

Northern Waters Library Service (NWLS) - Bayfield County 2019 Budget Planning Request

1. Organizational Background
  - a. Northern Waters Library Service is one of Wisconsin's seventeen regional public library systems. Systems are organized under Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes, which outlines the services they provide and lists the requirements for membership in a library system. Public library system funding from the state enables the systems to carry out the service requirements and the state's commitment to preserve and improve local public libraries. System programs, grants and services are vital in providing the effective and responsive local libraries.
  - b. Northern Waters, founded in 1964, is one of Wisconsin's oldest public library systems. It serves Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer, Vilas and Washburn counties.
2. Bayfield County Representation on NWLS Board
  - a. The NWLS trustees are appointed by the eight participating county boards. Trustees (county board supervisors or citizens designees) can serve unlimited three-year terms. Each county is represented by one to five trustees, based on county population. Currently Jim Crandall, Drummond, and Connie Cogger, Washburn, serve on our Board.
3. Service to Bayfield County
  - a. Library system services include:
    - i. Ensuring that residents have access to public library service
    - ii. Promoting and coordinating resource sharing among libraries
    - iii. Providing technical and financial support to improve the quality of public library service
    - iv. Providing training and continuing education for library staff
    - v. Coordinating cooperative library technology projects
    - vi. Mail-A-Book program
      1. A county-funded library service for people of all ages who are residents of NWLS Counties living in areas without a local public library, or who cannot use a public library because of disability or travel limitation.
4. Details on request and impact on Bayfield County
  - a. On May 24, 2018, the NWLS Board of Trustees voted to request \$37,208 from Bayfield County for 2019. This is a 1% increase from what we requested for 2018; since 2009, we have sought a total increase of \$1,802 from Bayfield County.
  - b. Your funding goes directly back to the libraries in your County. Vital residential services paid for through these funds are Mail-A-Book, where rural or homebound residents can get materials sent to their door; delivery of library

materials to your libraries; and collection development grants that help stock the shelves of your local libraries.

5. Other supporting funds received
  - a. We are primarily funded by the State of Wisconsin.
  - b. New mission and/or planning initiatives in 2019
    - a. New money allocated in the State biennium budget will be going to provide access to lifelong learning and workforce development databases.
    - b. The Public Library System Redesign project is ending its three-year process. The outcomes from the project will be finalized in the next few months. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will then take the findings and implement projects. This has the potential to offer more or cost-effective services.
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7. Service delivery enhancements in 2018/2019
  - a. Please see 6.b. above.

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vpl.wisnls.org

Scott S Fibert  
Bayfield County Clerk  
PO Box 878  
Washburn WI 54891

May 31, 2018

Re: Act 420 Rural Library Use Reimbursement Request

Dear Mr. Fibert,

This is a request for ACT 420 reimbursement of \$89,834 payable by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 for library services provided by the Vaughn Public Library in 2017 to rural residents of Bayfield County. Enclosed are the supporting documents.

Please direct any questions to Sarah Adams.

Thank you,



Sarah Adams  
Vaughn Public Library Director  
715-682-7060  
502 Main St. West  
Ashland WI 54806

June 5, 2018

Dennis Pocerlich, Chair  
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors  
Bayfield County Court House  
117 E 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Washburn, WI 54891


Dear Mr. Pocerlich:

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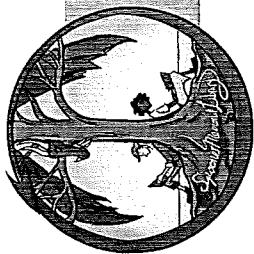
Northern Waters Library Service continues to seek ways to reduce costs while limiting the impact on those who use our services. In the past ten years we have reduced our staff by 1/3, cut travel, conducted an energy audit, and relied on technology to help keep our costs low.

Sincerely,



Sherry Machones, Director

Copies to: Scott Fibert, Bayfield County Clerk  
Mark Abeles-Allison, County Administrator  
James Crandall, NWLS Board of Trustees  
Connie Cogger, NWLS Board of Trustees



# SPONNER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

"WE ARE A HAVEN, A PLACE THAT INVITES AND OFFERS OPPORTUNITY, CELEBRATES COMMUNITY, AND PROMOTES LITERACY."

## CONTACT

Angie Bodzislav, Director  
421 High Street  
Spooner, WI 54801  
715-635-2792  
spoonerlibrarydirector@gmail.com

## BAYFIELD COUNTY REQUEST FOR PAYMENT

SCOTT S. FIBERT, COUNTY CLERK  
117 E FIFTH ST  
PO BOX 878  
WASHBURN, WI 54891

6/8/18

Dear Mr. Fibert,

Wisconsin statutes 43.12 require counties to reimburse public libraries within the county and in adjacent counties at an amount that is equal to at least 70% of the circulation rate for each loan made to a resident with no municipal library.

Please see the attached invoice for the 2018 budget year for \$567.62 which is the amount of County Reimbursement required by the state for 420 to be paid to the Spooner Memorial Library in 2019.

Thank you,

Angela Bodzislav, Director  
Spooner Memorial Library



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June 12, 2018

Mr. Scott Fibert, County Clerk  
Bayfield County Building  
117 E 5th Street, PO Box 878  
Washburn, WI 54891

FROM: Ms. Caryl Pfaff, Library Director  
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa College Community Library  
13466 W Trepania Road  
Hayward, WI 54843

Request for library services reimbursement as provided by Wisconsin Statute Chapter 43.12.

Wisconsin statutes require counties to reimburse public libraries within the county and adjacent counties at an amount that is equal to or least 70% of the circulation rate for each loan to a resident with no municipal library.

The LCO Library request has been prorated by 30% to exclude expenditures for LCO College students.

Total prorated operating expenses for 2017: \$76,629

Total number of circulations for 2017: 8629

Number of circulations eligible for reimbursement: 9

Amount of reimbursement requests (70%): \$55.95

Thank you for your library support.

Sincerely,

Caryl A. Pfaff  
Caryl Pfaff, Library Director

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 Website: [www.superiorlibrary.org](http://www.superiorlibrary.org)

May 1, 2018

Scott Fibert  
 Bayfield County Clerk  
 PO Box 878  
 Washburn, WI 54891

Re: Superior Public Library Request for Reimbursement

Request for library service reimbursement as provided by Chapter 43.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

*Wisconsin Statutes require counties to reimburse public libraries within the county and in adjacent counties at an amount that is equal to at least 70% of the circulation rate for each loan made to a resident with no municipal library.*

Total Library Operating Expenses for 2017: \$1,373,663  
 Total Number of Circulations for 2017: 255,187  
 Number of Circulations Eligible for Reimbursement: 3,816  
 Amount of Reimbursement Requested (70% rate): **\$14,379 (amount due 1/01/2019)**

Please contact me if you have questions.

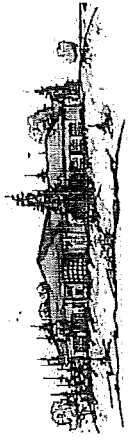
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Heskin, Director  
 Superior Public Library

c: Chris Bronson  
 City of Superior Finance Dept.

The Superior Public Library helps people in northern Wisconsin achieve personal and community growth by encouraging young readers, inspiring imagination of all ages, and connecting citizens with one another and the broader world.



Sherman & Ruth Weiss  
 Community Library

June 28, 2018

Mr. Scott Fibert, County Clerk  
 Bayfield County Courthouse  
 117 E Fifth St  
 PO Box 878  
 Washburn, Wisconsin 54891

Dear Mr. Fibert,

The Library Board of Trustees and I thank you for the Act 420 check we received September, 2017 for \$7,772.00. This check reimbursed our library for services we made to Bayfield County Residents in 2015.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I sent to you on June 28, 2017 requesting reimbursement for services to your County's residents in 2016. The amount of \$6,826.00 was due to our library on March 1, 2018.

This year, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Division for Libraries and Technology has revised the reporting form to clarify how reimbursement amounts are determined. Please view the attached-Act 420 information for circulations our library made to your residents in 2017. The amount of **\$7,886.94 is due to our library by March 1, 2019.**

Please address the checks payable to Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library

PO Box 917  
 10788 State Hwy 27/77  
 Hayward, WI 54843

For your convenience, I also attached Wisconsin Statute 43.12 (1 & 2). This Statute explains that counties are required to reimburse public libraries within the county and adjacent counties at a minimum of 70% of the circulation rate for each loan made to a resident with no municipal library.

I am sending this letter and the Act 420 information via email as well, to insure that it reaches you by July 1, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact me at 715-634-2161 x 14 or at [hlibrary@hsward.wislib.org](mailto:hlibrary@hsward.wislib.org).

Sincerely,

Molly Lank-Jones, Director

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Phone 715-634-2161

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Bayfield Carnegie Library Building Strong Libraries 2019 Program Application  
Bayfield Carnegie Library-July 29, 2018

The Bayfield Carnegie Library is seeking funding for shelving units in the children's area of the library (lower floor). These units will be built for the wall area (under the window height level) on the left side up to the second window (see picture 1) and running perpendicular to the area where the current juvenile graphic novel section is now (see picture 2). David Martinson, who built the picture book carts from our 2018 BSL grant, will be building these new shelves. We are also seeking funding for several sets for the newly-created play area in the former nonfiction room; this room was redesigned/reconverted into a children's play area. Many of the sets we are requesting are Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) playsets. These sets will all be purchased from the company Discount School Supply. The total amount of the project is \$11,271.63. The City of Bayfield will cover 25 percent portion of the cost: \$2,818. The total cost for Bayfield County will be \$8453.63.

After rearranging the children's area with the new picture book carts—and also moving the juvenile fiction area completely around—we've decided that creating an open area for children to sit, interact and do activities, is important for the library. In order to accomplish this, we will be removing the main juvenile fiction open-sided shelf (see picture 1, shelf between windows) and placing those books into the new shelving units that we are requesting. This will create an open area that is not blocked off like it is now.

We recently put some new play units for kids to play kitchen, dress-up, etc., and we would like to expand that area with STEM sets and other play sets, such as a LEGO table.

Budget breakdown:

- Wall-based shelving units: \$10,000 (may come in at a lower price)
- Excellerations Foam Floor Blocks & Planks-44 pieces: \$182.20
- Excellerations Wooden Track & Train Set-40 pieces: \$47.45
- 24" x 36" Rectangle Mirror for babies, infants, and toddlers: \$94.69
- Career Costumes-set of 10: \$199.49
- LED Activity Panel: \$210.32
- Magna-Tiles Clear Colors-32 pieces: \$120.99
- Human X-Rays-set of 18 \$35.64
- Bug X-Rays and Photo Cards-set of 72: \$30.85
- ETSY 30" x 20" LEGO table for playing: \$350

Total: \$11,271.63

The shelves we are seeking quality as capital expenses as defined by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The funding for the projects falls under the Building Strong Libraries grant Program Guidelines, section 1d, because we are improving furnishings for the library; it is an extension of the cosmetic renovation's "Phase II" plan for the children's area. In addition, the shelves fit into the current 5-year strategic plan under Goal 3, which states "The Bayfield Carnegie Library will improve its physical spaces to meet changing needs". The new shelves will improve the physical and visual space of the children's area. These new units also continue

the action plans set up from the creation of the Bayfield Library's strategic plan (2015-2020). The playsets we are seeking funding for qualify as furnishings for building renovations (BSL program guidelines, section d), as defined in the Phase II plan of our renovation. In addition, the sets may qualify under section f. of the program guidelines, because not all libraries have these type of sets available at their locations. With them, the potential for programs at our library will grow as well.

The Bayfield Library board has approved the application including use of funds from the grant. Bayfield Library Director Blair Nelson will oversee the projects. Thank you for your consideration of our grant request, and dedication to offering such outstanding grants to libraries.

August 2, 2018

FROM: The Forest Lodge Library

TO: The Bayfield County Library Committee

RE: Application for grant funding via the Building Strong Libraries program

Proposed project: Media Lab/podcasting

One of the stated goals in the Bayfield County Library Plan of Service is to offer equitable access to library services for all residents of Bayfield County. With this request to the Building Strong Libraries Program it is our hope to augment and improve the services available to our patrons and all Bayfield County residents with the continued development of a media lab, this year focusing on acquiring the tools necessary for an increasingly popular tech trend: podcasting. Not only could we use these tools ourselves, offering locally produced podcasts on staff book reviews and marketing library services, these tools would be open for our patrons to use on site, as well, to create their own recordings. Several of the requested tools have dual use and will be good additions to the media lab we continue to develop.

We feel this falls within the guidelines for the Building Strong Libraries grant program as it represents a "Foundational purchase to initiate a category of program/service not currently offered by the library" and builds on the media center idea we began working towards in 2016.

We are requesting BSL funding for the items listed below, deemed essential tools for the absolute beginner podcaster, which is surely what we are!

- 2-Shure SM58-LC Cardioid Dynamic VocalMicrophone@\$99 \$198.00
- 2-20' microphone cable CBI LXR @9.95 19.90
- 2-Dragonpad USA Pop Filter Studio Mic Wind Screen@8.99 17.98
- TASCAM mini-studio US-42 Mixer - 148.95
- Zoom H6 Six-Track Digital recorder 299.99
- Griffin Tech iMic input/output adapter 29.99
- 2-Sony MDR7506 Pro Large Diaphragm Headphone @79.99 159.98
- Mackie MR 2-way Studio Monitor 149.99
- 2-NEEWER Adjustable Microphone Stand @12.50 25.00
- Dell laptop, project dedicated 1327.68

Bayfield County BSL / \$1783.10

Balance of funds and any additional required software or necessary cords, equipment or installation costs will come from the Forest Lodge Library's 2019 tech budget.

Since this tech tool list was developed in July of 2018 we understand that when purchases are made in 2019 actual costs may differ. It is possible that we may be made aware of a different model of one of the identified items which might be a better fit for us. Should the cost of the purchased items be less than identified, the reimbursement request to Bayfield County when the project is complete will be less. Should the cost be greater, the funds coming from Bayfield County will be as identified above.

This request for additional funding for local media lab development fits with the Forest Lodge Library's own Vision and Mission statements:

**Forest Lodge Library Vision Statement**

The Forest Lodge Library is the learning center of our community and the place people turn to for the discovery of ideas, the joy of reading and the power of information.

**Forest Lodge Library Mission Statement**

The mission of the Forest Lodge Library is to enhance the quality of life for our community by providing open access to cultural, intellectual and informational resources and services that are delivered in a welcoming, convenient and responsive manner.

As a joint library, our communities of Cable and Namakagon have provided sufficient support in 2018 to meet the eligibility requirement of having provided no less than the prior year's operating expenses. The Forest Lodge Library Board of Trustees approved the submission of this grant funding request at their July 9th meeting.

We sincerely hope that the Bayfield Library Committee will look favorably upon this funding request. We offer our thanks to the Bayfield County Library Committee and the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors for the significant support offered to Bayfield County libraries with the Building Strong Libraries program.

Most sincerely,

Kristine Lendved,  
Director,  
Forest Lodge Library

**Summary of Recommended Reimbursement**

The Bayfield County librarians request 100% reimbursement in 2019 of \$255,856.87 (See Table 1). This represents a \$68,266.87 increase over the 2018 reimbursement – which held the total dollars to the same as in 2009.

Table 1 (Forest Lodge Library is a joint library operation between Cable and Namakagon)

Recommended Reimbursement in 2019 (with 2018 actual comparison)	2018	2019	Change
Bayfield Carnegie Library	\$86,975.20	\$118,323.27	\$31,348.07
Forest Lodge Library (Cable/Namakagon)	\$6,115.34	\$8,876.80	\$2,761.46
Drummond Public Library	\$13,471.67	\$22,596.80	\$9,125.13
Iron River Evelyn Goldberg Briggs Library	\$27,646.74	\$38,806	\$11,159.26
Washburn Public Library	\$53,381.05	\$67,254	\$13,872.95
Total	\$187,590	\$255,856.87	\$68,266.87

Table 2

Reimbursable Circulation to Bayfield County Patrons 2016- 2017	2016	2017
Bayfield Carnegie Library	22,513	24,538
Forest Lodge Library (Cable/Namakagon)	1,304	1,216
Drummond Public Library	2,089	2,075
Iron River Evelyn Goldberg Briggs Library	15,896	14,426
Washburn Public Library	17,516	15,320
Total	59,318	57,575

Tri-County Recreational Corridor Commission  
68805 CTH A  
Iron River, WI 54847  
715-969-4150

**2019 Budget Proposal and Request**

July 20, 2018

To: Ashland & Bayfield County Administrators & Douglas County Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Scott A. Williams, Executive Director/Trails Coordinator

In accordance with the agreement signed by the three Counties, the following budget and request are submitted. The Commission will approve this budget at their June 4, 2018 meeting.

The Administrative Budget contribution requested from each County for 2019 is \$5143.00. The budget request is the same as in past years and as much as we would like to cut it—we are unable to do so because we cannot expect additional funding from the Department of Natural Resources. This along with the fact that we have had some expensive trail repairs which we will have to fund gives us no choice but to request the same funds as we did last year. The balance of the funds needed for the Administrative Budget will come from non-county sources. Thank You!

**2018 Budget:**

Commission Expenses	\$3,500.00
Director's Salary	\$6,000.00
Director's Exp. & Mileage	\$1,000.00
Legal/Consultant	\$500.00
Office Rent	\$1,800.00
Office Supplies	\$1000.00
Clerical	\$200.00
Telephone	\$750.00
Postage	\$350.00
Printing/Advertising	\$400.00
Audit	\$500.00
Social Security & Medicare Insurance Bond	\$700.00
Total:	\$18,700.00

**2019 Budget:**

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Director's Exp. & Mileage	\$1,000.00
Legal/Consultant	\$500.00
Office Rent	\$2,000.00
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Clerical	\$500.00
Telephone	\$750.00
Postage	\$300.00
Printing/Advertising	\$800.00
Audit	\$1,500.00
Social Security & Medicare Insurance Bond	\$700.00
Total:	\$20,550.00



Friends of the Center Alliance, Ltd.  
29270 County Hwy G  
Ashland, WI 54806

July 25, 2018

Mark Abeles-Allison  
Bayfield County Administrator  
PO Box 878  
Washburn, WI 54891

Dear Mark:

In reference to the June 1, 2018 memo regarding the 2019 Bayfield County budget planning process, I am writing to request that Bayfield County continue to support the operation of the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (NGLVC). The NGLVC provides direct benefits to the residents of Bayfield County. Because we provide a combination of visitor services, education and community service, our facility gives tangible benefits to taxpayers in several ways.

The full-time, part-time and summer employment provided at the NGLVC by the partner organizations improves the standard of living in this county. Approximately 160,000 people visit the Center annually and are directed to businesses, sites and events in our area. Thousands of students come from different communities each year for experiential learning opportunities that provide enrichment in science, history, literature and other subjects. Many community members utilize the NGLVC each year for public meetings, programs, or to visit the regional Wisconsin Historical Society Archives.

A study done by the UW-Extension and the USDA Forest Service estimates that visitors to the NGLVC spend an average of \$53.75 per person per day, generating over \$5 million of direct, indirect and induced economic activity in this area every year. The programs, educational opportunities, employment and visitor services provided by employees at the NGLVC all contribute to the local economy and increased quality of living within Bayfield County.

Each year Bayfield County holds meetings on economic development, mapping, agriculture and other important topics at the NGLVC. Mary Motif, the Director of Bayfield County Tourism, is the president of the Friends of the Center Alliance LTD. Board. Marty Milanowski, Bayfield County Board District 10 Supervisor and Chairman for the Town of Eileen, also serves on the Friends Board of Directors. We are very glad to have such a close relationship with our Bayfield County government partners.

The annual funding provided by Bayfield County is vital to continuing operations at the NGLVC at its current levels. This is a great model of public-private partnership that exemplifies cooperation and efficiency. Last year, a \$2 million energy project was completed at the Center with USDA Forest Service competitive grant funds that will not only assist with lower energy costs, but will also help to ensure that the building will function well into the future. The Wisconsin Historical Society also

recently provided funding for some internet infrastructure that will benefit all of the partners. It is this type of cooperative partnership that makes the Center such a great business model.

Bayfield County's contribution to the budget at the NGLVC last year was \$9,000. Continued support from Both Ashland and Bayfield Counties is important to help with the cost of operations to be able to provide programs, visitor information and to keep the facility open to the public all year long. We are requesting that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors considers a contribution of \$12,000, which is the original amount that was contributed by each county 20 years ago, in order to cover the increased costs that come with operation of a multi-function facility over time.

We will be grateful for continued support from our home county at whatever level the County Board deems appropriate. Please understand that though we derive funding from many sources to operate, every one of those funding sources is again in danger of being cut or curtailed again this year. Cuts to the Federal budget are having an increasing impact on the federal partners that contribute funding to the NGLVC operations. Especially in difficult economic times, it is important to justify expenditure of tax dollars. Because of the high rate of return on Bayfield County's investment in the NGLVC, the county's investment here is justified and is a good investment.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information. Thank you for your continued support of the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center.

Sincerely,

DONNA KURILLA  
Executive Director, Friends of the Center Alliance, Ltd.



July 12, 2018

Mr. Scott Fibert  
Bayfield County Clerk  
117 E. 5th Street  
Washburn, WI 54891

Dear Mr. Fibert:

The Northwest Regional Planning Commission approved the proposed HHW levy inclusion in each county's 2019 budget. The 2019 Bayfield County HHW levy is \$8,440.00.

Would you kindly see that this request is submitted for inclusion in Bayfield County's 2019 budget.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Commission's Executive Director, Sheldon Johnson at (715) 635-2197.

Sincerely,

*Mariann Jones*  
Mariann Jones  
Fiscal Manager

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July 12, 2018

Mr. Scott Fibert  
Bayfield County Clerk  
PO Box 878  
Washburn, WI 54891

Dear Mr. Fibert:

The Northwest Regional Planning Commission's Executive Committee met on June 27, 2018 at the annual meeting and approved the proposed levy inclusion in each county's 2019 budget. The 2019 Bayfield County levy is \$26,043.

Would you kindly see that this request is submitted for inclusion in Bayfield County's 2019 budget.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Commission's Executive Director, Sheldon Johnson at (715) 635-2197.

Sincerely,

*Mariann Jones*  
Mariann Jones  
Fiscal Manager

cc: James Crandall



**JOHN F KENNEDY MEMORIAL AIRPORT**  
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*A Joint Commission between Ashland County and the City of Ashland*



Mark Abeles-Allison  
Bayfield County Administrator  
117 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
PO Box 878  
Washburn, WI 54891

July 31, 2018

Dear Mark:

I respectfully request the County Board consider a request for \$10,000 (or more) for 2019.

Bayfield County residents enjoy considerable use of this airport, supported mainly by Ashland County residents. Over 35% of the airport users who participate in our sign-in log identify Bayfield County as their destination. I would estimate Courtesy Car usage to Bayfield County at over 50%. Bayfield County residents own or occupy 7 of the 26 hangars, and, as well, occupy 67% of the rented hangar space in the municipal hangar.

We continue to face challenges in building infrastructure repairs or replacement as well as land clearing, budget items that are outside shared funding from State or Federal sources.

The sustained existence and availability of John F. Kennedy Memorial Airport provides residents, businesses, and government agencies of Bayfield County an invaluable service. Your support at the requested amount of \$10,000 will ensure that we can continue to provide the excellent aviation transportation service to the region that the residents of Bayfield County have come to expect.

Sincerely,

*John Sill*  
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John Sill  
Manager  
JFK Memorial Airport



**BAY AREA RURAL TRANSIT**

PO Box 612  
2216 6<sup>th</sup> St East  
Ashland, WI 54806

August 2, 2018

Bayfield County  
Mark Abeles-Allison, County Administrator  
P.O. Box 878  
Washburn, WI 54891

RE: Annual 2018 Local Share Invoice and Budget for FY 2019

Dear Mr. Mark Abeles-Allison

The year 2018 is turning out to be a challenging one financially for BART. The local share for the partner governmental units has been the same for the last 4+ years despite the increase in operating costs. This has been accomplished through services performed for other agencies at a charge that has helped maintain the local commitment to the operations. The state and Federal grants that are necessary for the operations have declined over the last several years from an annual 65% of operating costs to 57.44% in 2017 and an anticipated 57.03% in 2018. These grants are being dispersed to more areas of the state for an increased demand for services without increases from the state legislature to meet these demands. (Doing more with less!) The result is going to be an extremely careful monitoring of expenses that may result in a reduced level of services before the end of the year.

Most of the BART partners are stating that no increases are available to help maintain present levels of service for the 2019 fiscal year. The BART board will be looking to comply with this for this year, and we therefore request the budget at the same level as 2018 which means Bayfield County would be \$21,050.00. This amount includes the core bus route service and capital expenses of \$12,850 and \$ 8,200 for the Washburn Blue Goose service.

BART has an ongoing commitment to operate as efficiently as possible. We understand the huge impact the state shared revenue reductions have had on the local governments. As costs continue to rise and grant revenues continue to decline, the challenge to provide the expected level of services remains uncertain. We are optimistic that the strong partnership that we have counted on for 37 years will continue to be the strength of the BART system.

Enclosed please find your invoice for the local share for 2018. We look forward to working with each partner to continue to plan for the future. Thank you for your ongoing support and please feel free to call if you have concerns or comments.

Sincerely,

*Patrick Daoust*

Patrick Daoust, Manager  
Bay Area Rural Transit

CC: Scott Griffiths, Chairman, Bay Area Rural Transit Commission  
Jeremy Oswald, Bayfield County Board Rep

\$ 7750

\$ 13,300

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