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Project Details:

Project Title: Access Enhancements at the National Bighorn Sheep Center

Project Type: Education-Access

Affiliate: National Bighorn Sheep Center

Project Location: Dubois, WY

Project Description: The National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Association (NBSIA) is working to enhance access to our main building at the National Bighorn Sheep Center (Center) by assisting in the cost of paving of the parking lot access and repairing our handicap access doors. Both of these project costs exceed the amount requested of the WY Wild Sheep Foundation in this grant request, but in our partnership efforts with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Dubois Volunteers Inc., the Opportunity Shop, and local donors, our goal is to make our access safer and handicap-accessible. This project will benefit our local community and all visitors to the National Bighorn Sheep Center through safer, more reliable and overall improved access. The two goals of this project are to pave the main entry area (near the Veteran's Circle) accessing the Center from the front and to repair our main entry doors to make them handicap accessible so locals and visitors to the Center can access our building for exhibit viewing, programs and special events.

Project Problem: The specific need for this project is two-fold. Currently, as one drives into the parking lot of the Center from Bighorn Lane, the first thing which welcomes visitors is a bumpy, pot-hole-filled access area. Our visitors often comment (i.e. complain) on the rough "pothole-ridden" entrance, and the alternative entrance paving opportunity which has presented itself this spring proves to be a great option to actually seeing this project completed. While Center staff and board members have repeatedly attempted to seek Town of Dubois attention and funding to repair this section of pavement, the continued feedback has always been that there is no funding to do so. This spring we were approached by Jim Rice who is working with Dubois Volunteers Inc. and others to develop and enhance the Veteran's Circle and Tennis Court areas. Since Mr. Rice has developed funding support through other grants and donations for these main projects, the paving of the Veteran's Circle area would be able to move forward this spring if NBSIA were to pitch in to assist with \$3,000 of the total \$9,126 estimate (see attached) to pave the full circle. Since this is an obvious beneficial partnership opportunity to accomplish and address a long-standing critical visitor-services and visitor-access, and visitor-safety issue, NBSIA is seeking funding for this paving project from a variety of sources, including a portion of the funds from this grant request in order to repair this main area of our entrance. Mr. Rice has indicated the goal to begin paving is May 2017. The second important part of this project is the accessibility to the Center itself through the repair and enhancement of our main entry doors and the handicap door operation. While this handicap access has been in disrepair for some time, our recent winter-weather sealing on these doors have made regular door operation cumbersome and challenging for visitors. NBSIA recently received an estimate for repair from Overhead Door in Lander (see attached) as to the costs of full door repairs (including handicap access and weatherization), and while the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has indicated they will support a portion of this estimate, additional support is necessary to make the repairs possible. We are hopeful that both access enhancement projects have the potential of completion before the rush of summer visitation, ideally by June 2017 and certainly no later than August 2017.

Problem Solution: While both of these projects were not budgeted for in our current fiscal year (June 1, 2016-May 31, 2017), NBSIA sees both as priorities of needs which require immediate attention. Time is of the essence in the new funding partnership opportunities with both the efforts by Mr. Rice and the Dubois Volunteer's Inc. group for the paving job, as well as the Wyoming Game and Fish Department for the door repairs, and NBSIA sees the completion of both projects to support our busy summer visitation season as important efforts. Developing funding support for both projects is dependent upon several upcoming pending grant requests, but NBSIA is confident in the capacity to develop funding partners to complete both projects in a timely manner. Fortunately, NBSIA already has the estimates and general timeframe for completion of both projects fitting our outline here, so it is more a matter of finding funding to meet these needs to move the two access improvement projects forward.

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Current Member: Yes

Cost To Be Funded

Equipment.....Paving and Door repair estimates (see attached).....\$5765 total
 Services.....\$
 Publishing.....\$
 Monitoring.....\$
 Supplies.....\$
 Other.....\$
 Totals \$.....Requested for WY WSF GIA.....\$3265 requested to WY WSF

Other Organizations:

Organization 1: Opportunity Shop-\$1,500 granted in April 2017

Organization 2: Robert and Emilie Betts Foundation-\$5000 granted in April 2017 (only portion \$1000 going towards these project)

Organization 3:

Organization 4:

Media Contacts:

Media 1: Dubois Frontier

Media 2: County 10

Media 3: Riverton Ranger/Lander Journal

Media 4: Casper Star Tribune

2 attachments



Paving estimate, NBSC March 2017.jpeg
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Overhead Door estimate repairs NBSC.pdf
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