

February 17, 2023

To the City Council:

Thank you for reaching out to Davis County Tourism in regard to funds available from community development fund.

The Welcome Center is the face that visitors see. We greet and welcome each and every visitor, answering any questions they may have in regards to, not just tourist opportunities, but about the community itself. Do we have a dentist? What is the hospital like? I have found some of these people are looking for retirement possibilities.

Our organization relies heavily on volunteers.

1. There is no charge for mowing, as Ron Hewus donates his time and mower.
2. The horse, "Old Billy", has been renovated due to the skills donated by John Garnett. Work is in progress to rebuild/renovate the buggy at no cost to the Welcome Center.
3. Our Welcome Center is staffed totally by volunteers, 11 volunteers are needed each week. In the last year, Lorretta Lucas, one of our volunteers. worked 165 hours, plus meetings! That is dedication.
4. In 2021, we were so short on funds, that the officers and board members, at our expense, had a drive-thru soup supper raising \$800.00 in funds.

We are struggling to maintain the house and property without funding. Our yearly income from craft sales, donations and membership do not cover the expenses we incur. The following is just for the maintenance and does not include any funding for new projects or renovations.

We are requesting only funds that will help to provide the basics, heat, water, and electricity. Keeping the parking lot and the sidewalks clear is an expense that varies widely depending upon the winter. We coat the parking lot every 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year at a cost last time of \$1100.00.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Diane Bales

President, Davis County Tourism

## 2023 Welcome Center Budget

(Figures for 2022 are actual expenses. Figures for 2023 are budgeted)

<b>Income:</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Membership/donations:	\$2545.00	\$2500.00
Craft sales commission:	\$ 504.83	\$ 500.00
Soup Supper	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Lawson Matching Fund fundraiser	<u>\$ 400.00</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Totals:	\$4, 249.83	\$3,800.00
Expenses:		
Telephone:	\$826.05	\$840.00
City of Bloomfield:	\$1,467.52	\$1,600.00
Coating of parking lot (every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> year)		\$1,200.00
Advertising	\$361.21	\$350.00
Insurance:	\$316.00	\$325.00
Repairs: (furnace) (new lock for door)	\$353.44	\$350.00
Postage:	\$164.60	\$165.00
Office Supplies: Paper/ink/sales books	\$ 71.67	\$100.00
Supplies: (Light bulbs, paint, various)	\$130.86	\$150.00
Snow Removal	\$447.50	\$700.00
Purchases for resale:	<u>\$443.05</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
Totals:	\$4,134.39	\$5,790.00