

Community Relations Commission

Meeting Agenda



Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2025, 4 p.m.

Council Chambers, Goshen Police & Courts, 111 E. Jefferson St.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introduction of CRC Members and Guests

- a. **MEMBERS:** E-man Monge, Lori Copsey, Angie Wentz, Tim Swartzentruber and John Dolezal.
- b. **GUESTS/SUPPORT:** Gina Leichty (Mayor), Phil Lederach (City Council Liaison), Michael Wanbaugh (Director of Administrative Affairs), Theresa Cummings (CDGB administrator) and Daniela Panetta (Lacasa)

2. Approve the Agenda

3. Community Partnership/Sponsorship presentations (5 minutes)

- a. Warsaw Housing Authority – Pam Kennedy
- b. Goshen City FC – Henrique Eichenberger (PP)
- c. Black Squirrel Golf Club Fireworks on the Fairway – Laura Johnson/Grant Sasserman
- d. Air Supremacy Over Goshen – Chuck Hamilton
- e. Chain Reaction Bicycle Project – Jeremy Sutter
- f. Goshen Historical Society – Danae Wirth/Ron Hoke (PP)
- g. First Light Mission – Mindy Morehead
- h. Elkhart County Symphony – Wayne Stubbs
- i. Goshen Theater – Marcia Yost
- j. John Mishler (downtown art) – John Mishler
- k. FloatFest LLC. – Scott Lehman

4. Privilege of the floor

5. Adjournment

From: [Sandra Austin](#)
To: [Wanbaugh, Michael](#)
Subject: New submission from Community Partnership Application
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:34:42 AM

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Date

11/03/2025

Organization

Warsaw Housing Authority

Address

PO Box 387 Milford IN 46542
301 N Higbee St
Indiana Milford
United States
[Map It](#)

Contact Person

Sandra Austin

Email

saustin@warsawhousing.com

Project Title

Operational and Family Supportive Services

Amount Requested

\$20,000.00

Additional Organizational Information

Warsaw Housing Authority Administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program for the City of Warsaw and the City of Goshen. We assist families with rental assistance. These families are low income, disabled and/or elderly. We have separate waitlists for both city of Warsaw and City of Goshen, however once pulled from the waitlist we allow the client to choose the city either Warsaw or Goshen. The applicants are chosen by date and time of the applications in the order they applied. Our agency is responsible to ensure each applicants eligibility by calculating their income including deducting allowable expenses.

Our Executive Director developed a Rental Education program that HUD does not fund. Eligible applicants are offered a 3-hour class that educates in various topics including Tenant-Landlord Laws, budgeting and how to be a good neighbor. This class is funded by City of Warsaw and City of Goshen funding. Each participant has \$400 sent to their landlord for use of either rent or deposit upon leasing with our program.

In addition, Warsaw Housing Authority also partners with landlords and property developers to ensure affordable housing is available to our clients. New landlords receive a one time \$250 incentive to help with any repairs that may need completed prior to a tenant leasing. This program is also funded by City of Goshen and City of Warsaw dollars.

Clients in Goshen experience issues with transportation. In order to be more accessible to City of Goshen clients, one of our employees conduct recertification meetings at the Salvation Army once a week.

While our main funding comes from HUD for the rental assistance contract, Warsaw Housing Authority provides our clients to a clearer path to success, not only allows them a jump start and ability to lease but also sustain this ability going forward. We are able to provide this path by the funding provided by both City of Goshen and City of Warsaw as "Business Activity" funds.

Additional Organizational Information Continued

The mission of Warsaw Housing Authority is to enable access to quality affordable housing in the City of Warsaw and City of Goshen, while providing a foundation of inclusive and sustainable community growth.

The vision statement is to expand housing options by increasing Project Based Vouchers, and specialized voucher by partnering with developers in expanding quality, affordable housing to serve the vulnerable and address special housing needs and homelessness.

Years in operation

The Warsaw Housing Authority was formed in 1972. Our agency does business as North Central Indiana Housing to be more inclusive after beginning to serve the City of Goshen in 2011. As a rural housing authority, we are proud to be providing a local service to our communities. Most small agencies have been given back to the State of Indiana to administer remotely due to lack of funding. Our success has been through the support of the local cities we serve.

Number of full-time paid staff

Warsaw Housing Authority consist of three full time staff, one part time staff and an contracted Inspector.

Number of volunteers

The Board of Commissioners serve on a voluntary basis. We currently have 8 board members.

List of Board Members

See attached list

Describe how the funds were utilized

We are excited to partner with Oaklawn and LaCasa to assist youth aging out of foster care. This partnership will allow those youth that no longer are able to live with their past foster care families sustain housing. These vouchers will enable someone 18 to 24 their own unit but with continued support from Oaklawn and a LaCasa on-site liaison.

_____ Families were invited to the Rental Education Class and _____ attended. _____ was dispersed to landlords in 2025 so far.

The funding from Goshen paid for the above along with mileage to Goshen once a week, administrative and class supplies.

How was the City recognized as a Partner?

Our agency explains to each applicant that is issued a voucher that HUD funding is not used for the Rental Education program, it is funded by the City of Goshen or the City of Warsaw. Our agency explains the program is only available through the city funding and is unique to Warsaw Housing Authority. A survey is completed by each participant at the end of the Rental Education class stating which city funded their class.

Annual recertification meetings at the Salvation Army , Green Oaks, or their home for the physically impaired is a benefit due to the funding of Goshen or Warsaw.

Proposed Project Description

For 2026 we will offer Rental Education Classes monthly in Goshen with the cost of \$400 deposit funding for attending the class and leasing. In addition, we will continue to meet clients at the Salvation Army once a week, continue to go to Green Oaks and clients homes for intake and annual recertifications for the physically disabled.

Our agency will continue to partner with Oaklawn and LaCasa with the foster youth to enhance partnership with the Goshen community to prevent homelessness and encourage stability and self sufficiency with those aging out of foster care.

We will also continue to administer the Good Housekeeping Award. The award has meant so much to the Goshen and Warsaw clients. Our clients work all year to be ready for their annual inspection and are very proud of the Good Housekeeping Award, in addition the landlords also are very proud of their tenants.

Community needs or problems to be addressed

With the growing demands for affordable housing, Warsaw Housing Authority is always looking for ways to partner with landlords and project developers.

One of the continued reliability we provide is an open waitlist. The majority of Housing Authorities has a closed waitlist including IHCD. Warsaw Housing Authority has continued to have an open waitlist for more than 25 yrs. Anyone may come to our office Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and complete an application. Applicants can print an application at our website at www.ncihsection8.com and mail in their application. This provides an equal opportunity to all clients to apply.

Rising cost of rent has increased by 10% in 2025 compared to 2024. Cost burden families are paying more than 30% of their income in rent and utilities. Our HUD program a tenant will pay 30% of their income in rent and utilities. This allows the subsidized families to retain their rental properties, preventing homelessness.

Youth aging out of foster care is an increasing concerns. The rate of homelessness, incarceration, unemployment is higher for young adults leaving foster care. Our agency partnering with Oaklawn and LaCasa provides stable housing, with supportive services to achieve self-sufficiency

Population or area to be served

The population to be served is City of Goshen residents. Elderly, low income families, disabled and youth aging out of foster care.

Our current demographics include

49% Elderly

70% Disabled

11% Hispanic

15% Black/African American

2% American Indian

2% Asian

Person(s) responsible to complete the work

All employees at Warsaw Housing Authority share the responsibility, and the WHA Board of Commissioners

Start Date

10/01/2025

End Date

09/30/2026

Goals:

Warsaw Housing Authority keeps statistics every step of the way, including how many lease, how many no longer need assistance, number of individuals pulled from our waitlists.

Success is keeping tenants leased and utilizing funds to offer incentives to new landlords, our Good Housekeeping award program, Rental Education program providing deposits that enable our clients to lease.

What date do you anticipate need these funds?

01/01/2026

Describe how grant funds will be utilized

The funding will be used for landlord incentives, deposit assistance, conducting Rental Education Classes, traveling for voucher holder meetings, and to build partnerships with the Goshen community to meet the housing needs in our communities.

How will the project meet one of more objectives

CFBG Five Year Consolidated Plan Goals.

The funds provided by the City of Goshen will allow us to partner with the CDBG Five-Year Consolidated Plan Goal by assisting low income families to remain housed, deposit assistance to house new voucher holders, and to continue help families maintain suitable living environments with our Good Housekeeping awards and Rental Education classes to our clients a successful start.

(1) Decent Affordable Housing

Rehabilitation of single- and multi-unit housing, new housing construction, and energy conservation for affordable housing to meet the objective of decent, affordable housing.

(2) Suitable Living Environment

Public facilities and improvements to meet the objective of a suitable living environment.

Consolidated Plan 2020-24 Goshen 2

OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 06/30/2018)

Public service grants for direct assistance to low and moderate income families to meet the objective of a suitable living environment.

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Date

11/04/2025

From: [henrique eichenberger](#)
To: [CommunityRelations](#)
Subject: New submission from Community Partnership Application
Date: Thursday, November 13, 2025 4:34:53 PM

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Date
11/13/2025
Organization
Goshen City FC
Address
1700 S Main St Goshen, Indiana 46526 United States Map It
Contact Person
henrique eichenberger
Email
henriquecastelhano07@gmail.com
Project Title
Goshen City FC 2026 Season
Amount Requested
12,500
Website
https://goshencityfc.com/
Additional Organizational Information
Goshen City FC (GCFC) is a community-driven soccer organization founded in 2022 through collaboration with Goshen College and the City of Goshen, built on the core values of Excellence, Community, and Inspiration. Structurally, the club relies on these key local partnerships and offers its services in three main areas: delivering high-level athletic performance (evidenced by the 2025 MWPL Championship and a strong 22W-8D-8L combined record), providing extensive community service (contributing 1,920 collective service hours in three seasons), and fostering community and fanbase engagement through a family-friendly atmosphere (4,648 total attendance) and offering local students valuable internship experience within the professional sports environment.
Additional Organizational Information Continued
The mission of Goshen City FC (GCFC) is to unite the community through the beautiful game of soccer by embodying its core values—Excellence, Community, and Inspiration—through competitive play, active community service, and fostering an environment that inspires the next generation of players and fans. The club's vision is to become the premier community-driven soccer organization in the region, recognized for its consistently high level of competitive success (evidenced by the 2025 MWPL Championship), its unwavering commitment to positive social impact (through community service), and

its key role in enhancing Goshen's civic identity and passion.

Years in operation

3

Number of full-time paid staff

0

Number of volunteers

5

List of Board Members

Jeremy Stutzman
Gilberto Perez
Jim Alvarez
Danial Sullivan

Describe how the funds were utilized

To run a professional soccer organization, there are significant operational demands, and the funds are strategically utilized across several key areas. The primary expenses cover Gameday and Competition Costs (including Referee fees and League Fees), Personnel (paying the Coaching Staff), and Logistics (such as Stadium Rental, purchasing Equipment, and covering Away Game Food and Transportation). Additionally, funds are invested in revenue-generating Merchandise and in supporting the club's extensive community service programs (like the 1,920 service hours) to ensure we fulfill our mission both on and off the field.

How was the City recognized as a Partner?

The City of Goshen is recognized as a key partner of Goshen City FC (GCFC) through numerous high-visibility platforms that ensure its logo and support are seen by players, fans, and the wider community. Most prominently, the City of Goshen logo is displayed on all official team gear, including both player home and away kits, as well as on all retail jerseys sold to the public (61 sold this past year), effectively turning every player and fan into an ambassador for the City. This physical presence is further reinforced at the stadium through the display of partner Flags and consistent, audible acknowledgment via PA Announcements during every GCFC home game.

Beyond physical placement, the club dedicates one match each season as the "City of Goshen Home Game" to maximize promotional focus for the partnership. Furthermore, the City receives ongoing, sustained recognition across the club's website and all social media channels. This comprehensive strategy ensures the City of Goshen is consistently recognized as an essential, high-profile partner central to the club's success and its broader mission of fostering community identity and outreach.

Proposed Project Description

The proposed project is the funding of the Goshen City FC 2026 Season, a vital initiative aiming to maximize the club's positive impact on local civic identity, youth development, and community unity. The season is predicted to feature 6 to 8 home games, serving as the family-friendly entertainment draw for the summer. Furthermore, the project commits to executing several distinct community initiatives to actively give back and inspire young players. These initiatives build directly upon the 1,920 service hours already contributed by the organization, and for the 2026 season will specifically include dedicated volunteer time for Habitat for Humanity projects, participation in First Fridays events, and hosting youth clinic opportunities. By using the platform of high-level soccer, GCFC will promote the values of excellence and service to the next generation of local young athletes.

Community needs or problems to be addressed

The Goshen City FC 2026 Season project addresses three critical community needs: first, the need for

consistent, high-quality, and affordable local entertainment during the summer months (we only charge 7\$ per game, and kids 12 and under don't pay to watch our games), which GCFC provides through its scheduled 6 to 8 home games. Second, the project tackles the gap in youth mentorship and positive role models by organizing youth clinics and using the visibility of the players to inspire young athletes to strive for excellence and service. Finally, the project helps fulfill the need for local volunteerism and community support by committing player time to established non-profits like Habitat for Humanity and participating in community events like First Fridays, thus formalizing the club's positive social impact (building upon the 1,920 service hours already contributed).

Population or area to be served

The Goshen City FC 2026 Season project primarily serves the residents of Goshen and the broader Elkhart County, with a direct benefit extending to multiple community segments. The general audience, comprising thousands of residents across all income levels, benefits from affordable, high-quality summer entertainment through the 6 to 8 home games. This is particularly impactful for the area's significant Hispanic/Latino demographic, as soccer is deeply popular in their native countries, making the club a vital cultural touchpoint. Furthermore, as soccer is the fastest growing sport in the USA, the club serves to engage this increasing fanbase. The project also directly benefits the youth population (ages 5-25) through youth clinics and valuable internship opportunities for students. Finally, local non-profits like Habitat for Humanity and civic organizations (such as First Fridays) benefit from the club's committed volunteer service, bolstering community-wide initiatives.

Person(s) responsible to complete the work

The successful execution and complete oversight of the Goshen City FC 2026 Season project will be the direct responsibility of Henrique Eichenberger, who serves as the organization's Owner, Founder, and President. Mr. Eichenberger is directly accountable for managing all operational, financial, and logistical aspects of the club, including ensuring the successful staging of the 6 to 8 home games and the faithful execution of all committed community initiatives, such as volunteer time with Habitat for Humanity, participation in First Fridays, and the youth clinic programs.

Start Date

04/01/2026

End Date

07/31/2026

Goals:

Success for the Goshen City FC 2026 Season will be defined and rigorously measured across the club's three core areas of impact: competitive performance, community service, and fan/youth engagement. Competitive success will be measured by maintaining a winning record and achieving qualification for the MWPL Playoffs, demonstrating continued athletic excellence. Community Service metrics will focus on engagement with local partners; the club aims to contribute a minimum of 650 collective service hours during the season, with a minimum of 80% of players/staff participating in both the Habitat for Humanity and First Fridays events, thereby solidifying our commitment to civic responsibility (building on our 1,920 prior hours).

The project's success will also be defined by its ability to foster Fan and Youth Engagement. We aim to achieve a total season attendance of 1,500 fans across the 6-8 home games, maximizing community entertainment and outreach. Furthermore, the goal is to inspire the next generation by hosting a minimum of 1 youth clinic, engaging over 50 young players, and successfully filling and executing 4 local student internships in sports management/operations. Meeting these quantifiable targets will demonstrate the successful completion of the project and its maximized positive impact on the Goshen community.

What date do you anticipate need these funds?

01/31/2026

Describe how grant funds will be utilized

Grant funds will be strategically utilized to cover the essential operational and community-focused costs required to execute the high-level Goshen City FC 2026 Season and meet its goals for excellence and service. The funds will be allocated across three main areas: primarily covering Gameday and Competition Costs (including Referee fees, League Fees, Stadium Rental, and Coaching Staff), supporting Logistics and Player Support (such as Equipment and Away Game Food and Transportation), and finally, directly funding Community Initiatives and Outreach (including the logistical costs of running youth clinics, executing volunteer time for Habitat for Humanity, and participating in First Fridays). This investment ensures the club can provide high-quality entertainment, vital youth mentorship, and tangible community service, maximizing the project's impact on the Goshen community.

How will the project meet one of more objectives

The Goshen City FC 2026 Season project directly supports the CDBG Consolidated Plan's objective of creating a Suitable Living Environment by strengthening the community and expanding access to services. The club achieves this by directly supporting Decent Affordable Housing through dedicated volunteer time for Habitat for Humanity. Furthermore, the project enhances neighborhood revitalization by staging 6 to 8 home games and participating in First Fridays, creating safe, unifying community gathering spaces. Simultaneously, the club provides access to affordable services and economic opportunities by offering free youth clinics to young players (addressing the significant Hispanic/Latino demographic) and providing valuable local student internships in sports management, thereby investing in the next generation of Goshen's workforce and civic leaders.

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Date

11/13/2025

From: [Grant Sassaman](#)
To: [Wanbaugh, Michael](#)
Subject: New submission from Community Partnership Application
Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 5:12:08 PM

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Date
11/19/2025
Organization
Black Squirrel Golf Club
Address
1017 LARIMER DR Goshen, Indiana 46526-5515 United States Map It
Contact Person
Grant Sassaman
Email
Grant@blacksquirrelgolf.com
Project Title
Fireworks On the Fairways 250 Years
Amount Requested
\$7,500
Website
https://blacksquirrelgolf.com/fireworks-on-the-fairway/
Additional Organizational Information
We are a public golf course who desires to be a staple in the Goshen community for family safe events. We are offering up our land more and more each year to provide Goshen with a safe space to enjoy the beauty of Goshen Indiana.
Additional Organizational Information Continued
We are a faith based business who desires to be a company of unity and a positive impact for the city of Goshen and it's community.
Years in operation
35
Number of full-time paid staff
5
Number of volunteers

List of Board Members

Grant Sassaman, Nathan Martin, Erik Johnson, Kyle Johnson

Describe how the funds were utilized

We used the funds from the city to pay for Police traffic and patrol, Music and entertainment, temporary restrooms and hand washing stations, pyrotechnician, DJ and sound, decorations.

How was the City recognized as a Partner?

Goshen City had their banner out for display as we also had the MC recognize Goshen City as one of the main sponsors. We also had the mayor come and be one of our key speakers at this event.

Proposed Project Description

This coming year is America's 250th year. We are putting on (for the 4th time) one of Goshen's biggest free fireworks events. We want to go all in for America's 250th year.

Population or area to be served

All demographics, all races, EVERYONE is impacted by this free to the public event. The last 2 years we recorded an impact of 25,000 people that attended or had their home party watching this event.

Person(s) responsible to complete the work

Grant Sassaman and Laura Johnson (Black Squirrel Golf Club)

Start Date

07/04/2026

End Date

07/04/2026

Goals:

Our measurable goal would be connected to safety of the public. 0 safety issues or recorded problems.

What date do you anticipate need these funds?

06/01/2026

Describe how grant funds will be utilized

We will use the funds from the grant to pay for Police traffic and patrol, Music and entertainment, temporary restrooms and hand washing stations, pyrotechnician, DJ and sound, decorations.

How will the project meet one or more objectives

Michael W, exempt

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Date

06/27/2026

Organization

Air Suremacy Over Goshen

Address

Goshen Municipal Airport
17229 County Road 42
Goshen, Indiana 46526
United States
[Map It](#)

Contact Person

Chuck Hamilton

Email

cfhamilton@fourrway.net

Project Title

Air Supremacy over Goshen

Amount Requested

\$2,500

Website

<https://flyasog.com>

Additional Organizational Information

This is a Radio Controlled Aircraft Event For Giant Scale Military and Civilian Classics
The aircraft at this event are modeled from the full scale equivalent. Typically, these aircraft have an 80 inch wing span or larger! They are replicas of military and classic aircraft from the period of 1914 to the present day. The pilots at this event will be some of the most talented builders, designers and pilots in the country.
Airshow demonstrations will feature: WWI, WWII, Jets, Multi-engine aircraft and more! Viewing these authentic replicas on the ground is as much fun as in the air. Visit the pits, meet the pilots, and then watch 'em fly.
There will be food vendors on site for your enjoyment and even a full scale flyby or two! So bring some chairs with your family and friends.

Additional Organizational Information Continued

ASOG is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the history of aviation through large scale model aircraft.

Years in operation
14
Number of full-time paid staff
0 - All volunteer
Number of volunteers
12
List of Board Members
Chuck and Cindy Hamilton
Describe how the funds were utilized
Our city provide funding is used to utilize local vendors such as but not limited to, food vendors, tent rentals, bathroom facilities, and advertising opportunities.
How was the City recognized as a Partner?
Everything we do is branded "Goshen". No different than Daytona, Indy, Charlotte- all race car venues that capture the charm of the cities the races are held in.
Proposed Project Description
Our goal is to bring unique visitors to the Goshen area while enjoying the hobby.
Community needs or problems to be addressed
Field prep is always a challenge for us (Pit Area) as it is under crops two weeks before the event.
Population or area to be served
ASOG is a family friendly event. Open to all ages. Our pilots reflect a wide range of ages, ethnicity and income levels. Our guest range from thoracic surgeons to plumbers. All dedicated to keeping history alive through model aircraft aviation.
Person(s) responsible to complete the work
8-12
Start Date
06/22/2026
End Date
06/28/2026
Goals:
Our success is measured by the amount of new visitors we bring to the area and the spectators that enjoy the airshow.
What date do you anticipate need these funds?
06/01/2026
Describe how grant funds will be utilized
Our goal from the start is to provide a history lesson for our guests. This takes a lot of financial resources to draw pilots and crew from all parts of the USA. The city funding offsets tent rental, keeps registration cost to a minimum and advertising opportunities.

How will the project meet one of more objectives

To bring new and unique visitors to the community while boosting revenue through, hotels, fuel, restaurants

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**Date**

11/02/2025

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Date: Saturday, November 8, 2025 3:04:39 PM

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Date
11/08/2025
Organization
Chain Reaction Bicycle Project
Address
510 East Washington Street Goshen, Indiana 46526 United States Map It
Contact Person
Jeremy Sutter
Email
info@crbp.org
Project Title
Work Release Bike Equality
Amount Requested
4,259.18
Website
http://crbp.org/
Additional Organizational Information
Chain Reaction Bicycle Project (CRBP) is a community based nonprofit that offers a shared bicycle repair workspace where volunteers, staff, and local community members work together to build, maintain, and repair bike. CRBP promotes mutual learning and empowerment by teaching repair skill, providing low cost or work to own bikes, and hosting public workshops. Its inclusive approach helps meet basic transportation needs while fostering local engagement.
Additional Organizational Information Continued
Mission: Chain Reaction Bicycle Project, Inc. (CRBP) promotes bicycle transportation and bicycling safety in the Goshen community through educational programs, offering reasonably priced used bicycles for sale, repair services, and providing increased access to bicycles for all persons, including those with limited income. Vision: To create a welcoming space where individuals of all backgrounds collaborate, share knowledge, and gain confidence through bicycle repair and maintenance. CRBP envisions a more connected and empowered community built through encouraging sustainable transportation and shared experience.
Years in operation

21 (since 2004)

Number of full-time paid staff

1

Number of volunteers

6-10

List of Board Members

Kathy Nofziger Yeakey
Jared Leaman
Jeremy Sutter
J. Tyler Klassen

Proposed Project Description

Chain Reaction Bicycle Project seeks funding to support its role as a collaborative bicycle workspace serving the Goshen community.

We want to dedicate specific shop time to the work release participants. The number of participants is greater than the past and require more intentional time.

CRBP is more than a place to buy or fix a bike. It is a community hub where people come together to learn, build, and support one another. Through volunteer-led repairs, classes, and a work-to-own program, CRBP helps residents access affordable transportation while gaining practical skills and a sense of belonging. This project will enhance CRBP's ability to serve as a vital, inclusive resource for Goshen.

Community needs or problems to be addressed

Goshen residents without access to affordable transportation face barriers to employment, education, and healthcare. Many cannot afford vehicles, and public transit options are limited. CRBP helps meet this need by offering low-cost or volunteer-earned bicycles, bicycle maintenance and repair education. The project also addresses the need for shared community space where people can connect and build skills. CRBP provides a practical and empowering solution through hands-on learning and collaborative services.

Population or area to be served

Persons from the Work release program.

Person(s) responsible to complete the work

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Start Date

01/07/2025

End Date

04/24/2026

Goals:

The number of Work release participants that are able to ride a bicycle away from the shop. The number of volunteer hours and the amount of instruction provided to participants that is useful in maintaining their bicycles.

What date do you anticipate need these funds?

01/30/2026

Describe how grant funds will be utilized

The grant will pay for 2 days a week for 3 winter months. The grant will ensure expert knowledge is available to the participants of the work release program. They require a ridged schedule that volunteers can't always fulfill. The funds will ensure the expert knowledge will be there as needed by the program.

How will the project meet one of more objectives

The work release program has been a long-time partner of Chain Reaction. In years past the number of participants was limited to two or three people. Within the past couple years, the limit has been removed and 5-7 participants will be at the shop at one time. This is a full load for the person with expert knowledge requiring full attention to the needs of these individuals. Without this funding, the access to this program may be limited once again.

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Date
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Organization
Goshen Historical Society Museum
Address
124 South Main Street GOSHEN, Indiana 46526-9491 United States Map It
Contact Person
Ron Hoke
Email
museum@goshenhistorical.org
Project Title
Growth Coordinator and Building Maintenance Assistant Support
Amount Requested
\$15,000.00
Website
https://goshenhistorical.org/
Additional Organizational Information
The museum is staffed primarily by volunteers, many of whom also serve on the Board of Directors. The Society employs two very part-time staff members: a grant writer/growth coordinator and a building maintenance assistant. Unpaid volunteers include a formally trained Collections Committee, an Executive Director, a senior building maintenance manager, office staff who handle daily operations, a historian, and more than a dozen trained docents. The Executive Director is responsible to the Board of Directors. The museum day-to-day operations are overseen by the Executive Director. The museum is free and open to the public Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition to public exhibits, the Society offers guided tours, field trips, access to research materials, and a range of community outreach programs both on- and off-site. The museum has become an actively engaging participant in Downtown First Fridays and other city events.
Additional Organizational Information Continued

Our mission: Preserving and sharing the ongoing story of Goshen

Our vision: "To inspire curiosity and deepen understanding of our shared history through engaging exhibits and meaningful, interactive experiences."

We are committed to making history accessible, inclusive, and relevant to everyone in our community. By preserving our heritage and sharing the stories that connect us, we strive to foster understanding, respect, and unity—ensuring that our collective past remains vibrant and meaningful for generations to come.

Years in operation

The Goshen Historical Society: 44 yrs. Museum 24 yrs.

Number of full-time paid staff

0

Number of volunteers

32

List of Board Members

Ron Hoke, Executive Director
Danaé Wirth, President
Rod Pletcher, Vice-president
Susan Haney, Secretary
Randy Clouse, Treasurer
Paul Gingerich, Business Manager
Dale Garber, Curator
Steve Hrynewycz, Building Maintenance Manager
Jane Iwema, Office Manager
Jackson Beck, Legal Council
Janet Buccicone, Gift Shop
Jeff Keim, Social Media
Michael Phend, Landmarks Representative
Shaun Gunderson

Auxiliary Board
Ervin Beck
John Hertzler
Wanda Hoffman
Ursula Mars
Earlene Nofziger
Ellen Straw

Describe how the funds were utilized

Our previous grant supported two vital part-time positions: a Growth Coordinator and a Building Maintenance Assistant. Although we originally requested \$20,000 for 2025, we received \$15,000 which was carefully divided between the two roles, averaging 15 total hours per week, based on the museum's most urgent needs.

During the past year, a severe storm caused significant water damage to our building. Recovery required extensive hands-on work to clean, dust, and secure our collections following professional water mitigation. Having a dedicated Building Maintenance Assistant was invaluable, allowing us to protect our artifacts, maintain safe operations, and minimize disruption to public access at a fraction of the cost to hire outside help.

The Growth Coordinator helped strengthen community engagement and successfully secured a \$12,000.00 grant from the Community Foundation to offset repair costs bringing in over twice the amount of the cost of that position.

Together, these positions have off-set costs far beyond the grant and been essential to the museum's stability —ensuring both the preservation of our historic building and the quality of service we provide to the community.

How was the City recognized as a Partner?

The City of Goshen is recognized prominently on our public facing museum display window monitor, in each of our quarterly newsletters, reaching approximately 400 society members, and is recognized as a strong partner in every grant application.

Proposed Project Description

We are requesting \$15,000.00 in order to continue to fund our part-time Growth Coordinator and Maintenance Assistant positions. Both positions play a vital role in the growth and sustainability of our daily operations and future security. Having completed our financial goals for renovation and expansion, we are now engaged in an endowment campaign with the Community Foundation of Elkhart County to reach our target amount in the next two years. The Growth Coordinator will continue to promote this campaign through community outreach and social media, while seeking and completing smaller grants for our growing list of building upkeep projects. Additionally, the Growth Coordinator is committed to strengthen community outreach and downtown partnerships.

The Maintenance Assistant will continue to provide support for planned and unplanned building maintenance, small tasks, and volunteer shifts as needed. Both positions have and remain committed to volunteering for unpaid hours at least 10% above regular work hours.

Community needs or problems to be addressed

The Goshen Historical Museum provides essential educational and cultural resources by offering free access to historical exhibits, programs, and events. This ensures individuals of all ages and backgrounds can engage with history, regardless of financial circumstances.

Schools often face budget constraints that limit field trips and hands-on learning. The museum fills this gap with free educational programming that enriches classroom instruction.

Retirement communities also benefit from engaging historical programs that foster social and intellectual stimulation. Our partnership with Greencroft Goshen provides free, easily accessible historical presentations to members of the community at their Jennings Auditorium.

Beyond education, the museum boosts Goshen's historic downtown by attracting visitors who support local businesses, strengthening the economy. We often serve as the first tourist stop downtown promoting local sites and businesses.

Additionally, by preserving diverse historical narratives, the museum addresses the promotes inclusivity and cross-cultural understanding, fostering a stronger sense of community.

Always free and accessible, the museum provides a source of family friendly entertainment and promotes a sense of community belonging.

Population or area to be served

We uniquely serve individuals of all ages and abilities, from toddlers to retirees, presenting diverse historical perspectives. Last year, we welcomed between 6,000-7,000 visitors of all ages, race, and cultural identities, including local residents and international guests and visitors from many states across the US.

As a cornerstone of Goshen's historic downtown, the museum provides free educational and cultural

programming for schools and retirement communities, enriching learning across generations. Beyond education, the museum attracts visitors who support local businesses, contributing to the economic vitality of the downtown district. Increased tourism strengthens the area's vibrancy, benefiting the entire community.

Delivering high-quality programs, maintaining our facilities, and preserving the museum as both a cultural and economic asset to the City of Goshen benefits the entire community. as well as future generations.

Person(s) responsible to complete the work

Ron Hoke, Executive Director of the Goshen Historical Museum, and the Board of Directors will serve as oversight for both positions. Randy Clouse, Treasure will handle all financial records and reporting regarding the positions.

The Growth Coordinator and the Building Maintenance Assistant will assume responsibilities for their duties under the direction of the Executive Director and Building Maintenance Manger respectively.

Start Date

01/01/2026

End Date

12/31/2026

Goals:

The Growth Coordinator role will:

1. Identify and pursue new funding opportunities from diverse sources, including government, private, and corporate grants
2. Submit at least 2 grant proposals per year
3. Recruit and train at least 2 new volunteers
4. Continue to support current volunteers and organize at least 1 volunteer event or recognition activities annually
5. Continue to promote growth opportunities with downtown businesses, community partnerships, and social media with the goal of adding 2 additional yearly sponsors
6. Participate in day-to-day operations including greeting, assisting visitors, public presentations and tours.

The Building Maintenance Assistant will:

1. Assist the building maintenance manager with needed repairs, updates, and building projects at least 70% of work time
2. Participate in day-to-day operations including greeting and assisting visitors and tours.

Both positions will maintain a combined average of 15 work hours per week. All activities will be logged and reported to the Executive Director. Both positions will also contribute an additional 10% of non-paid hours as volunteers. All volunteer hours are tracked in our management platform. Meeting these target goals will be our measure of success.

What date do you anticipate need these funds?

01/01/2026

Describe how grant funds will be utilized

The funds will be allocated to pay for two very part-time employees; the Growth Coordinator and the Building Maintenance Assistant, covering approximately 15 combined hours per week ensuring the continued efficiency and sustainability of their specialized roles.

This funding will complement the added-value volunteer contributions these individuals already provide

while ensuring the continued fair use of their expertise to sustain museum operations.

How will the project meet one of more objectives

Our proposal directly supports the following community priorities:

C-4: Arts & Cultural Engagement

The museum provides ADA-accessible opportunities for all ages to explore Goshen's rich history and cultural influences. Visitors can engage with tour guides or browse exhibits at their own pace, fostering personal connections to the past. As active participants in First Fridays, Chamber events, and the Elkhart County 4H Fair, we serve as history ambassadors and promoters of Downtown Goshen—always free to the public.

C-5: Lifelong Learning

We encourage partnerships between municipal and educational institutions through our involvement in the Parks Department's Lifelong Learning program. We collaborate with Greencroft to provide quarterly programs for seniors, work with local schools on specialized field trips, and partner with Goshen College to engage students in local history through action projects.

E-8: Travel & Tourism

The museum attracts visitors from across the region, including those who discover us via toll road promotions. We actively encourage out-of-town guests to explore Goshen's downtown shops and restaurants, boosting local tourism. Our presence at the 4H Fair and involvement in the Elkhart County Museum Association further enhance cultural tourism in the area.

Preserving Architectural & Cultural Heritage

We assist local property owners in preserving Goshen's historic structures and serve as a prime example of architectural preservation. Our well-maintained building reflects its original store design, allowing visitors to step back in time while exploring the city's history.

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11/11/2025

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Date
11/19/2025
Organization
GIHN DBA First Light Mission
Address
801 S Wilkinson Street Goshen, Indiana 46528 United States Map It
Contact Person
Mindy Morehead
Email
director@firstlightmission.org
Project Title
Homeless shelter
Amount Requested
30000.00
Website
https://www.firstlightmission.org
Additional Organizational Information
We are a homeless shelter providing beds for anyone with minor age children and single ladies. We teach them financial management and parenting classes. We get them self sufficient and stable before moving into their own place. We review their progress on their goals that they set every 30 days and prepare them for the next 30 days. Our average stay is just under 4 months now but someone could be with us for 2 years if needed.
Additional Organizational Information Continued
First Light Mission is devoted to providing a place of refuge and fresh starts for the homeless in crisis by providing resources and temporary shelter in partnership with congregations and the community. Our vision is to empower and equip singles and families experiencing homelessness to find stability through sustainable housing solution and life skills that allow them to thrive in all areas of life.
Years in operation
30

Number of full-time paid staff

8

Number of volunteers

500+

List of Board Members

Andy Murray, Corey Mosher, Elizabeth Hummel, Catherine Wohlford, Juli Meyer, Brandie Yoder, Becky Boomershine, Marlene Marks, Whitney Mack

Describe how the funds were utilized

We finished preparing our expansion and also helped fund moving to 43 beds along with what need for staffing to stay true to our mission.

How was the City recognized as a Partner?

We shared on all social media and the City of Goshen is listed on our website as a Partner and also on the back of our Week of Compassion Shirts

Proposed Project Description

We are still turning away an average of 153 qualified individuals monthly, so the funding helps us serve more and also go out when called by GPD to meet people that are living unsheltered to get them housed. We provide everything our guests need upon arrival so the grant helps us continue doing that.

Community needs or problems to be addressed

We are turning away an average of 153 unduplicated families/individuals monthly. We have known of 30 children sleeping unsheltered in the Goshen community. We do everything to still provide case management for anyone that we have to turn away. We are finding that there is a rapidly growing number of people that can afford housing even if they are working full time jobs.

Population or area to be served

Anyone of any race, ethnicity, age as long as they have minor age children or are single females. We are currently sticking with people just in Elkhart County because of the need.

Person(s) responsible to complete the work

All staff of FLM will be completing the work

Start Date

12/01/2025

End Date

12/31/2026

Goals:

We measure our success by continuing to work with our families long after they leave the program making sure they maintain stability and housing. We have a staff that goes out and meets with them monthly. We hope in 2026 to bring transitional housing so we can move guests out of the shelter quicker and help us serve more guests per year.

What date do you anticipate need these funds?

12/01/2025

Describe how grant funds will be utilized

The funds will be used to continue getting families off the streets of Goshen and into housing and providing the homeless with all the necessities that they need to thrive and become stable, housed community members.

How will the project meet one of more objectives

We have a growing number of homeless in our community and kids sleeping unsheltered.

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Date

11/11/2025

Organization

Elkhart County Symphony Orchestra

Address

PO Box 144
Elkhart, Indiana 46514
United States
[Map It](#)

Contact Person

Wayne Stubbs

Email

waynestubbs@comcast.net

Project Title

2026-27 Elkhart County Symphony Season Support

Amount Requested

\$10,000

Website

<https://elkhartsymphony.org>

Additional Organizational Information

The Elkhart County Symphony Association, Inc., was created for the exclusive educational purpose of promoting and increasing the musical knowledge of the citizens of Elkhart County and surrounding areas. The primary means by which the Association shall pursue its purpose shall be the sponsorship of public performances of the Elkhart County Symphony Orchestra.

The Elkhart County Symphony has provided professional orchestral concerts to the Elkhart County area for the past 77 years, highlighting accomplished local musicians who are capably led and who collectively provide performances of diverse symphonic music to local and regional audiences. The Symphony brings people of our community together to experience live music as a form of entertainment, education and inspiration. Our audiences and our musicians share the musical experience in real time live performances, uplifting both as the antidote to isolation and as a grand opportunity to experience artistic endeavor together.

Additional Organizational Information Continued

Mission: To engage, educate, and inspire the diverse Elkhart County community through meaningful and enriching musical experiences.

Vision Statement: We envision a community symphony that is a vital part of our vibrant local arts organizations and is a valued partner that promotes quality of life for our entire community.

Years in operation

The Elkhart County Symphony is in its 78th season.

Number of full-time paid staff

0 full-time staff; 2 part-time staff

Number of volunteers

The Symphony has numerous volunteers that support the organizations work.

List of Board Members

Wayne Stubbs, President
Sharon Stauffer, Vice President
David Bird, Secretary
Mark Mow, Treasurer
Dawn Ashton
Bob Berheide
Nicole Ebersole
Dr. Starla Graber
Hillary Harder
Debra Inglefield
David Plank
Kate Roth – Goshen College student
Kyle Weirich

Describe how the funds were utilized

The current City of Goshen 2025 Community Partnership Grant funds has supported the October 5, 2025 Goshen Theater Collaboration performance of Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun: In Concert". The theater and ECSO combine forces for a third year to present an exciting musical experience in the beautiful Goshen Theater. Regional vocalists and Goshen Theater Drama Club Musical Theater students joined a full orchestra for this timeless tale.

Additionally, on February 15, 2026, the Elkhart County Symphony will present "Northern Expressions" at Sauder Concert Hall on the campus of Goshen College. The concert features guest soloist Aleck Belcher on bass and includes performances of Koussevitsky's Double Bass Concerto and Symphony No. 2 in D major, Op. 43 by Sibelius.

How was the City recognized as a Partner?

The Elkhart County Symphony is excited to potentially partner with the City of Goshen Community Partnership Grant once again in 2026. In recognition of the City of Goshen's sponsorship, the symphony will use the City of Goshen's logo at the bottom of all season and concert posters, thank the City of Goshen for their sponsorship during concert introductions and in social media posts, and thank the City of Goshen for their sponsorship in emails to patrons and press releases as appropriate. The City of Goshen's logo will also appear at the bottom of each of the symphony's emails to an audience of over 2,000 subscribers in over 20 emails per season and at the bottom of every website page, as well as on the sponsor page appropriate to the City of Goshen's giving level. The symphony website had over 16,000 visitor's last season.

Proposed Project Description

The Symphony performs five full-orchestra concerts each season, three of which are performed in the orchestra's home, the Lerner Theatre, one is performed outdoors in the Wellfield Botanic Gardens and one more is performed in Sauder Hall at the Goshen College Music Center in Goshen. In addition,

Symphony small ensembles perform a four-concert series in conjunction with the Elkhart Public Library featuring music and a shared book reading by Library staff for “young people of all ages”. The Symphony Library Series is provided free of admission charge as a public service of the Elkhart Public Library and the Symphony. Also, our small ensembles perform as requested across Elkhart County for civic, corporate and private occasions. During the past season, multiple small ensemble performances were held within the county. Discussions are currently taking place to finalize our 2026-27 season in detail, which will continue to include performances with the Goshen Theater as well as a performance at Sauder Music Hall at Goshen College.

Community needs or problems to be addressed

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Audiences are representative of all Elkhart County communities. Additionally, there is special encouragement to youth and their families and in the provision of complimentary tickets to Mayor's offices of Elkhart and Goshen. The Symphony annually performs a side-by-side concert with an Elkhart County High School Orchestra. The full orchestra (65 to 100 musicians) performs in Elkhart and Goshen in venues that are large enough to seat the orchestra. Symphony small ensembles perform where space is limited thus providing live music in most areas of the county. Small ensembles perform indoors or outdoors at events, parties, and receptions year-round.

Population or area to be served

Audiences are representative of all ages, with special encouragement to youth and their families as “Guests of the Symphony” and in the provision of complimentary tickets to Mayor's offices of Elkhart and Goshen. The full orchestra (65 to 85 musicians) performs in Elkhart and Goshen in venues that are large enough to seat the orchestra and Symphony small ensembles perform where space is limited thus providing live music in most areas of the county. Small ensembles perform indoors or outdoors at events, parties, and receptions year-round. Over the past season venues have included Wellfield Botanic Gardens, Goshen Library, Elkhart Library, Elkhart Unitarian Church, The League of Women Voters, The Elkhart County Center for Community Justice, and the graduation ceremony for Elkhart & South Bend's Excel High School.

Person(s) responsible to complete the work

Co-Executive Directors (2)
ECSA Board of Directors
Conductor, Dr. Soo Han

Start Date

09/01/2026

End Date

05/31/2027

Goals:

For 2026 – 27 the Symphony will continue to see 10% attendance increases in each concert venue. The Symphony strives to reach larger and more diverse audiences throughout the county by “taking music to the people”. Our full orchestra concerts each season have seen steady growth in the number of season tickets purchased and our programming of guest artists continues to reflect diverse regional and national musicians, as well as musicians and music ensembles from many musical genres who are based in Elkhart County.

What date do you anticipate need these funds?

07/01/2026

Describe how grant funds will be utilized

Our current funding request of \$10,000 will result in progress toward the symphony's attainment of funding stability and sustainability. Funding will enable the symphony's ability to hire and retain highly skilled and qualified leadership (Music Conductor, Dr. Soo Han) as well as an increasing number of local skilled orchestra musicians, many of whom are Goshen residents. Most importantly, funding will advance the symphony's goal of performing regularly in Goshen.

How will the project meet one of more objectives

Vibrant communities provide opportunities for citizens to come together to experience the arts. Citizens of those communities need to feel that arts organizations are active and present in the space where they live. The presence of arts experiences in communities provides a window to shared human emotion, a record of historical significance, and provides shared experiences with each other and humans throughout history. The Symphony contributes to the Quality of Place for Elkhart County by providing high quality symphonic music, reaching out to both a wider range of audiences and a greater range of live venues throughout the county. We strive each season to reach audiences on a personal level, sharing the power of live music with everyone in our community.

Elkhart County and our region is an emerging center for opportunity, business, innovation, and recreation. By pioneering programs and services that engage audiences more broadly and deeply, we join in building our community's renaissance.

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Date

11/14/2025

Organization

The Goshen Theater - Addendum with documents

Address

216 S. Main St.
Goshen, Indiana 46526
United States
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Contact Person

Marcia Yost

Email

boardchair@goshentheater.org

Project Title

Goshen Theater 2026

Amount Requested

\$50,000

Website

<https://goshentheater.org>

Additional Organizational Information

Goshen Theater has a 600 seat auditorium, ballroom, and elegant lobby, all available as performance and gathering spaces. It's a strong asset to downtown Goshen and the entire region. We also partner with organizations in town to provide space for their endeavors.

Additional Organizational Information Continued

Mission Statement: Goshen Theater is a catalyst for exploring the depths of creativity and imagination through educational and entertaining programming in the arts.

Goshen Theater Vision Statement:

The historic Goshen Theater is a hub for the arts in Goshen and beyond. It is a leading force in producing and presenting art in all its forms for the regional audience. Goshen Theater is a place for innovative collaboration and engaging arts education. It is a catalyst for creativity—a space where the community comes together to challenge paradigms and grow imagination.

Goshen Theater uplifts and celebrates the community by providing opportunities for people of all identities and beliefs to feel a sense of belonging. It is a place for conversations, gatherings, and events, supporting respectful discourse. The theater offers rental spaces for civic and business communities and is a venue for families and friends to recognize milestones. Goshen Theater strives to be a great place to work and volunteer, reflecting the diverse identities of the area on the staff and board.

Years in operation

Beginning in 1907 a number of reiterations. 2014–Present (Revival and Renovation): A non-profit organization, Goshen Theater Inc. (GTI), purchased the building in 2014 and began extensive renovations to restore it as a performing arts venue. The theater began offering limited programming in 2016 and, after major restoration work, has been fully operational as a community arts hub since around 2015

Number of full-time paid staff

Four

Number of volunteers

30+

List of Board Members

Goshen Theater Board
Marcia Yost – Board Chair
Shelly Fidler – Vice Chair
Kate Leichty – Treasurer
Dennis Landis – Secretary
Juan-Carlos Alarcon
Jon Hunsberger
Becky Hutsell
Kim Menczynski
Katie Miller O’Leary
Doug Risser
Julia Gautsche – Ex- officio (past Board Chair)

Describe how the funds were utilized

We presented two main stage musicals. We had a top-notch cast, direction and technical staff. The community loved it and we had great attendance at the performances.

Another highlight was a collaboration with the Elkhart County Symphony Orchestra, to present “Annie Get Your Gun.” Conducted by Victoria Petrak and featuring a cast drawn from the regional community, it was a fun, exciting evening for all ages.

Summer Theater camp is a 3-week program offered every June, focusing on fine arts, fun, and performance. Participants, ages 8 – 14, learn about theater, design, storytelling, history, and teamwork. The culmination is a live performance on the stage.

Every October, GT hosts the City’s Indigenous People’s Celebration, including dance, stories, artwork and discussion. It’s organized by the Community Relations Commission and presented at GT.

Our free monthly movies are family-friendly and serve our goal to give back to the community.

In 2025 we have continued to partner with Phoenix Performing Arts and, by the end of this year, we will have hosted nine all-audience and youth productions by Phoenix. This partnership will continue into 2026

and beyond.

Rentals were strong in 2025 and continue to increase as we move into 2026. We are beginning to be a place that people see as a place to hold your event.

Goshen Theater represents the resurrection of an important historical, architectural landmark, providing a venue to showcase regional talent in all disciplines, serving as a community gathering place, and bringing in talent from beyond the region to stimulate new ideas. The energy and vitality of the theater stimulates the entire downtown and the theater activities bring hundreds of people to Downtown Goshen annually.

The demographics of Goshen Theater's audience reflect those of the City of Goshen. From mid 2023 – mid 2024, we have served 12,679 adults over 18; 3,790 children under 19. About 28% of our total audience was people who are underserved. Of this group, about 80% were Latinx.

Goshen Theater staff, board and volunteers will complete the work of the theater. We also have many programmatic partners.

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

Stimulate vitality in Downtown Goshen: Measured by attendance, number of people utilizing downtown restaurants, ticket sales.

Provide stimulating, educational and entertaining programs: Measured by audience response, attendance, ticket sales, enrollment in camps and classes.

Create a hub for community and cultural activities: Measured by requests for rentals, number of new partnerships, attendance, ticket sales, income from programs, concessions.

January 1, 2025.

GT will continue to provide programs for all ages and serve as a meeting place for community. Several programs will be presented as series' starting in 2025. This includes: A Readers Theater Series; A Cabaret Series; Martinis and Music Series; Movie Series; monthly partnership with First Fridays; Phoenix Performing Arts production series' for all ages and for youth; Summer Theater Camp; After School Classes. In addition to this, we will produce one musical production, on straight play, and one musical collaboration with The Elkhart County Symphony Orchestra.

The Theater will also continue its vibrant rental programs, with accommodate business and family events and bring in musical presentations such as bands, dance, and vocal music.

The work of Goshen Theater supports the goal of positioning Downtown Goshen as a hub of innovative and entrepreneurial activity. Our programs are all based in creativity and innovation and bring in partners from the region and beyond to share new ideas and bring new audiences to Goshen.

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How was the City recognized as a Partner?

The City is recognized on the GT website; on all publications; in the monthly newsletter; on the scrolling list of donors in the lobby.

Proposed Project Description

We are asking for support for 2026 to continue to sustain our programming and to be a space for the arts community and our Goshen residents to enjoy.

Community needs or problems to be addressed

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Population or area to be served

The demographics of Goshen Theater's audience reflect those of the City of Goshen. From mid 2024 – mid 2025, we have served 13540 adults over 18; 5400 children under 19. About 28% of our total audience was people who are underserved. Of this group, about 80% were Latinx.

Person(s) responsible to complete the work

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Start Date

01/01/2026

End Date

12/30/2026

Goals:

Stimulate vitality in Downtown Goshen: Measured by attendance, number of people utilizing downtown restaurants, ticket sales.

Provide outstanding educational and entertaining programs: Measured by audience response, attendance, ticket sales, enrollment in camps and classes.

Create a hub for community and cultural activities: Measured by requests for rentals, community meetings, maintaining and growing partnerships, attendance, ticket sales, income from programs, concessions.

What date do you anticipate need these funds?

02/09/2026

Describe how grant funds will be utilized

GT will continue to provide programs for all ages and serve as a meeting place for community. Several programs will be presented as series' starting in 2025. This includes: A Readers Theater Series; A Cabaret Series; Martinis and Music Series; Movie Series; monthly partnership with First Fridays; Phoenix Performing Arts production series' for all ages and for youth; Summer Theater Camp; After School Classes. In addition to this, we will produce one musical production, on straight play, and one musical collaboration with The Elkhart County Symphony Orchestra.

The Theater will also continue its vibrant rental programs, with accommodate business and family events and bring in musical presentations such as bands, dance, and vocal music.

The work of Goshen Theater supports the goal of positioning Downtown Goshen as a hub of innovative and entrepreneurial activity. Our programs are all based in creativity and innovation and bring in partners from the region and beyond to share new ideas and bring new audiences to Goshen.

How will the project meet one of more objectives

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- Yes. We have Liability Insurance and can provide a Certificate of Liability naming the City of Goshen as an additional insured on our policy.

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Upload current fiscal year budget for your organization

- [2025-budget-2025-Master.pdf](#)

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**Date**

11/24/2025

From: [John Mishler Mishler](#)
To: [CommunityRelations](#)
Subject: New submission from Community Partnership Application
Date: Friday, November 14, 2025 2:31:31 PM

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Date
11/14/2025
Organization
Sculptures for Downtown Goshen Project
Address
410 Chicago Ave Goshen, Indiana 46528 United States Map It
Contact Person
John Mishler Mishler
Email
johnjm@goshen.edu
Project Title
Sculptures for Downtown Goshen Project
Amount Requested
\$10,000.
Website
https://www.johnmishler.com
Additional Organizational Information
John Mishler is in charge of curating, transporting, installing and maintaining the public art sculptures downtown Goshen. New and returning sculptures mainly made by his Goshen College advanced sculpture students will be installed downtown
Additional Organizational Information Continued
Placing public sculptures downtown will celebrate creativity and attract visitors to the City of Goshen. This project will also give students opportunity to learn about making large scale sculptures and placing them in public setting.
Years in operation
Three years in operation.
Number of full-time paid staff
The project is headed by John Mishler

Number of volunteers

There are at 12 plus student volunteers.

List of Board Members

John Mishler

Describe how the funds were utilized

The funds were used to provide a rental one year fee for new and returning sculptures that were installed downtown. The funds were also used to purchase cement bases to make the sculptures ADA Compliance. The bases have been ordered and once they are installed the sculptures will be bolted to them.

How was the City recognized as a Partner?

The City has helped with choosing where each sculpture was installed. The City works are helping with placing the heavy cement bases that each sculpture will be bolted down to. The engineering dept. has been helping with making the sculptures ADA compliant.

Proposed Project Description

The project will place up to for new sculptures along with returning for a total of 12 sculptures for the downtown district. These sculptures will be rented by the City for the next year. If needed some of the funds will be used to purchase additional cement bases for installing new sculptures.

Community needs or problems to be addressed

John Mishler will work with the engineering dept. to make sure each sculpture installed is in ADA Compliance.

Population or area to be served

The people of the City of Goshen and visitors will benefit from seeing the sculptures downtown. You can have art work in downtown businesses, but people don't usually see that when walking or driving downtown. Having sculptures on the sidewalks downtown shows people that Goshen celebrates creativity. Children especially enjoy seeing the sculptures downtown, Often people take their pictures next to the sculptures.

Person(s) responsible to complete the work

John Mishler will be responsible for curating, transporting, installing and maintaining the public sculptures.

Start Date

05/20/2026

End Date

05/01/2027

Goals:

The success of this project is measured in that people continue to enjoy the sculptures being placed downtown. The students that make the sculpture also get satisfaction in making public sculptures and having them on public display. It also is satisfying to see that placing sculptures downtown shows that Goshen is a creative place to live and work. There has been several newspaper articles about the installation of sculptures downtown, This gives good publicity to the City of Goshen and students get confidence in their work through seeing their name and photo in print.

What date do you anticipate need these funds?

05/20/2026

Describe how grant funds will be utilized

The funds will be used to provide a one year rental fee payed to the artist for installing their sculptures downtown. If needed some of the funds will be used to purchase additional cement bases for the new sculptures.

How will the project meet one of more objectives

This project enhances the cultural side of life in Goshen, showing that artistic endeavors are alive and well in Goshen. The student sculptures are all made by advanced students that show creativity an a individual point of view. The students come from varied backgrounds including Hispanic, Afro-American, white, and male and female.

Please confirm that you can provide this information by checking this box.

- Yes. We have Liability Insurance and can provide a Certificate of Liability naming the City of Goshen as an additional insured on our policy.

Upload previous year financial statement for your organization (PDF)

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Applicant Signature

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**Date**

11/14/2025

From: [Scott Lehman](#)
To: [Wanbaugh, Michael](#)
Subject: New submission from Community Partnership Application
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 2:43:23 PM

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Date
12/01/2025
Organization
LehmHaus Concerts, LLC - Float FEst
Address
105 Canal St. Goshen, Indiana 46526 United States Map It
Contact Person
Scott Lehman
Email
floatfestgoshen@gmail.com
Project Title
Float Fest
Amount Requested
\$5,000
Website
https://linktr.ee/floatfestgoshen
Additional Organizational Information
Lehmhaus Productions, LLC creates unique community events celebrating the arts. We are completely volunteer-driven, during the year and day-of events.
Additional Organizational Information Continued
Float Fest and other LP events are the culmination of the best of what Goshen has to offer, showcasing what can happen when a community comes together around a goal, with community members and local businesses donating food, drink, sound equipment, artistry, creativity, time, and passion to create a week, a weekend, or a day of celebrating our City and bonding our community together..
Years in operation
5
Number of full-time paid staff
0

Number of volunteers

20

List of Board Members

Scott Lehman
Tim and Amber Near
Marshall and Bethany King
Evan Bontrager
Justin Lehman
Jerry Peters

Describe how the funds were utilized

Funds were utilized to pay bands for their performances at Float Fest 2025.

How was the City recognized as a Partner?

The city was recognized as our lead sponsor on social media, as well as on our banner and other promotional material not he day of the the days leading up to the event.

Proposed Project Description

Float Fest is an annual celebration of the outdoor space and wonderful community we have here in Goshen, Indiana. In actual form and function, it is a moving, outdoor music festival, slowly floating through Goshen's Millrace district each summer. In broader scope, it is a community event that brings together outdoor enthusiasts, music enthusiasts, community members' homes, people from outside the community (through bands and attendees), business owners and the general community, young and old! Additionally, Float Fest has expanded to not only a one day event, but an entire week of celebrations focused on the Goshen Millrace and elkhart river. This year we will have 2 bonus concerts at Goshen Brewing Company, Kayak Races, a Group paddle of "The Loop" on the Elkhart River, and other events during the week leading up to the festival.

Community needs or problems to be addressed

We need to make sure we are inviting and including the entire community - we try to address this by including artists and musicians from multiple culture and traditions and backgrounds each year and this year we hope to showcase visual artists from multiple communities as well.

Population or area to be served

Goshen, Michigan and the greater regional area all benefit from Float Fest. I (Scott Lehman) personally know that people travelled from at least 12 different states so attend Float Fest last year.

Person(s) responsible to complete the work

Scott Lehman
Tim and Amber Near
Marshall and Bethany King
Evan Bontrager
Justin Lehman
Jerry Peters

and more month-of, week-of and day-of volunteers

Start Date

01/05/2026

End Date

06/27/2026

Goals:

The measurable goal is to bring community together for this event. We will consider it a success if the community comes together and builds community on the day and week of the event. We hope for over our previous attendance of 1,200 last year.

What date do you anticipate need these funds?

04/07/2025

Describe how grant funds will be utilized

In terms of timeline - the sooner the better as we often have upfront costs we need to cover right away with securing rentals, paying advertising up front, etc.

How will the project meet one of more objectives

Under the Natural Environment section of the CPG, NE-ii states that they desire to: "Develop the Elkhart River and the Goshen Millrace as a residential, commercial, recreational and environmental asset." Float Fest does just that, bringing people, businesses, and community members together to use, celebrate and highlight the needs of our Millrace and parks systems.

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Upload list of previous years sponsors (PDF)

- [Sponsors-2025-Sheet1.pdf](#)

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**Date**

12/01/2025