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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

[The State Building Commission met on May 13th](#) and approved \$248 million in projects. In addition to regular maintenance, building and repairs to state buildings, the Building Commission approved \$20 million for 71 local community development projects through the [Non-State Grant Program](#). The 71 projects include:

Community Centers and Housing:

- \$900,000 to GiGi's Playhouse-Madison for the GiGi's Playhouse Capital Project;
- \$200,000 to the village of Oregon for the Oregon Area Senior Center and Community Gymnasium building project;
- \$2 million to The Salvation Army of Dane County for The Salvation Army of Dane County Purpose-Built Shelter for Women and Families;
- \$900,000 to Kinship MKE Inc. d/b/a Kinship Community Food Center for the Building a Place for Kinship project;
- \$2 million to United Community Center for the UCC Burnham Early Learning Academy;
- \$75,900 to the Veterans 1st of NEW Inc. for the Veterans 1st of NEW Village;
- \$86,500 to ADVOCAP Inc. for the ADVOCAP Childcare Incubator;
- \$800,000 to Fox Cities Sports Development Inc. for the Court Expansion of the Community First Champion Center;
- \$800,000 to Badgerland After School Enrichment Program Inc. for the BASE Future Home Community Center;
- \$2 million to First 5 Fox Valley Inc. for the new Together for Families: Family Resource Center;
- \$400,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Barron County for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Barron County's New Clubhouse for Kids; and
- \$2 million to the St. Croix Valley Food Bank for the Permanent Food Bank Facility.

Public Facilities:

- \$142,000 to Bayfield County for the Bayfield County Facilities Preservation;
- \$800,000 to the city of New Richmond for the New Richmond Community Library;
- \$157,500 to Sauk County Land Resources and Environment for the Sauk County Farm Facilities;
- \$265,000 to the town of Milton, Rock County, for the New Joint Town Hall – Police Department – Municipal Court Building;
- \$376,000 to the Brown County Library for the new branch library in Ashwaubenon;
- \$187,000 to the Salem School District for the Salem School District Capital Repair and Water Quality Project;
- \$800,000 to Chilton Public Library for the Chilton Broadband-Enabled Library & Community Facility;
- \$238,000 to the Mukwonago Community Library for the Building Belonging: Mukwonago Community Library's Investment in Where Our Community Gathers and Connects;
- \$800,000 to the city of Delavan for the Rooted in Our Community, Growing for the Future: Aram Public Library Expansion & Renovation project;
- \$560,000 to Burlington Library Foundation Inc. for the Our Community Library – Thinking Outside the Books;
- \$750,000 to the Beloit Public Library for the Discovery PLAYce at the Beloit Public Library;
- \$1.2 million to the Madison Public Library for the new Imagination Center at Reindahl Park;
- \$2 million to the city of Racine for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center; and
- \$250,000 to Kenosha County Planning and Development for the Pike River South Branch Restoration Project.

Economic Development and Workforce Training:

- \$1.8 million to Neu-Life Community Development for the NeuVue Project;
- \$1 million to Mount Mary University Inc. for The Next Generation of Care: Empowering Nurses Through Innovation and Integration;
- \$468,900 to Wello Inc. for the Cultivating Community: Advancing Economic Development and Sustainability Moving Wisconsin's Food System Forward for the Future project;
- \$2 million to the Wisconsin Rural Water Association for the National Water College Field Training Center;

- \$1.5 million to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse Workforce Readiness Project; and
- \$600,000 to Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council Inc. for the WDEOC Housing & Family Services and Day Resource Center.

Healthcare and Emergency Services:

- \$200,000 to Aspirus Health for the Aspirus Merrill Hospital Inpatient Bed Addition;
- \$2 million to Mooring Programs Inc. d/b/a Apricity for the Capital Project to Expand Access to Residential Treatment for Individuals with Substance Use Disorder in Northeast Wisconsin;
- \$1.2 million to the city of Green Bay for the Green Bay Fire Station Flats Apartments;
- \$800,000 to the city of Marshfield for the city of Marshfield police department relocation project;
- \$224,000 to the town of Newton for the new town of Newton Fire & EMS facility;
- \$900,000 to Aspirus Health for the Aspirus Chippewa Falls Emergency Department;
- \$252,000 to the town of Shelby for the relocation and upgrade of the Shelby Fire Station;
- \$145,000 to the Mile Bluff Medical Center for upgrades to the Mile Bluff Medical Center – MRI and Imaging Suite;
- \$330,000 to the Rock River Community Clinic Inc. for the Moving Upstream: 2025-2026 Capital Campaign for Rock River Community Clinic;
- \$2 million to Carroll University Inc. for the Increasing Southern Wisconsin's Access to Care and Growing Quality Healthcare Workforce through Renovation at Carroll University project;
- \$925,000 to Scenic Bluffs Community Health Centers for the REACH Center Expansion and Integration Project: A Blueprint for Integrated Health and Social Services in Wisconsin;
- \$1.2 million to the city of West Bend for the new construction and site improvements to the city of West Bend Fire Station #1;
- \$800,000 to Mayville EMS for the Mayville EMS and Mayville Training Center New Building;
- \$800,000 to the city of Prairie du Chien for the Prairie du Chien Public Safety Center; and
- \$800,000 to the city of Hartford for the Hartford Fire Station 2.

Arts, Culture, and Recreation:

- \$500,000 to Olbrich Botanical Gardens to replace The Bolz Conservatory's windows;
- \$200,000 to the city of Middleton Parks & Recreation for the new Parisi Park Shelter;
- \$100,000 to the Historic Haymarket Milwaukee for the transformation of the Milwaukee Public Museum into the Nature & Culture Museum of Wisconsin;
- \$2 million to the Milwaukee Domes Alliance for The Domes: Reimagined project;
- \$291,201 to the Waupaca Community Arts Board for the Waupaca Community Arts Hub;
- \$137,023 to the Building for Kids Children's Museum for the Building for Kids Children's Museum Strategic Expansion Project;
- Nearly \$1.1 million to the Performing Arts Foundation Inc. for The Grand Theater – Second Century Project;
- \$975,593 to the Wisconsin Maritime Museum for the Maritime Heritage Center Revitalization Project;
- \$168,700 to On Broadway Inc. for the Green Bay Public Market;
- \$600,000 to Colfax Railroad Museum Inc. for the Colfax Railroad Museum;
- \$106,000 to Northwest Passage LTD for the Community Commons at Northwest Passage Gallery;
- \$192,500 to Brodhead Jaycees for the revitalization of the Brodhead Community Splash Pad & Park;
- \$50,000 to Mineral Point Opera House Inc. for the Mineral Point Opera House Exterior Preservation – Masonry & Roof Work;
- \$285,000 to the American Players Theatre for the American Players Theatre "Seats and Storage" Infrastructure Project;
- \$700,000 to the Yerkes Future Foundation for the Play/Space & Cosmic Family Pavilion;
- \$26,000 to Walworth County for the restoration of the Webster House;
- \$108,000 to the Swiss Center of North America for the New Glarus Glarner Community Complex;
- \$142,000 to Jamison Museum Association d/b/a Friends of The Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums for the improvements to the entrance and museum store at The Mining & Rollo Jamison Museum;
- \$116,000 to the Sauk Prairie School District for the modernization of the River Arts Center;
- \$56,000 to the Beloit Historical Society for the Beloit Historical Society Parking Lot Reconstruction Project;
- \$189,000 to the Oconomowoc Historical Society Inc. for the Rooted in History, Reaching for the Future project;
- \$84,000 to Richland County Performing Arts Council Inc. for the City Auditorium Renovation Project;
- \$244,000 to Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts for the ACCESS Initiative: Advancing Capacity, Community, Efficiency, Safety, and Sustainability; and
- \$1 million to the city of Shullsburg for the revitalization of the Badger Mine & Museum.