

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-3529

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. TANNER

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RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO FORMALLY REQUEST THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE FIFTH WARD COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER OF ST. TAMMANY, AS SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2012.

WHEREAS, the Fifth Ward Community Recreation Center of St. Tammany serves as the primary polling place for the rural and unincorporated area around Bush; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth Ward Community Recreation Center is in need of interior and exterior building renovations; and

WHEREAS, the renovations will ensure the safety of the community and compliance with ADA and fire code standards.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES to support the Parish President's Application for assistance from the Louisiana Office of Community Development.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 4 DAY OF OCTOBER , 2012, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

MARTIN W. GOULD, JR., COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
2012 - 2013 GRANT APPLICATION**

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COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS: (Incomplete forms may disqualify or reduce a grant award.)

GOVERNMENTAL FISCAL AGENCY: (Name of Municipality or Parish)

St. Tammany Parish Government

ADDRESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

21415 Koop Drive
Mandeville, LA 70471

PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF PROJECT (Including the 9-digit Zip Code):

81605 Highway 41
Bush, LA 70431

CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL: (Mayor or Parish President's Name)

Patricia Brister

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APPLICATION PREPARED BY (if different from the contact person):

Katie Mizell Magee

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ 7,696.00

FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 72-6001304

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Should you need more space, you may continue on another page.

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Be specific and state what you plan to spend the money on and what you want to do (what, where, why, how), if awarded. We need all information to process, review and rate applications. Grant applications cannot be reviewed without detailed information on the benefit to the local community and how the money will be spent.

1. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE FULL INTENT (PURPOSE) OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT:

St. Tammany Parish Government would like to request \$7,696 in funding for renovations to its polling place in rural Bush, Louisiana. This location serves as the official polling place for precincts 502 and 503 in St. Tammany Parish and is currently in need of repairs. The renovations will provide a cleaner and safer voting place for the rural community.

2. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT. (Specify what the funds will be used for) 1) Itemize any equipment to be purchased. 2) If sewer/water lines or streets, how many feet, miles, or blocks? 3) If constructing a building, how many square feet, type of structure, etc. 4) If renovating a building, please specify: interior/exterior, roofing, plumbing, electrical, ADA handicapped access / fire code requirements, et cetera.

Through this initiative, the Parish proposes to renovate the interior and exterior of the building. The interior renovations will include converting rest rooms to meet ADA standards, resurfacing the floors, expanding the kitchen, and installing a drop ceiling. The exterior renovations will include re-surfacing the parking lot, clearly marking handicap spaces, adding exterior lighting, replacing metal siding, pressure washing and cleaning the building, replacing gutters, replacing exterior doors, replacing roof, removing existing fencing, resetting lift station/correcting exterior plumbing, installing a flag pole, and tree removal. To ensure the safety of the Parish constituents, such repairs to the building are needed. Moreover, repairs will ensure compliancy with ADA and fire code standards.

3. What impact will the proposed project have on the community? (Include in your explanation the answers to the following: How many citizens will be assisted in the affected area? Does the project improve safety, health, living conditions, and quality of life of citizens? Does the project improve the environment or economic conditions of the area?)

The Fifth Ward Community Center of St. Tammany is located on Highway 41 in Bush, LA. According to the St. Tammany Registrar of Voters, it serves as the polling place for over 2,000 registered voters in St. Tammany Parish. In the 2008 presidential election 1,351 residents voted at the location and in the October 2011 election that decided the Louisiana Governor and the St. Tammany Parish President, over 700 voters turned out in the precincts.* St. Tammany Parish Government is responsible for maintaining a clean and safe environment for the citizens who turnout to vote in these national, statewide, and local elections. The current conditions of the building are undesirable and unsafe for constituents within St. Tammany Parish. The proposed renovations will bring the building up to current ADA and fire code requirements, while resolving safety concerns for the citizens. While the building is not publicly owned, St. Tammany Parish Government is in a long term lease with the owner of the building (Fifth Ward Community Recreation Center of St. Tammany, Inc.) for the purpose of using it as a polling place. Please see attached for the agreement.

When the building is not being used as a polling place, it doubles a community center for the residents of Bush and surrounding areas. The median household income in this area of the parish is \$24,722 and almost twenty percent of the population is made up of those over the age of 60.** In this very rural and underdeveloped area of the parish, there are minimal venues for citizens, especially seniors and low income families, to convene. This building certainly fills this void. It serves as a meeting place for local seniors and is used by numerous community groups therefore improving the quality of life of all in the area. A local food bank also operates out of the building to serve the area's low income citizens in need of food assistance. While the much needed renovations will stimulate the local economy, it will also provide a more attractive space to be rented for private functions thereby ensuring sustainability. The improvements to the building will create endless opportunities for community growth, education, and conviviality.

Improving the quality of the polling place is the primary purpose of the proposed project. The renovations will provide a cleaner and safer environment for voters and election commissioners. An added benefit of the project is the improvement of the quality of life for all in the area, especially senior citizens and community groups.

*Voter turnout statistics were taken from the Louisiana Secretary of State Website:
<http://electionresults.sos.la.gov/graphical/>

** Statistics taken from the US Census Bureau

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS: (Incomplete forms may disqualify or reduce a grant award.)
Refer to next page for an explanation of the spending categories.

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4	COLUMN 5
SPENDING CATEGORY	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LGAP	AMOUNT OF MATCH BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT	SPECIFY OTHER FUNDS AND SOURCE (private, federal, other state monies)	TOTAL
SALARIES				\$0.00
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT	\$7,696.00			\$7,696.00
SUPPLIES Not Permanent				\$0.00
PERMANENT PROPERTY Includes Equipment				\$0.00
OTHER Explain Below				\$0.00
PROJECT TOTAL	\$7,696.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,696.00

***SHADED AREAS CANNOT BE USED TO ENTER REQUEST FOR FUNDS**

Local Government Assurances

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FISCAL ASSURANCES

1. The local government agency (LGA) assures that all programs, activities, and expenditures of funds conducted in association with this program are in direct compliance with the provisions of the LGAP.
2. The LGA assures that funding received under the LGAP will not replace or reduce funding for existing programs.
3. The LGA assures that it will provide for proper fiscal control and accounting procedures as may be required for fiscal audit.

PROGRAMMATIC ASSURANCES

1. The LGA assures that it will comply with R.S. 24:513 (State Audit Law), and the State of Louisiana public bidding procedures.
2. The LGA assures that, as applicable, it will comply with all federal and state laws, executive orders, and/or regulations.
3. The recipient of this grant assures that elected officials or their family members will not receive (directly or indirectly) any part of the funds awarded through this grant.
4. The LGA assures that no funds will be used on private property.
5. By acceptance of this grant, the LGA acknowledges that any LGAP grant will not be open beyond three years from the effective date of the signed contract, unless an extension request has been approved. The LGA will not be eligible for further LGAP funding until that grant is closed.
6. The recipient of the grant assures that funds requested in the grant will be used for the stated purpose only and within the time frame stated. Proof of proper expenditure of these funds will be required through invoices, canceled checks, copies of contracts, and other documentation. Failure to comply with any part of this agreement will result in termination of this grant and require any funds paid to be returned to the Office of Community Development.

I UNDERSTAND THAT, UNDER STATE LAW, NO REIMBURSEMENT CAN BE MADE FOR ANY INVOICES FOR WORK OR PURCHASES BEFORE THERE IS AN EXECUTED WRITTEN CONTRACT SIGNED BY BOTH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION.

Patricia P. Brister
Chief Elected Official

Parish President
Title

Patricia B. Brister
Type Name Here

9/14/12
Date