

Village of Oak Park

ARPA Community Request Application

1. Project name (if you have more than one project, use a separate impact sheet for each):
Community Restroom

2. Contact Person:

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Agency Overview:

3. Please describe your agency and your organization's mission and/or operations

The Village of Oak Park commits itself to a future ensuring equity, diversity, and inclusion in all aspects of local governance and community life. We strive to make these values aspirational and operational, reflected in our everyday practices and priorities.

4. For your most recently ended fiscal year, provide the following:

- a. Total revenues \$0.00
- b. Total expenses \$250,000.00
- c. Included in total expenses, how much was for salaries/benefits? \$0.00
- d. Total ending cash and liquid investments

5. Are there similar non-profit or private organization that perform essentially the same services as your agency? If so, please list them.

The Park District of Oak Park operates eleven (11) public restroom facilities and parks throughout the community. However, some of the restrooms are seasonal and all of them operate between the hours of 7am-6pm.

Collaboration & Community Partnerships

6. Do you have partners that you are collaborating with to support this program financially or in other ways? Name them and the support you will receive from them.

The Village of Oak Park would be the sole financial supporter in this project for the community.

Project Narrative:

7. Please describe or attach to this form a description of your proposed program.

This initiative has been raised over the last five years through the Oak Park Coalition to End Homelessness during the winter months when there is limited access to restrooms due to seasonal operations. Access became even more limited at the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic when businesses were closed and not allowing individuals access inside to use a public restroom. Residents share a need for a clean, safe public restroom in commercial areas.

Approach/Impact/Goals

8. How does the proposed initiative address immediate or delayed public health, economic or other community harms resulting from or exacerbated by the Covid-19 public health emergency?

Access to a public restroom from a community and tourist standpoint is a benefit to public health. This will reduce public urination and defecation in and near the Metra station in downtown Oak Park. This restroom will also reduce the strain on private, local businesses to allow access to a restroom. This restroom is ADA compliant and provides a changing station for individuals with children.

9. Describe overall program goals

The goal of the community restroom is to allow individuals access to a safe, clean public restroom while in the Oak Park community.

Program Eligibility:

Strategic Goals

10. Can you describe a link with this proposed program and the Village Board's goals?

The Community Restroom aligns with the Village of Oak Park's goal to Support Vibrant, Diverse Neighborhood, specifically a vision zero plan for Oak Park to improve pedestrian safety.

Community Benefit

11. Describe the residents impacted (#, age) and over what duration; Is this program for low-moderate income recipients?

The community restroom would impact all Village of Oak Park residents and our local tourists and guest alike. The ability to access the ADA compliant restroom 24/7 throughout the year prevents many limitations. Adding in the changing table will also allow young children to utilize the space. This restroom would be placed in a low to moderate income area, census tract 8123.01 block 2.

Race Equity Impact

12. What racial/ethnic groups are currently most advantaged and most disadvantaged by the issues this proposal seeks to address?

The community restroom is located in census tract 8123.01, Race and Ethnicity: 64% White, 14% Black, 1% Native, 9% Asian, 1% Other, 3% Two or more races and 8% Hispanic. However, all residents and local tourists would be impacted by the community restroom.

13. What positive impacts on equality and inclusion, if any, could result from this proposal? What racial/ethnic groups could benefit? Will it reduce disparities or discrimination?

Access to a public restroom allows for equality due to the limitations that are currently in place with businesses setting limitations to use by customers only. By removing the need to be a customer to access a restroom it allows all individuals to have access to a safe, clean restroom.

Measures & Reporting

14. Do you have program success indicators and progress benchmarks (list them)

Success will be measured by reduced feces throughout the streets and alleys throughout the community.

15. How would you describe the impact to the community? How will these impacts be documented and evaluated that you are meeting the intended goals and community benefits? Please provide examples.

Having ready access to clean to clean, safe public restrooms is a vital part of personal and public health and is key to fostering livability. this will be measured and evaluated by the reduced sanitation needs in the Metra Station.

Project Cost

16. Total Project cost: \$250,000.00 Total ARPA request:

17. Provide timetable when funds will be spent Funds will be fully expenses by March 2023 as outlined in the table below.

18. Do you need all the grant funds in one distribution Yes, we would require all funds to be disbursed at one time to stay within the time table.

Project Sustainability

19. Do you have a plan to keep this initiative in place once the one-time ARPA funds are used?

Please describe. The community restroom is estimated to be sustained over a hundred year period. Once the restroom is purchased and installed it is anticipated to be maintained and sustainable for generations to come.

Timetable:

20. Provide a comprehensive timeline to implement your proposed program and what is the duration of the program

April 2022 - Approval of Funds from the Community Development Citizen Advisory Commission
April 2022 - Complete Annual Action Plan
September 2022 - Approval from Village of Oak Park Board of Trustees Agreement and Resolution
March 2023 - Construction of the Community Restroom

Other:

21. If you don't receive the funds, what are the impacts and will the program not occur in the future? What would be your plan to get this program running without ARPA assistance? Due to the continuous resident and tourist complaints of public defecation, it is a concern that without the Community Bathroom, the sustainability of our Vibrant Neighborhood and the overall adverse affect on health and safety will go unaddressed.

22. Can your program or a portion of your project wait until January 2023 to coincide with the anticipated next phase of community ARPA requests? What would be lost if this program waited until 2023? Do you have a plan to make up this loss? A portion of the project can wait until Jan. 2023. The portion needed to begin the project is for materials only. The construction is anticipated to begin in 2023.

23. Are you requesting ARPA funding from other agencies for this program? Are you requesting ARPA funding from other agencies for other programs? No ARPA funds will be requested at this time.