

Skyline Grange #894 Case Statement for Stimulus Grant

Introduction

Skyline Grange #894 is located at 11275 NW Skyline Boulevard, Portland, OR 97231 at the northwest boundary of the city limits of Portland in Multnomah County. It is a vital asset to the community as a neighborhood gathering place and community hub.

Though the building is owned by a fraternal organization, in reality it serves as a meeting place for a much greater population. The Grange is available for all residents living in our expansive semi-rural community and for the agencies and organizations that serve the area. Longstanding events held in the building include educational presentations, first aid and safety training for the community, governmental forums and open houses for elected representatives as well as community gatherings. The building is convenient and centrally-located in our community, making attendance to events and meetings more achievable for the local population.

Project Goal

To ensure Skyline Grange is welcoming, safe, and accessible to all who wish to attend and participate in activities and meetings held at the Grange.

Proposal

1. To install an ADA restroom on the main level.
2. To install a second emergency exit from the main level.

The main floor of the Grange building is fully utilized for current (pre-pandemic) activities with no space in the existing footprint to add an ADA restroom. The topography of the site and the existing roadway access require that any addition to the main floor be on the downhill end of the building and therefore must be two stories. We are proposing a full width addition to minimize structural complexity and maximize value.

In addition, this project could provide potential jobs for members of our local community as we have a number of contractors and tradespeople in our area.

Project Background

Currently the only restrooms in the building are on the lower level and accessible only by stairs. This places a barrier for mobility challenged residents to attend activities. In addition, there is only one entrance/exit on the main floor. A second entrance/exit would be critical to perform an emergency evacuation of the building. This project would address both of these issues, providing a main floor ADA compliant restroom and a second exit via ramp. Both of these improvements would transform the building to achieve our goal of being a more accessible, safe and welcoming place for all. This would encourage a greater number of people to be engaged in their community.

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