

Dorris Community Center of Butte Valley in Siskiyou County has committed to serve community members in Dorris, Macdoel, Pleasant Valley, Tennant and Bray. Along with Sight and Hearing programs and community service, the Lions Club has taken on Meals on Wheels, Senior Lunch Social and food commodities distribution over the past few years. Serving a client base of mostly low income and senior citizens estimated at 350 individuals, we have run out of storage and need an addition to our current facility.

In order to better serve our community's ever growing needs, we have started the process to obtain funds for a new addition to our building. The addition will need covered parking for handicap and bad weather food distribution, laundry facility to cut costs of dry cleaning, walk in freezer and refrigerator for food program storage, dry storage and a food distribution/training room. We have also included solar panels to eliminate energy costs for both buildings.

Building plans have been completed and we are seeking additional funds for the food distribution and meeting room . This will allow the Lions Club to buy food in bulk for the weekly nutrition programs and cut costs. Purchasing turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for low income families will no longer be a logistic challenge.

Proposed Budget of \$473,000.00- \$220,000.00 needed from CDBG

\$40,000.00 for walk in freezer and refrigerator plus installation

\$40,000.00 for covered handicap parking plus labor

\$140,000.00 for food distribution/training room plus labor

\$140,000.00 Lions Club donations and in-kind

\$96,500.00 McConnell Foundation

\$96,500.00 Ford Family Foundation

Additional grant from Blue Sky for solar panels \$92,795.00

Having this addition to the current facility will enable the Lions Club to expand on existing programs. Looking towards the future and the community's needs, we need to be better equipped to facilitate programs. Having this addition also means we can have more than one function at a time. Other service organizations will be able to use either facility depending on the size of group or need, without interrupting wedding or arena events.

Having this additional building will not only cut costs of operations but change how the Lions club can facilitate functions for every community need. The main hall in the existing building seats 225 people and is more than accommodating for larger groups. Building plans for a 25 person training room would accommodate most local service organizations. The Dorris Lions Club is dedicated to the pursuit of meeting Butte Valley's needs and a new building addition is part of the process.

Proposal for Funds for Butte Valley Community Center Building Project

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