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3 **RESOLUTION: Approving \$_____ from the Spirit Fund's Government**
4 **Identified Community Projects Category to Help The Boys and Girls Club of**
5 **Oshkosh Expand the Youth-Focused Community Center**

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7 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

8 **WHEREAS**, The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh (hereinafter "The Club") serves youth ages 6 to 18 Monday
9 through Friday after school and during the summer; and

10 **WHEREAS**, The Club provides a safe environment, excellent facilities, caring adults and engaging programs
11 in three key areas: healthy lifestyles, good character and citizenship, and academic success; and

12 **WHEREAS**, The Club offers quality programs for children, addressing today's most pressing youth issues
13 and assisting in teaching young people the skills needed to succeed in life; and

14 **WHEREAS**, programs fall under the following categories: Education & Career Development, Arts, Health &
15 Life Skills, Character and Leadership, Sports, Fitness & Recreation; and

16 **WHEREAS**, expanding the Community Center with a youth-focused design will provide Winnebago County
17 with a centralized services center for all residents.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$_____
19 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved to help The Boys & Girls Club of
20 Oshkosh expand the youth-focused community center. Funding is contingent on The Club remaining committed to its
21 mission to strengthen the lives of individuals, families, and the community.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion, The
23 Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance Director
24 outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion of the project but
25 not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the Boys and Girls Club
27 shall be responsible for reimbursement to Winnebago County for any disbursed funds which are determined by
28 Winnebago County to have been misused or misappropriated. Any reimbursement of funds which is required by
29 Winnebago County shall be due within 45 days after giving written notice to recipient of such misuse or
30 misappropriation.

31 *Fiscal Note: This resolution will not amend the County Budget. \$_____ will be authorized for use from the*
32 *Spirit Fund.*

Respectfully submitted by:

33 **ARPA STRATEGY AND OUTCOMES COMMISSION**

34 Commission Vote:

35 Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership**

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37 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2023.

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40 Jonathan D. Doemel
41 Winnebago County Executive

Resolution Number:

Agenda Item Report



Winnebago County
The Wave of the Future

DATE: 12/14/2023
FROM: Winnebago County Executive's Office
RE: Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh

General Description:

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh serves youth ages 6 to 18 Monday through Friday after school and during the summer. The Club provides a safe environment, excellent facilities, caring adults and engaging programs in three key areas: healthy lifestyles, good character and citizenship, and academic success.

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh offers quality programs for children, taught by caring professional staff that have proven successful in thousands of Clubs nationwide, address today's most pressing youth issues and assist in teaching young people the skills they need to succeed in life. Boys & Girls Club leadership continually evaluate the needs of youth and the results of programs to improve and evolve with the changing times. Programs fall under the following categories: Education & Career Development, Arts, Health & Life Skills, Character and Leadership, Sports, Fitness & Recreation.

Expanding the Community Center with a youth-focused design, will provide the county with a centralized services center for all residents with economic and basic needs. Open to all to meet with community service providers and county departments expands the ability of the County to provide "wrap-around" services where community members need it most.

Action Requested:

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is requesting \$750,000 to help expand the youth-focused community center. With a total project cost of \$18,000,000.00 funded by grants from HUD, City of Oshkosh, and private donors, the new center will be accessible to families and organizations throughout Winnebago County.

Procedural Steps:

Committee of Jurisdiction: ARPA Strategy & Outcomes Commission Meeting date: 12/14/2023

Background:

Timeline of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh

1970 The Boys Club of Oshkosh was founded, and the headquarters officially opened at Main Street and Merritt Avenue.

1974 The Rockwell Foundation purchased the property at 502 N. Main and donated it to the Boys Club of Oshkosh. The Club became owners of its headquarters, which now is the Wagner Opera House.

1981 The Boys Club of Oshkosh Alumni Association was formed. It now raises about \$10,000 annually for the Club and Camp Radford. Members also log many hours of volunteer service.

1984 A permanent endowment fund was established with \$200,000.

1988 The Boys Club of Oshkosh began after-school programs in local elementary schools.

1989 Girls were officially welcomed in common membership, and the Club was renamed the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, Inc.

1992 - 1993 The "Campaign for Kids" raised \$1.7 million dollars to construct a new facility the Club moved to at Parkway Avenue and Broad Street.

1994 A new facility was constructed to house Head Start. Club members use the facility on non-school days, and 160 children in Head Start use the Club building on school days.

1997 Adjacent property was purchased and converted to a Teen Center and administrative offices.

2007 The "Opening the Doors" campaign raised \$2 million dollars for the new Teen Center, \$100,000 for the baseball field, and \$2.2 million dollars in pledges and cash for the endowment.

2007 The new Teen Center, "The CLUB," and administrative offices opened in April.

2016 The Club partnered with Catalpa Health to provide on-site mental health services to Club members and families.

2018 The Club underwent an interior remodel that included building safer more secure entrances, the addition of four new offices, and making updates to many of our program areas in the CLUB Teen Center and the Radford Center.

2020 The Club celebrates its 50th Anniversary!!

2021 The Club holds 50th celebration Block Party after Covid-19 shut-down and announces the expansion of its facilities and new community center.

2022 The Club breaks ground on its building expansion and new community center.

2023 The Club requests ARPA funding to continue to build a strong foundation for all children and families in Winnebago County.

Policy Discussion:

The commission has recognized Government Identified Community Projects that support or enhance county services:

- 1) The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh's programs complement work being done in the Winnebago County Health, Human Services, and Parks Departments, and these facilities are essential to deliver services safely.
- 2) The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh programs are an essential piece of the economic puzzle in Winnebago County. These ARPA funds requested help to ensure more families have access to after school care and childcare needed to live and work in Winnebago County and dedicating ARPA funds from the County demonstrates support for these important programs.

Attachments: