4. Create an environment where families feel comfortable and able to access information and resources that help their children to grow and thrive**
- 5. Help our youth feel valued and supported**
- 6. Respect and recognize the contributions of our older adults and provide them the opportunities they need to age with dignity and support**
- 7. Is welcoming, inclusive, and offers a variety of experiences-vocational, recreational, and cultural-to be anticipated and enjoyed by everyone**

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC IMPACT

The pandemic saw a dramatic loss of revenue, particularly for small and family-owned businesses such as those in our community and downtown. ICL, as a historic building and a current operating library, acts as an amenity to the Downtown district on several levels. The Community Center will attract more visitors to the downtown area with its resources and its connection to a beautiful and historic building. The center is near the area's largest chamber of commerce, the City Square and children's splash pad, and Michigan Works! Visitors will also shop/dine in downtown locations. Proximity to the Community Center can mean greater revenue for retailers. It will also be a community amenity where people moving to or visiting the area stop to:

1. Seek information on lodging/dining/area businesses/events/housing
2. Access WIFI and/or public computers, and hot spots, particularly when lodging in areas

- outside of the city near ski hills, where high-speed internet may not be available)
3. Find research information on local history/genealogy/family
 4. Find recreational, cultural, and educational programs and activities
 5. Locate a quiet space for work
 6. Utilize our resources and spaces for their children to study/play/relax

The Community Center will offer visitors, tourists, and potential new residents a destination for their visit: one that has both the historical significance they enjoy as well as a 21st-century community center that offers them access to supports, services, and programs they need and want when visiting and ultimately relocating to Ironwood and Gogebic County.

ICL COMMUNITY CENTER AS A TOOL TO GROW OUR LOCAL WORKFORCE/FIGHT POVERTY

Access to information is a key factor in fighting poverty, including:

- Knowing what tools are available to accomplish one's goals
- Having access to the tools to accomplish goals
- Finding the support to learn to use those tools

For families fighting poverty and struggling to survive because of unemployment/underemployment, the Community Center will create space and access to support where they can conduct job searches, find assistance to complete resumes, and have access to training for basic literacy, technology use, and job-seeking skills. The community center space will also provide a setting for businesses/organizations to reach job seekers, distribute information, and conduct off-site interviews.

RETAINING OUR YOUTH

Providing educational and recreational opportunities for students and their families creates better communities. Community Centers and the activities they offer our young people help them to feel valued and care about by their community. The Community Center will help students to develop their interests, explore their talents, and learn new skills. It will also provide opportunities for students to give back to their community and make a difference in their own lives and the lives of others. There are no youth centers in any of the cities located in our community. The community center can become the place where youth have programs and space to gather and socialize in a safe, supervised setting.

The Community Center will expand community-based programs and opportunities. These include:

Parent Resource/Early Childhood Center-currently is contained in a small former cloakroom and houses parenting books, educational toys, games, and puppets. The center will offer a larger area and making it accessible will support more families and allow more types of programs and activities.

Young Authors and Illustrators Group-we have worked with students in grades 2-6 and often hold it off-site at the local school. When conducted here, we push in book bins in our children's area and conduct it in the middle of the children's room. The Community Center will be able to offer this to more youth, particularly those who are homeschooled or attending schools other than the Ironwood Area School.

The Awkward Stage Youth Drama Club-ICL co-facilitates this group with our local theatre, and these students in grades 6-12 use ICL to for planning meetings and social activities. So many of these students feel marginalized and "on the fringes", and this group (founded in 2014) had been instrumental in changing the lives and building the self-esteem of the members.

Summer Reading/After School Programs that also incorporate events and activities that are open to all students. Writing groups, story times, and book talks will continue to help students improve reading skills that were lost during the pandemic or those prevent "the summer slide" in reading skills.

Home School Niche-while homeschool families are regular visitors and users of ICL having dedicated space for library programs and projects will off additional support to this significant portion of our population.

MiSTEM Network Partnership-with increased ability to offer hands on activities as part of the network and by working hand in hand with the Gogebic Ontonagon Intermediate School District.

AGING POPULATION

The community center will also put a special emphasis on serving our older residents and the families who care for and about them. A community that cares for its most vulnerable populations is one that provides supports that help them to remain healthy, safe, and whenever possible, to age in place, at home.

We will expand our caregiver resources and create a space where older adults, particularly those who may be struggling with cognitive decline, will be able to use services that respect their dignity and special ability.

Programs for older adults, as well as programs dedicated to caregivers, will be a key component of our new center.

Our capital project will create a 2,500 square foot Community Center attached to our library that is accessible, universally designed, and able to offer a multitude of programs and services to all ages. An additional 2,500 square feet of space in the newly constructed basement area will have the potential to be used to generate future income for the library through space rental, helping us to achieve sustainability.

Ironwood Public Housing/Pioneer Park .4 miles Some residents walk to the downtown while others may take Public Transit, drive, or ask a friend/family for rides

Assuring Access

Our winters are long and often harsh, and street parking can be limited and often hazardous due to snow accumulation and banks. Creating easily accessible off street parking will be a priority of this project.

While we are a small organization in a small community, we maintain hours that assure everyone can visit our library. We currently remain open after five pm two nights per week and are open each Saturday morning, year-round. We often hold programs during the off hours and will continue to adapt the schedule to best meet the needs of all who are using our spaces.

We also assure that our programs and events are open to all, with no need to have a library card to attend any of the events we offer. This assures that residents from across Gogebic County can access our programs.

2.d. Community Demographics - Support of Poverty Task Force Goals

By its very definition, a public library is open to all, and by redesigning our historical building and creating a community center with public and quiet spaces, we can build upon our current programs and create new opportunities for our residents, organizations, and business community. This project will help us provide a multitude of resources and services to improve the economic condition of the community we serve, prioritize learning and literacy for all, and offer enriching opportunities for our vulnerable populations. Our ability to support the effort of Michigan Poverty Task Force's goals will be through programming to support: economic development, employment resources, access to resources to assist those struggling with poverty, and educational/cultural/recreational opportunities to help create a strong, healthy, thriving community.

Libraries are the ideal space to create community centers to support those who need it the most. The reasons why are many:

- **Access to information is essential for economic empowerment.** We allow people to learn about job opportunities, financial resources, and educational programs that can help them improve their lives.
- **Libraries are cornerstones of communities and play a vital role in economic development.** Libraries provide access to information, resources, and opportunities that can help people find jobs, start businesses, and improve their quality of life. We provide job fairs and employer presentations, and career workshops, and offer space for virtual and in-person interviews.
- **Libraries also play a role in attracting tourists and visitors to communities.** Tourists often use libraries to plan their trips, research local businesses, and connect with the community. ICL is also a destination for visitors because of its historical significance as the oldest continually operating Carnegie Library in the state of Michigan with most of its original beauty having been preserved or restored. Those visitors often remain in our downtown area to shop, dine, and explore our parks and other historic buildings.

- **Libraries are key components in a community's effort in early childhood literacy strategies.** Providing social and learning opportunities in an accessible, inclusive, safe, and cheerful environment and working with local educators and social service agencies to provide opportunities for families to experience the joy of play and reading are key to improving the social, emotional, and physical health of our "littles" and their families.
- **Libraries are especially important for families fighting poverty.** We provide access to job training programs, financial assistance, and other resources that help families get back on their feet.
- **Libraries are non-threatening places to offer support for economically disadvantaged or vulnerable populations.** In addition to access to social opportunities, newspapers, magazines, etc. at no cost, libraries can also be distribution centers, sites for health screenings, etc. ICL has offered classes on health aging, held voucher distributions for seniors/low-income residents to obtain food at our local farmers' markets, and conducted a variety of programs for all ages.
- **Libraries promote early childhood development.** Through early literacy programs and services for children and their families, such as story time, book clubs, and parent-child workshops, children develop early literacy skills, such as vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency. Parents have an inviting, nurturing place for family time, and often access other resources that may be unavailable to them at home (Wi-Fi, computers.)
- **Libraries are the very definition of social inclusion.** Public libraries were created to provide access to information to *all*.

By creating this community center and doing some redesigning of the current space, the Ironwood Carnegie Library will be able to expand programs that support the community's needs in the areas of sustainable economic development, lifting people out of poverty, early childhood literacy, and serving our older/vulnerable populations.

3. Community Input and Partnerships

3.a. Community Support - Stakeholder Input

What kind of stakeholder and community input did you have in forming your project idea?

The City of Ironwood's Comprehensive Plan is shaped by the values, opinions, and interests expressed through the community engagement process. The plan was developed through the city with input from the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority, Ironwood Economic Development Authority, and Ironwood Parks and Recreation Committee (these groups have representatives of a diverse group of area businesses and organizations) as well as public input from community members during public hearings.

The project for the library in its current phase has been developed after recognizing that past plans for additions to the library no longer meet the needs of the library as a 21st-century resource and community space in a world that has experienced the pandemic. Discussions with patrons and local

business leaders and organizations, as well as discussion and input from the Friends of the Library group and library board, were used to develop a blueprint that helps to accomplish some of the goals of the City's Comprehensive Plan and allows ICL to create a Community Center that serves not only residents of Ironwood and surrounding townships but residents of Gogebic County and visitors to our area.

We are continuing to seek community-based input at this time through community conversations taking place through our Transforming Communities Project targeting older adults and through the UM School of Information Community Based Survey scheduled to begin this fall.

Provide examples of documented stakeholder and community input, including letters of support.

Name	Attachment
Friends of the Ironwood Carnegie Library-Carol Erickson- President	Letter of Support-FOL.pdf
Gogebic County Public Transit-James Oliver, Director	Letter of Support-Gogebic County Transit.pdf
Gogebic Ontonagon Intermediate School District- Michelle Trier, Literacy Coach	Letter of Support-GOISD.pdf
Gogebic Community College-Jennifer Sabourin, President	Letter of Support GCC.pdf
Ironwood Chamber of Commerce-Michael Meyer, Director/DIDA Member	Letter of Support-Ironwood Area Chamber.pdf
Resolution of Support from Ironwood City Commission	Resolution for Support-Ironwood Carnegie Library.pdf
Gogebic Ontonagon Community Action Agency-Head Start Renee Pertile	Letter of Support-GOCAA Head Start.pdf

While not a requirement for funding, is this project part of a community plan? Yes No

3.b. Community Support - Strategies to Welcome Community

INCLUSIVENESS

The inclusive and democratic nature of public libraries is the very foundation of what they are, and by their very definition serve the diverse needs of all people, regardless of their background, identity, or preferences. The Ironwood Carnegie Library, located in our city center, has long been considered the community's living room, and its patrons and visitors reach across the lifespan and socio-economic status. Everyone is welcomed, respected, and included in all we do. We are a safe and friendly space where people feel welcome when they walk in the door. *

Our city and our library embrace the concept of a diverse and inclusive culture, and in April of 2022 the city created a new division, the Human Relations and Equity Committee, to address issues such as the review and revision of city policy to reflect our commitment to being a community that respects and serves all. The library helps to facilitate a virtual Diversity Matters Reading Group open to all and constantly works toward maintaining a collection that reaches and interests all sectors. These values will be reflected in all that we provide and do in our proposed community center space.

CHILDREN/YOUNG ADULTS

Offering our young patrons a library that is warm, welcoming, and enjoyable has been our

priority for decades. If a child feels good about where they are and what they are doing, they want to come back. When that place is a library, they find a home that offers them a chance to learn, to experience new things...and to have fun. And even those who may be reluctant readers often *become* readers. Studies prove that reading helps youngsters to learn empathy and become more engaged in their communities. We have worked very hard over the last decade to create an atmosphere and a library that welcomes our children and offers an amazing calendar of programming; we have experienced record numbers of youth taking part in programs post-pandemic. The new community center will be a testimony to our children that they deserve a place to dream, to discover, and to become all they can be.

OLDER ADULTS/VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Over 28% of our community is 65 or older, and our current patron base reflects this. We maintain an excellent collection of audio and large print books, as well as deliver books to those who are unable or unwilling to travel to the library. Our community space will be a place for seniors to socialize and meet new people in a setting where they can relax and chat and attend programs that bring people together.

Recognizing, too, that the aging of our community means that many people (seniors and otherwise) have found themselves in the role of caregiver, we will be able to comfortably house memory kits, games, etc. in a dedicated area as we help them do all they can to care for a loved one at home.

Our center will also help us as we work toward becoming a dementia-friendly library. By creating an environment that is accepting and supportive, people with dementia and the people who care for and about them can feel more comfortable seeking out the resources and services they need. This can lead to increased engagement and a greater sense of community for those affected by dementia.

The community center will also make certain that, in both physical layout and in the programs taking place here, those persons with differing abilities find a place where they are comfortable and welcomed. Currently, we offer a book club for adults for adults with developmental challenges, and expanding or adapting future programs to ensure that all feel included will be a priority.

Low Income/Poverty

Rural, isolated communities face unique challenges. Poverty and lack of resources limit access to educational and employment opportunities, which further contributes to income inequality and perpetuates the cyclical effects of poverty. Unmet social needs, environmental factors, and barriers to accessing health care contribute to worse health outcomes for people with lower incomes. Life often feels hopeless. The community center will operate with the same values that the library practices every day: *you belong*. Libraries are the great equalizers and the Community Center will be the same.

**It is critical that we acknowledge here the lack of ethnic diversity of the Upper Peninsula overall, both in reality and perception. The UP is 89% non-Hispanic white, with nine counties*

including ours being greater than 90%. This, however, means we need to be even more cognizant of what we do and how we do it, particularly in a community that may be unaccustomed to cultures different from their own.

3.c. Community Support - Project Partner List

- What programs and partnerships currently exist that support your project and assist individuals with accessing services?
- What new programs or partnerships will be engaged to support your project and assist individuals with accessing services?

List project partners that are part of your project. Include type of partner (Partners could include - Local Government, State of Federal Agency, Regional Planning Group, Nonprofit, Community Foundation, Regional Planning Agency, Volunteer Group, School, College or University)

Project Partners

Organization	Contact Name	Type Partner	Ways Partnering	New or Existing
MSU Extension/Gogebic County 4H	Erin Ross	Nonprofit	Joint programming	Existing
Ironwood Area Schools	Travis Powell	School	Programming	Existing
Historic Ironwood Theatre	Zona Wick	Nonprofit	Programming, Youth Drama Club	Existing
Gogebic Community College	Glen Ackerman-Behr	College or University	Programming, Work Force Development	New
Friends of the Ironwood Carnegie Library	Carol Erickson	Volunteer Group	Fundraising	Existing
Gogebic Ontonagon ISD	Michelle Trier	School	miSTEM Network	New

Capital Project Grant and Program Grant Narratives

There are two additional sections of the grant application. Determine which sections you need to complete.

1. **Capital Project Grant**
 - If you are only requesting Capital Project funds, you only need to fill out the Capital Project Grant Narrative Section. Your request cannot be for more than \$2,500,000.
2. **Program Grant**
 - If you are only requesting Program funds, you only need to fill out the Program Grant Narrative Section. Your request cannot be for more than \$2,500,000.
3. **Capital Project Grant and Program Grant**
 - If you are selecting to receive both Capital and Program funds, you must fill out both remaining sections. Your request cannot be for more than \$2,500,000.

Select Project Type

- Capital Project Grant
 Program Grant

Capital Project Grant Narrative

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Capital Project Grant Narrative Section

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The following application questions must be answered if applying for capital improvements.

1. Capital Project Description

1. Capital Project Description - Overview

The Ironwood Community Library Capital Improvement Project is a significant investment in the future of Ironwood's downtown and the entire community. Ironwood, and the community it serves, lack an adequate community center space for activities that help to build a sustainable economy while helping our residents, young and old, to thrive.

The community center will provide a space where people can learn, connect, meet, and create. It will also help to attract new businesses and residents to the community, providing space for workforce development, early childhood literacy and youth programs, resources and programs for older and vulnerable adults and those who care for and about them, and more. Persons struggling with the effects of poverty will have a center that offers resources and opportunities to access services and supports. The space will have resources and programs offered that are available not only to library patrons but to the entire community.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT

In 2014, the city of Ironwood adopted the City Comprehensive Plan, created through the DIDA to help us guide the development of a more harmonious, economic, and efficient use of land, to promote public health, safety, and general welfare, to assure adequate transportations systems, utilities, and recreations, and assure efficient use of public funds. The planning process engaged not only local government, businesses, and organizations but also the public to help guide our community to a better future.

Our plan is a working, guiding force that uses our historical heritage, our rustic and natural beauty, and our Finnish "sisu" (grit) for economic development that benefits all who live and work here.

One of the plan's goals addresses community facilities, which includes the ICL. The plan recognizes the library **specifically** as a valuable public site, and similar to modern-day retail environments, discussed its need to change and adapt to consumer behavior.

City of Ironwood Comprehensive Plan Goals in Relation to Community Center Project

Goal 7.5 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Provide quality, efficient, public buildings and facilities that meet the daily needs of current and future residents, employees, and visitors of Ironwood while retaining

historical character, adapting to modern technologies, and promoting a great quality of life.

Policy 7.5.2 Explore opportunities to increase energy efficiency and operational efficiencies through building upgrades, technology upgrades, and site improvements.

. Policy 7.5.4 When appropriate integrate historical interpretation and preserve historic architectural elements in the planning and implementation of public facility improvements.

Policy 7.5.5 Encourage and support the preservation of the neighborhood character and function of public facilities from a geographic context

The renovation of ICL has been discussed in 2007 and 2015. Input from the public, strategic planning, the library board, and Friends of the Library took place to consider the needs of the community the library serves.

The library also has worked with the State Historic Preservation on a project that helped to preserve many of the architectural details and completed much needed repairs in 2016. (Consult with SHPO will be a part of our plan as we move ahead with our capital project.) With the pandemic, the closure of the library and the gradual re-opening saw a shift in the way our library was being used. Curbside services, the need for access to high speed internet for school work, and social distancing once the library re-opened-all of these things created an even greater awareness of what our space lacked, and what our community needed.

When ICL was able to finally begin conducting "business as usual" after the pandemic, we have seen an explosion in people wanting to once again gather-to come together for programs and events that interest them. One example was the number of people attending our Great Michigan Read Author visit in 2022 (over 100 attendees) which had to be held at another location due to lack of space. Our summer reading programming came back in full force in 2022, and again we saw record numbers of families coming back to ICL then and in 2023 as well. While we often utilize our back yard for programs when the weather is the need for healthy, well ventilated, larger spaces became even more evident. Parents and program attendees most often rate our programs as being excellent but talk about the need for more room to comfortably handle the number of persons taking part.

The use of space also has changed. While we still see people coming to use our public computers, we now see so many more coming with their own devices to use the library's Wi-Fi (which many discovered during COVID when they sat outside in their cars accessing it to do homework or to register for unemployment insurance when businesses closed), printers, and scanners.

Other organizations are also seeing the benefits of utilizing space at ICL to recruit employees, distribute food vouchers, and conduct grant-funded programs for children in a setting where the already are-the library.

All of the input we have gathered, pre- and post-pandemic, has reinforced our commitment of ICL to create a community center for not only the residents of Ironwood but the surrounding community in Gogebic County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Community Center Project will add space and redesign some of the the existing library to better serve the community's needs and assist in our community's economic growth. The project will include the following, complying with the requirements of a historic building while assuring universal design is utilized to create an accessible, welcoming, and user-friendly environment for all who enter our doors. The community center will serve as a wonderful addition to our beautiful historic Carnegie, creating a clean, accessible, universally designed space that allows 21st-century activities to be enjoyed by all at a location that celebrates the history of our community.

The project will provide:

- Increased space for public computers and job-seeking resources, including classes/presentations for basic literacy development, job-seeking skills, employee recruitment/job fairs, etc.
- Increased space for the Early Childhood Resource Program and children's/teen resources, moving them into a new addition from their current non-accessible century-old fieldstone basement location.
- Space for senior services and resources, which are currently contained within a very small area in the non-fiction room that has no space for seating or programming.
- Quiet area/room for those seeking a spot to work, conduct job interviews, etc.
- Public space for gathering, for larger programs, and for meetings
- Teleconferencing technology for long distance learning, job interviews, etc.
- Main-level accessible restrooms
- Off-street parking area
- Energy-efficient heating/cooling and lighting
- Exterior public garden seating area
- Increased security
- Revamping of current space to flow with new area, promote accessibility, workflow, and universal design
- Updated plumbing/electrical as required for new design

2. Capital Project Description - Community Impact

Libraries have always helped **their residents maneuver complex issues, from navigating the health system to helping those with housing needs**. This role has influenced our library programming and events, and we offer information, support, and connections to health, housing, employment, literacy, and other areas. The role of ICL in increasing a healthy, thriving community through education and support will be accomplished much more effectively through a community center space where to conduct current and future programs and activities.

Project Goals: The goals of the Library Capital Improvement Project are to:

- Create a 2,500 square foot community center space addition, with a 2500 foot basement area, prioritizing accessibility and universal design, to better meet the needs of the community, especially students, job seekers, senior citizens, children, and families.
- Promote a sustainable and thriving economy through activities provided by the center
- Increase the library's capacity to provide diverse and innovative programming by creating spaces that are specific to the needs of each program while being multipurpose enough to adapt to the changing needs of the community
- Enhance the library's offerings to provide more opportunities for learning, creativity, and connection.
- Attract more visitors to our downtown and our library.

Project Benefits: The benefits of the Library Capital Improvement Project will include:

- A more welcoming, inviting, safe public space for everyone.
- Increased access to information and resources for job seekers, students, and entrepreneurs.
- Better accessibility for all, particularly older adults and those currently unable to utilize our building due to physical challenges.
- A space for community-based programs and presentations.
- Space for collaboration between different groups such as students, businesses, and community organizations.
- A boost to the local economy by attracting more visitors to the downtown area as well as new residents to the community
- Improved quality of life for residents of all ages.

3. Capital Project Description - Programs Offered and Beneficiaries

This project will touch the lives of almost every sector of our community, including

- Current library patrons
- Residents of Ironwood and the surrounding communities in Gogebic County
- Unemployed/underemployed workers
- Persons struggling with poverty
- Older and vulnerable adults
- Youth
- Businesses and civic organizations
- Tourists and visitors to our community

Having a community center where a wide variety of programming and services can take place for virtually anyone will allow all of our residents, especially our low-moderate income families, children, older adults, marginalized populations, and job seekers a space and the support they need and deserve to improve their quality of life and the life of their community. A community center will help to attract potential employees, businesses, and entrepreneurs and be a valuable tool in creating a vibrant, sustainable economy for the people who call this U.P. community home.

Programs

- Workforce development programs, including basic literacy training, resume writing, and job seeker support
- Job fairs/employer presentations
- Senior/dementia-friendly programs including arts, crafts, cultural, and social activities conducted by the library or other organizations such as MSU Extension and Aspirus Health Systems. Caregiver Support Programs to information and resources to those caring for or about an older adult. These will be conducted by organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association.
- After-School and Summer Programs for youth ages 0-18, including story times, art, and STEM programs offered by the library and other organizations such as Gogebic Community College, North Lakeland Discovery Nature Center, and Gogebic County 4-H.
- Early Childhood Literacy Programs including Cuddlebug Story Times, playtime, and educational programs for parents.
- Recreational and educational programs

4. Capital Project Description - Objectives and Activities (1)

Objective: New: To help 150 job seekers reach their employment goals through programs and resources offered in the new community center space.

Activity	Responsible Staff	From Date	To Date	Expected Outcome	Measurement
Create a Job Seekers' Niche with computer access, appropriate software, resources and books	Lynne Wiercinski	10/01/2026	09/30/2027	50 persons will access the Niche	Computer Access Sign In
Provide 2 six week sessions of Basic Literacy and Technology Courses for unemployed/underemployed participants	Lynne Wiercinski	10/01/2026	09/30/2027	25 persons will complete the course	Attendance Sheets
Host 3 Employee Recruitment events	Lynne Wiercinski	10/01/2026	09/30/2027	3 Employers will participate 75 persons will attend the events	Attendance Count Number of Resumes/Applications completed

4. Capital Project Description - Objectives and Activities (2)

Objective: To provide 60 families with early childhood literacy education and programs that create thriving children/families.

Activity	Responsible Staff	From Date	To Date	Expected Outcome	Measurement
Expand our Early Childhood/Parent Resource Area to include space for play and programs	Lynne Wiercinski, Director	07/31/2024	09/30/2026	Space will be designed and created with appropriate furnishings, books, and educational games and toys	Completion of area
Hold Family Night Open House to introduce community to Community Center Space	Lynne Wiercinski, Director	10/01/2026	10/30/2027	25 Families will attend the open House	Attendance Sheets
To offer two onsite programs for children ages 0-5 each month	Lynne Wiercinski	10/01/2026	09/30/2027	15 families will attend each monthly program	Attendance sheet-children Attendance sheets-adults
To offer two social/emotional health related programs for parents	Lynne Wiercinski, Director	10/01/2026	09/30/2027	20 parent/caregivers will participate in each program	Attendance sheets Satisfaction surveys

4. Capital Project Description - Objectives and Activities (3)

Objective: New: To support 75 at risk older adults and the families who care for them with activities and information.

Activity	Responsible Staff	From Date	To Date	Expected Outcome	Measurement
Create a Caregiver Resource Niche with relevant flyers, brochures, books, etc.	Lynne Wiercinski, Director	10/01/2026	09/30/2027	50 caregivers will visit the center and research/obtain information related to caregiving/healthy aging	Surveys located by Niche Circulation numbers of books
Offer six on site programs geared toward older adults struggling with cognitive/physical challenges	Lynne Wiercinski, Director	10/01/2026	09/30/2027	25 attendees will take part art/craft, cultural, cooking, and social programs	Attendance Sheets Satisfaction Surveys
Host 3 programs related to caregiving/healthy aging	Lynne Wiercinski, Director	10/01/2026	09/30/2027	23 Caregivers will attend and learn about programs (likely to be duplicates of caregivers visiting Niche)	Attendance Sheets Satisfaction Surveys

5. Capital Project Description - Need for Capital Expenditure

A cornerstone of the community, the Ironwood Carnegie Library was built in 1901 on the main street of our Ironwood's downtown. While spaces have been renovated and adapted to meet the needs of the library and to support our downtown revitalization efforts, we have no way of moving forward with the much-needed community center with the building as it currently stands.

- The building footprint is virtually the same as it was when built 122 years ago.
- The heating system is almost 25 years old. Air conditioning units are unable to reach the basement area.
- Half of the collection and resources, including space to program and our computer base, is located in a fieldstone basement that is not accessible, has water issues, and is not easily observed even with security cameras.
- Accessible space for community programs, patron/visitor workspace, and visiting is limited to two rooms that are each less than 900 square feet and also contain the library's collection.
- Street parking is inconvenient and sometimes unavailable, particularly when snow falls that can reach 150-300 inches a year making access difficult. Much of the parking is on the main street.

ICL has always been a leader in community-based programs, particularly for our youth, and since the pandemic, we have seen a 44% increase in the number of library cards issued to new families. As our downtown community presents more and more cultural and recreational events to create a thriving main street, and ultimately to create a stronger economic base, we too see a significant increase in visitors during both our summer and winter months. While our historic significance is an attraction, the ability to provide both visitors and community residents with 21st-century resources and space to conduct 21st-century activities is imperative to our growth as a community partner and resource.

6. Capital Project Description - Comparison of Capital Expenditure

The potential for adding community center space outside of the library, by purchasing a vacant building that could be renovated/adapted to serve as such, has been explored in the past. (Consideration of a former medical office across the street took place pre-pandemic.) However, operating expenses involved in having a second site that would require additional staffing, equipment, snow removal, and plowing made this option unfeasible.

The potential for moving the entire library and adding a community center space to it at a different location that would better serve its customers has also been considered. Much of the significance of our library to the economic development of our community is our historic significance. Leaving the Carnegie site would mean losing that unique significance.

The current location is within walking distance of local schools, daycares, low-income housing, and public transit making it the best location for a community center.

2. New Construction, Renovation, and Future Maintenance

1. Construction, Renovation and Maintenance - New Construction Information

Is new construction part of your project? Yes No

If yes, identify the major components of your construction project.

Scope List	Brief Description (200 character limit)
Pre-construction	Contract with/review project with grant administrator Confirm architect and design/engineering support Confirm general contractor and subs Confirm specs Determine materials and finishes
Site Work and Foundation Work	Grading, digging or drilling for a foundation/footings, and bringing underground utilities to the new addition (electricity and gas). Excavation, earthwork, and concrete work. Subs will be on site.
Rough Framing	Create new structure. Scaffolding will be set up and framing of exterior walls, roofing, and any steel or metal framing will take place.
Exterior Construction	Installing windows, doors, siding, roofing, any brick or plasterwork, glazing, and everything the drawings call for on the exterior of the building. Construction of off-street parking area.
Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing	Installing boilers, ductwork, AC, electrical panels, generators, switchgear and wire. Run water supply pipes & waste, drain, & vent pipes. Installation of fire suppression and security cameras.
Finishing and Fixtures	Glazing, installing interior doors/ windows, masonry, plastering, insulation, drywall, painting, tiling, finish carpentry, flooring. Landscaping for the outdoor seating will take place at this time.
Furnishing	Complete project with furnishings, technology, etc.

2. Construction, Renovation and Maintenance - Renovation Information

Is renovation or redevelopment (change of use with similar footprint) part of your project? Yes No

If yes, identify the major components of your renovation construction project.

Scope List	Brief Description	Age of Existing
Planning/design	Determine best use of current space based on consultation with architect, general contractor, and State Historic Preservation Office	40+ years
Moving/reconfiguring space for use during construction	We will determine if and when we will need to current services/hours of operation or move some services off-site to complete renovation	40+ years
Demolition	Self explanatory-anticipating this will be minimal	40+ years
Construction	Work will be completed in a manner that will allow us to continue the operation of current services as smoothly as possible	40+ years
Clean Up and Re-furnishing	Prepping site with furniture, technology, etc.	40+ years

3. Construction, Renovation and Maintenance - Maintain Investment

What mechanisms and resources are in place to maintain this investment?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Fund Support | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Millage | <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grants | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friends Group | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Staffing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | |

Based upon the existing and planned mechanisms and resources, explain how you will maintain the investment and for how long.

This addition will be a permanent and sustaining part of our library and created as such to adapt to the changing needs of the library and the community we serve.

- **Dedicated line item funding** for building maintenance in annual operating budget
- **Dedicated city millage**
- **Grant funding** to support the cost of programs being provided
- **Friends of the Library** group who conduct substantial fundraising activities
- **Partner with local businesses** to sponsor events, or even provide in-kind donations, such as furniture or equipment.
- **A commitment to increase our volunteer base** to help with day-to-day operational activities
- **Specific fundraising events from individuals and organizations.** This could be done through direct mail, email campaigns, or even social media.
- **Continue and expand our annual appeal,** targeting percentage toward capital projects.
- **Future revenue** from rental/use of basement area

4. Construction, Renovation and Maintenance - Sustainability

If an energy audit was conducted, please provide the results and how information was included in your plan. We have not yet conducted an energy audit but plan to do so as the plan progresses.

Please upload the energy audit results

If you have any additional Energy Audit results, please upload them in the table below (Optional)

Name of Audit Results	Audit Result Attachment

Describe the selection of materials, the way the project is designed and other features, that make it sustainable.

Libraries are not only places to access information and resources, but also to foster community, learning, and creativity. As such, they have a responsibility to reflect and promote sustainability and environmental awareness. This will be reflected in the selection of materials and furnishings that are durable and will not require frequent replacement, as well as furnishings that are multi-use.

Describe environmentally friendly features incorporated into the project.

- Low-E glazing, high performance window on south side of the building.
- Block/masonry walls utilizing thermal mass to keep temperature swings low.
- LED lighting.
- Occupancy sensors
- Heat recovery wheel on HVAC unit.
- Reflective roof membrane to reflect sun's rays
- Exterior sun control/hoods/or interior blinds
- Non VOC paints.
- Add rain barrels to water landscaping, educational feature.
- Programmable thermostats for active and downtime conditioning.
- Energy star appliances
- Air hand dryers

Describe energy efficiency features incorporated into the project.

Low-flow faucets and toilets

High-efficiency lighting/heating/cooling

What design features or consideration is in your project to reduce long term maintenance?

Finishes that reflect the historical significance of the building will be used while also using durable materials that resist damage (Brick exterior, durable flooring in high traffic areas)

Maintenance in our community also must consider snow removal as a top consideration in design. Roof pitch, building access, and parking lots will all be designed to be able to handle heavy snow loads and require the easiest methods of removal possible while maintaining the highest level of safety.

How are you assisting the community with accessing energy efficient resources.

Referral to Gogebic Ontonagon Community Action Agency for weatherization, and energy conservation resources for low-income residents.

Referral to Western U.P. Planning and Development for resources and assistance

5. Construction, Renovation and Maintenance - Sustainability - Volunteer Support

The formal volunteer arm of the ICL is our Friends of the Ironwood Carnegie Library. The 143 member FOL Group:

- Provides fundraising efforts for the library, including bi-annual book sales
- Assist the library when needed in manning programs, outreach, and other activities
- Helps with the maintenance of library flower gardens
- Assists with public relations and outreach

In addition, a 6-person volunteer pool helps:

- Shelve books and keep collection neat and in order
- Light cleaning and organizing
- Assists program aide with children's programs
- Assists director with research for grant proposals, reports, etc
- Conducts research

Volunteer hours add up to approximately 1700 per year, and these do not include the “informal” volunteerism that takes place during many of our programs, by parents and attendees who jump in to help with set up/take down, registration, etc.

We are currently in the process of increasing our volunteer base specific to helping the library improve upon serving our older adults, through outreach, programs, and support through a current grant. Future efforts will include working with the AARP Volunteer Program to address future staffing needs.

3. Clarity of Scope

1. Clarity of Scope - Target Dates

- Provide your target dates for the following project milestones.
- Public input planning and design bidding and contract execution construction Programming and activation.
- List completion dates - not the start date.

Milestone	Target Completion Date	Description of Timeline
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Public Input	01/31/2024	We will finalize design plans through consulting with local organizations and services as well as public meetings and individual discussions on the needs of the community
Planning and Design	03/30/2024	Following the compilation of public input, we will finalize the plans and determine the architect/engineering firms to support the project. Approval from State Historic Preservation Office to talk place
Bidding and Contract Execution	05/31/2024	Specs for bids will be written and published as per city policy
Construction	06/30/2026	Construction will need to be adapted to the weather conditions of our community located on the far western end of the U.P. Modifications/adaptations to the work schedule will be monitored based on winter weather, etc.
Programming and Activation	08/30/2026	Plans for community-based programming will be taking place during all of the phases listed about and will begin taking place immediately upon completion of the project.

2. Clarity of Scope - Site Development Plan

- Conceptual site development plan is required

Please upload your Conceptual site development plan

[Conceptual Site Development Plan Ironwood Carnegie Library.pdf](#)

3. Clarity of Scope - Licensed Architect

All projects are required by state law (MCL 339.2011) to have a licensed engineer, architect, or landscape architect (prime professional) prepare all plans, specifications and bid documents and verify that all construction has been completed according to acceptable standards.

Do you have a architect, engineer, or landscape architect under contract or on staff for this project? Yes No

- If yes, please provide their name and explain the competitive selection process to retain them.
- If no, explain process for acquiring one.

Identified	Architect, Engineer Name	Address	Process to select
No			The City does not require a formal bidding process for professional services and utilizes a local firm for engineering and selects other services as needed. Should this grant require a formal bidding process for an architect, we will do so. City currently uses Coleman Engineering of Ironwood, MI for majority of its work.

4. Clarity of Scope - Environmental Contaminations

Is there any evidence of environmental contamination within the project area? Yes No

If yes describe the contamination and how it is being addressed

If no, explain the process to make that determination.

Please provide your response to evidence of environmental contamination within the project area

The city has owned the library and the property it is on since 1901, with review of property records used to determine contamination.

5. Clarity of Scope - Permits

Federal, state and local rules and regulations apply. Such permits include, but are not limited to, permits to fill or otherwise occupy a floodplain and permits required under Parts 301 and 303 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to determine what permits are required for the project, secure the needed permits and remain in compliance with such permits.

List required permits below. If no permits are needed – explain process in making that determination.

Status options: Initial consultation (either formal or informal), Applied/pending decision, Approved. Local permits: e.g., soil erosion, building permits

Are permits required for this project? Yes No

Type of Permit	Permitting Agency	Requirements	Status

If no permits are needed – explain process in making that determination

Flood plan maps were reviewed by city building inspector and it has been determined we are not on a flood plain. As we are city property, all permitting is taken care of through the city and will not be required as part of our costs.

6. Clarity of Scope - Construction Company

Have you selected a construction company to complete the project? Yes No

- If yes, provide their name and explain the competitive selection process use.
- If no provide the competitive selection process you will use.

Identified	Construction Company Name	Address	Process to select
No			Will follow City bidding procedure, bidding documents created and published in the local newspaper as fo 3-4 weeks, with selection based on lowest competitive bid.

7. Clarity of Scope - Construction Plans

Have construction plans and specifications been created? Yes No

If Yes, please upload your construction plans below

Plan Name	Attachment

If No, identify when you will be creating them

Construction plans will be developed following acknowledgment of the grant award, additional public input, and consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office.

8. Clarity of Scope - Property Ownership

What is/will be the applicant's type of ownership and control of the property?

The library is an entity of the City of Ironwood. The City owns the property.

Select the appropriate box for the applicant's site control at the project site.

Both the Documentation of Site Control form (PR5750-4) and deed, lease or easement is required to be uploaded in the required attachments section of the application.

Documentation Type	Attachment
Site Control form (PR5750-4)	Site Control Form-Ironwood Carnegie Library.pdf
Deed	DEED-Ironwood Carnegie Library.pdf
Lease or Easement	

4. Access to New Opportunities for People of All Abilities

1. Accessibility - Group Feedback

- Select what groups you have received feedback from and upload the associated support documentation. Provide design review(s) of your project.
- Groups could include: Center for Independent Living, Center for Assisted Living, Local or Regional Disability Network, Physical or Recreational Therapist, Individual input, Formal or Group Input

Group	Feedback Received	Supporting Documentation
Center for Independent Living	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Center for Assisted Living	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Local or Regional Disability Network	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Physical or Recreational Therapist	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Individual input	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Formal or Group Input	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (See attached)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accessibility Feedback.pdf

Provide design review(s) of your project

As our plan was just completed, we have not yet obtained accessibility feedback for this project. The architect completing the site plan has recognized that accessibility is a priority and as designs are completed we will work with our Area Agency on Aging, AARP, local health care system and architect to create a space that allows the center to be used by all.

2. Accessibility - Unique Features

As the community center space is designed, we will be getting input from our patrons and the community as a whole; in particular, those users who, without thoughtful design of the center, would be unable or unwilling to attend programs or use resources. Their influence and participation are the core investment in the building of a strong social community that ultimately, will be some of the primary users of the center.

As physical surroundings (not just those that make a space accessible but that make a space comfortably usable) are the primary barrier to many being able to fully access a center, we will consult with agencies such as Community Mental Health, Western U.P. District Health, and the Aging and Disability Resource Collaborative, a partnership between Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress (designated as one of the U.P.'s Area Agencies on Aging) and the Superior Alliance for Independent Living.

5. Project Budget

1. Capital Project Budget

1. Total Budget – Amount of Request

The budget should demonstrate sufficient additional revenue has been generated to adequately support the project to be completed.

Budget Categories	Total Cost
Amount of Grant Request	2,500,000.00
	17,000.00
Total Project Cost	2,517,000.00

2. Matching Funds

Combining grant funds with other opportunities is encouraged. It is expected that matching funds will be a part of the project. This can include a cash or in-kind match. List the sources below.

Source of Matching Funds	Indirect or Cash	Amount
Local	Cash	10,000.00
Other	Cash	7,000.00
Total Matching Funds		17,000.00

2. Capital Project Budget Narrative

3. Budget Narrative – Demonstrate Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy

Preplanning	Description	Grant Funds	Matching Funds	Attach
Preplanning	Architect and Engineering Preplanning	10,500.00	0.00	
Total Preplanning		10,500.00	0.00	

Project Permitting, plan design, oversight Cap 25%	Description	Grant Funds	Matching Funds	Attach
Permitting, Plan Design & Oversight	Architect and Engineering; Project Permit	210,000.00	0.00	
Total Project Permitting, plan design, oversight		210,000.00	0.00	

Construction	Description	Grant Funds	Matching Funds	Attach
General Requirements	Creation of project specifications and roles/duties	49,400.00	450.00	
Existing Requirements	Project information plans for contractors	53,400.00	0.00	
Concrete	Concrete	96,000.00	0.00	
Masonry	Foundation and brick work	93,800.00	0.00	
Metals	Metals	184,000.00	0.00	
Woods-plastics-composites	Woods-plastics-composites	105,000.00	0.00	

Thermal moisture protection	Thermal moisture protection	50,800.00	0.00	
Openings	Openings	116,000.00	0.00	
Finishes	Surface treatments interior/exterior waterproofing/erosion/etc	118,400.00	0.00	
Specialties	Specialties	20,600.00	0.00	
Special Construction	Special Construction	83,000.00	0.00	
Fire Suppression	Fire Suppression	26,000.00	0.00	
Plumbing	Plumbing	65,500.00	7,000.00	
Heating/Vent/AC	Heating/Vent/AC new area	81,000.00	0.00	
Electrical	Electical	62,000.00	0.00	
Communications	Communications	35,000.00	0.00	
Electronic Safety and Security	Security cameras/video equipment and wiring	29,000.00	0.00	
Earthwork	site and parking, including rock formation removal	44,000.00	0.00	
Exterior Improvements	Including green space and seating areas	41,900.00	0.00	
Utilities	Including electricity, water	24,000.00	0.00	
Contingency	Contingency	215,972.00	0.00	
Heating/Cooling	Update in current building	68,000.00	0.00	
Total Construction		1,662,772.00	7,450.00	

Equipment	Description	Grant Funds	Matching Funds	Attach
Elevator	main level/basement	100,000.00	9,000.00	
Furnishings	see atached	99,228.00	0.00	850_1_Community Center-Ironwood Carnegie Furnishings Estimates.odt
Total Equipment		199,228.00	9,000.00	

Programming	Description	Grant Funds	Matching Funds	Attach
Programming	Area flow and room design	1,500.00	0.00	
Total Programming		1,500.00	0.00	

Technology	Description	Grant Funds	Matching Funds	Attach
Server	Server-internet	6,000.00	0.00	
Internet Connection/Fiber	For internet connection	45,000.00	0.00	
Firewall/Access Points	Security	3,808.00	0.00	
Public computers	-6 public Dell Inspiron @ \$1060	6,402.00	0.00	

Mobile laptop recharging station	On Site use	1,990.00	0.00	
Laptops	Laptops (8) @ 350	2,800.00	0.00	
Mobile Circulation Sytem	Connecting Community Center to Library	4,200.00	0.00	
Printers	2 @ \$3100	6,200.00	0.00	
Video Conferencing System	System and software	42,000.00	0.00	
Phone/Communications	Telephone system	28,000.00	0.00	
Interactive smartboard	Remote learning	12,000.00	0.00	
Large Screen TV	for teen area	600.00	0.00	
Misc.	Additional software, installation, and misc.	16,000.00	0.00	
Total Technology		175,000.00	0.00	

Expenditure	Description	Grant Funds	Matching Funds	Attach
Administration	Grant Administrator	80,000.00	550.00	
Indirect/Overhead	Including project manager	161,000.00	0.00	
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET		2,500,000.00	17,000.00	

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Project Costs and Budget

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Category	Totals	Grant Funds	Matching Funds	Narrative		
Capital Project Grant						
1 Preplanning	10,500.00	10,500.00	0.00			
2 Project Permitting, Plan Design	210,000.00	210,000.00	0.00			
3 Construction	1,670,222.00	1,662,772.00	7,450.00			
4 Equipment	208,228.00	199,228.00	9,000.00			
5 Programming	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00			
6 Technology	175,000.00	175,000.00	0.00			
7 Administration	80,550.00	80,000.00	550.00			
8 Indirect/Overhead	161,000.00	161,000.00	0.00			
Total Capital Project Grant	2,517,000.00	2,500,000.00	17,000.00			
Program Expenses						
1 Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00			
2 Fringe Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00			
3 Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00			
4 Mailings	0.00	0.00	0.00			
5 Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00			
6 Trainings	0.00	0.00	0.00			
7 Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00			

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Category	Totals	Grant Funds	Matching Funds	Narrative
8 Contractual Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	
9 Technology	0.00	0.00	0.00	
10 Administrative Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
11 Indirect/Overhead	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Program Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,517,000.00	2,500,000.00	17,000.00	

Certification

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Certification

By listing your name below, you are certifying the information submitted is accurate and represents your organizations request for funding.

I certify that all statements on this application and the attachment hereto are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if funded, all funds must be obligated into third-party contract by Dec. 31, 2024. I understand that if funded, this project will need to be fully expended and completed by Oct. 31, 2026. If I am not the CEO of my organization, I have uploaded a certification statement from the CEO.

Signature: *Lynne Wiercinski*

Name of Certifying individual: Lynne Wiercinski

Title: Director

Date Certified: 08/31/2023

Are you the CEO of the organization?

Yes No

If No, please upload a certification statement from the CEO

[Certification Letter-Ironwood Carnegie Library.pdf](#)