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| General Information | |
| Date of application: | 01/04/2024 |
| Organization name: | Albany Jewish Community Center |
| Organization TIN or EIN: | 14-1364462 |
| Organization physical address: | 340 Whitehall Road Albany, NY 12208 United States Map It |
| Contact Information | |
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| What is the preferred method of contact? | Email |
| Website (if available): | https://www.albanyjcc.org |
| Organization Info and Structure: | |
| Is the organization a nonprofit? | Yes |
| If nonprofit, please attach to this application proof of your organization's Tax-Exempt Status | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AJCC-501C3-Letter.pdf |
| Date of establishment: | 04/16/1926 |

Give a brief description of your organization. Please include information on the organization's activities or mission statement (150 words or less):

The Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center provides a nurturing environment where individuals and families can grow and develop in mind, body and spirit. We serve the spectrum of family life, from infants through seniors, through programs related to education, physical fitness, and communal life. Our core values are rooted in Jewish principles, and we welcome members of the community at large, regardless of their faith or background. We operate onsite early childhood, after school, camp, fitness, aquatics, seniors, cultural and meals programs.

Provide the total number of full-time employees (if applicable):

60

Provide the total number of part-time employees (if applicable):

130 (including seasonal staff)

Provide the total number of volunteers (if applicable):

65

What is the organization's current annual budget?

\$5,039,000

Have you or the organization ever received any form of COVID-19 relief funds or loans specific to the negative impacts of the Pandemic?

Yes

If you selected "Yes" above, please specify type and amount.

For the period of 2020-2023, the JCC received the following amounts in Covid-19 relief funds

Paycheck Protection Program: \$1,370,000
Childcare Stabilization: \$ 349,000
Earnings Retention Credit: \$ 322,000

Did your organization lose revenue as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic? If yes, provide the amount of lost revenue (2020-2022)

The calculation uses a 2019 (pre-Covid) revenue of \$5,067,079 as the base-year revenue for each of the subsequent years of 2020-2022.

2020 Revenue: \$ 3,983,453
2021 Revenue: \$ 4,358,344
2022 Revenue: \$ 4,000,907
Total: \$12,342,704
LESS: 2020-2022 Covid-19 Funding: \$ 1,714,000
Total w/o Covid-19 Funding \$10,628,704
2019 base-year revenue for 2020-2022 \$15,201,237

LOST REVENUE FOR 2020-2022 (\$4,572,533)

Project Proposal

Applicants may choose to apply for up to 2 program areas. Please select the primary program area for which you would like to apply.

Recreation and Outdoor Infrastructure

What amount of funding is being requested (Must be at least \$100,000 and should not exceed program area totals)?

\$300,000

Is this a new project or expansion of an existing initiative, please describe.

This is an expansion of an existing initiative through the renovation of the JCC indoor, Betty Clark pool, an existing

facility of the JCC. The pool was forced to close in January, 2023 due to sustained, uncontrolled leaking, and has spent the last year seeking funds for its renovation. The JCC has good experience with the management of and programming for such a facility, and once the pool renovation is completed, will reopen for the community.

Please provide an executive summary of the proposed program or project for which you are requesting funds. Include a description of the target population, as well as the goals and objectives of your proposed project (500 words or less).

This project, entitled "Saving the Betty Clark Pool" will repair the JCC's indoor pool that has been out of commission for JCC and community use for one year at the time of this application's submission. The repairs include replacing the pool's main drain with a Federally-compliant set of twin main drains, replacing support beams of the pool deck, repairing the pool's gutter system, installing new piping from the gutters to the pool pump room, repairing the pool deck drains and installing new piping from them, and repairing approximately 10-15% of the pool deck's concrete structure. Additional re-tiling work, and subject to funding, replacement of the pool filter is also anticipated.

The target population includes JCC members for whom many, including senior adults, utilize the pool as primary sources of exercise in the form of lap swimming and training. A second target population, both members and not, are families with children who utilize the pool for recreations and swim classes. A third population are adults who utilize the pool for fitness classes that are water-bound, including aqua-exercise.

Other populations provided with swim time are early childhood children and afterschool children, the JCC's swim team, and teens and adults taking aqua-safety programs (lifeguarding and WSI).

The pool went down just as people were returning to in-person exercising at the JCC, particularly aquatics programs and lap swimming by senior adults. They were the last to return to the JCC for in-person activities (and other agencies) and felt that such exercise provided a safer physical environment for exercise. So as a matter of building a resilient and active community, the pool with year-round swimming and exercise is a large element of a healthy neighborhood and community, especially true for senior adults but also for all ages.

Our goal is to complete the project by March/April 2024 and restart all indoor aquatics programs at the JCC.

Please explain why this program or project is needed within the County.

There is a dearth of publicly accessible indoor swimming pools in the vicinity of the JCC. Other such pools so co-located are part of the Albany City school system or in private schools and colleges. In both cases, access is rarely if ever available.

With its policy and practice of being open to the entire community, the JCC provides opportunities for aquatics programs for an entire day, seven days a week. The accumulated experience and expertise of running such a community pool for 60 years also optimizes the pool's use for its variety of users and programs.

The anticipated closing of St. Rose removes one private indoor pool that was open for limited public use, primarily through their Saturday Excel program for 9-12 year olds. The JCC has begun conversations to pick up that program.

All funded activities must meet the objective of responding to the public health and negative economic impact of the pandemic. Please describe how your proposal will help address this objective and assist with recovery (250 words or less).

Users of the pool perceived it as a safe return to physical activity, given the more extended distance between each user and the elevated sanitary environment a pool provides with chlorination. They were thus less anxious and more willing to return to physical exercise in such a manner, and this was most true of senior adults. There is also the social element associated with swimming: that which brings them to the JCC has a corollary effect of their staying at the JCC in spaces reserved for senior adult use for additional social and recreational activity, and so combatting the loneliness that the Covid period fostered.

Economically, JCC membership numbers plummeted by half from pre-pandemic numbers to the end of 2021. In 2022 we saw a slight rise in membership and overall numbers of participation, especially in childcare. But with the closing of the pool for 2023 we saw a drop in membership again, while other program participation continued to rise, including other non-aquatics senior adult programs. Clearly the pool's closing, which contributes so much to overall public health and physical resilience, affected people's ability, while no longer fearful due to Covid, to more fully participate in exercise.

If an award is made, describe how Albany County stakeholders will benefit. Where possible, please use measurable outcomes to quantify impact.

The return of the Albany JCC's indoor pool will see the resumption of year-round access to aquatics activities for many Albany County residents. Chief among them are senior adults for whom aquatics is a principal means of exercise. This was especially true in the aftermath of Covid, where swimming was perceived as a safer alternative

for exercise than land-based fitness. Senior adults who utilize the JCC through a Silver Sneakers and other insurance-based portals are particular beneficiaries of the pool. Other stakeholders include young families who desire swim lessons for their children, and adults whose membership in the JCC is more greatly valued by the pool.

The JCC and its pool are a source of lifeguard and water safety instructor (WSI) training. This certainly benefits the JCC, but also other pool locations in Albany County where these lifeguards and WSIs are employed.

The impact of the pool can be measured first in its impact on JCC membership. The JCC saw an increase in membership in 2022 from its pandemic lows. This increase was halted with the close of the pool in 2023. And the increase in 2022 was reflected in all demographics of membership, including senior adults and young families. The pool's return will also be measured in an increase overall in the number of exercise classes the JCC offers. Last, the JCC tracks participation in all programs and will be able to quantify the impact the reopening of the pool has on participation.

Please describe your organization's ability to implement the project you propose including organizational structure, staff members involved, a summary of similar initiatives you have undertaken and the date they were completed:

The JCC has a full-time, long tenured director of aquatics and a full-time facilities director of facilities who will oversee the project. It engaged an engineering firm with particular expertise in pool construction to do the initial assessment of the pool, and then was engaged to develop and design the reconstruction project, put together the bid documents, help with the identification and the selection of the construction company, and help oversee the work. The JCC's CEO has been principally involved with raising the necessary funds for the project, contracts review were part of the board of director's approval process to move forward, and the JCC has the necessary insurance coverage for such projects.

In 2020, the JCC successfully completed a small project to replace the supply piping to the pool from the pump room. And more recently, the JCC successfully completed projects for grant-funded projects of an outdoor ropes course (2021) and two outdoor "yurt" projects (2023).

How will you track performance goals and define success? Include at least two key performance indicators and expected annual outcomes/impact?

A first milestone of progress will first be measured by a successful completion of the renovation in the approved and contracted time period of March/April 2024. A second will be the return of JCC members who "froze" their membership when the pool was closed. A third will be the JCC's meeting its 2024 Aquatics Department budget, which set revenue goals of \$127,000 for operating for eight months of the year.

Project start date:

12/11/2023

Project End date:

04/01/2024

Please provide key project milestones inclusive of the anticipated timelines and descriptions

| Milestone | Anticipated Timeline | Task Description |
|---|-------------------------|--|
| Construction Completed | 12/11/2023 - 04/01/2024 | As outlined in the executive summary, all work associated with the reconstruction of the JCC's indoor pool |
| Aquatics programming for remainder 2024 | 4/1/2024 - 12/31/2024 | Resumption of aquatics programming; meeting revenue goal of \$127,000 |

At the top of this page is a downloadable project budget. Please download the budget form and upload it here.

- [AJCC-Pool-Budget.pdf](#)

If you are funding a multi-year initiative, please provide a breakdown of funding level per year below:

| 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
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| \$300,000 | | |

Use this space to provide a narrative supporting and clarify anything from the proposed project budget above. In addition, if "Other Funds" or "Other Uses" are included above, please specify the source(s) below.

Other Funds: \$400,000. State sources include \$350,000 in two grants from state elected officials in support of the project and \$50,000 in the competitive CFA REDC process. This funding will be used for the majority of the initial \$516,000 approved contractual fee for the pool reconstruction project.

Explain why ARPA funds are needed to complete the proposed program/project. Would the proposal be possible without ARPA assistance? Describe how your proposal would be impacted if you are awarded a smaller grant than requested?

ARPA funding is needed to complete the funding required for the initial \$516,000 approved contractual fee for the pool reconstruction project. Additional monies are needed for anticipated enlarged scope of tilework the project is likely to require and is funding dependent. Finally, ARPA funding is requested for a second stage of the pool project that begins with the replacement of the pool filter which is not within the scope of the current contract and estimated at \$80,000. Should funding be less than requested, the scope of additional tilework and pool filter work would be reduced or deferred.

ARPA funds must be expended by December 31, 2026. Please describe how your project will be sustained if it will continue beyond this date.

By contract, the project must be completed prior to April 1, 2024. As the funding request is for construction, no operating costs are being requested for funding.

Please list any matching funds:

As identified through Other Funds, other sources of funding have been identified and awarded. Strictly speaking, they are not matching funds for this grant, nor were matching funds required in order to receive them.

Tax Information or Additional Information

Please upload Federal tax returns for tax year 2019

- [FY19-AJCC-990.pdf](#)

Please upload Federal tax returns for tax year 2020

- [FY20-AJCC-990.pdf](#)

Please upload Federal tax returns for tax year 2021

- [FY21-AJCC-990.pdf](#)

Please upload Federal tax returns for tax year 2022

- [FY22-AJCC-990.pdf](#)

Please upload IRS Form W-9

- [AJCC-W-9.pdf](#)

Risk Assessment:

Has the organization adopted and/or implemented policies relating to: records retention, conflict of interest, code of ethics, and/or nondiscrimination policies

Yes

If you selected "Yes" above, please specify:

There is an Annual Conflict of Interest form required to be signed by the JCC's Board of Directors, and a Code of Ethics that also requires annual signing. The JCC's records retention policy conforms to best practices, and nondiscrimination policies are part of the employee handbook.

Is the organization properly insured?

Yes

If you selected "Yes" above, please specify the types of insurance held and the limits:

General Liability: \$2,000,000/\$1,000,000; Employee Benefits Liability: \$1,000,000; Sexual Abuse/Molestation: \$1,000,000; Auto Liability: \$1,000,000; Employers Liability: \$1,000,000; Directors and Officers: \$1,000,000; Professional Liability: \$1,000,000; Umbrella: \$10,000,000

Does the organization have a financial management system?

Yes

If you selected "Yes" above, please specify:

Quickbooks

Has there been any change in your organization's key staffing positions in the last 2 years?

Yes

If you selected "Yes" above, please specify:

The JCC's current Director of Finance was hired in the fall of 2022

Has the organization previously done work for the Federal government (i.e. Is the entity experienced in managing Federal funds)?

Yes

If you selected "Yes" above, please specify:

The JCC received a Department of Homeland Security/FEMA security grant in 2018 for \$100,000. That grant was executed and utilized for security upgrades to the JCC.

Certifications

Acknowledgment 1

I Have Read and Understand the U.S. Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (see below link)
U.S. Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:
<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>

Acknowledgment 2

Should the County Allocate ARPA Funds, I am Able to and Pledge to Adhere to ALL Compliance and Reporting Requirements of the U.S. Treasury as it relates to any State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Acknowledgment 3

I Understand the County Will Contact me if/when Additional Information is Needed and that Information will be Promptly Provided to the County to Support Reporting Requirements

Acknowledgment 4

If for Any Reason I am Unable to Comply with the U.S. Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Requirements I will Immediately Notify the County in writing by email or letter

Acknowledgment 5

All Information Submitted in this Application is True & Accurate

Electronic Signature Agreement

I agree
By checking the "I agree" box, you agree and acknowledge that 1) your application will not be signed in the sense of a traditional paper document, 2) by signing in this alternate manner, you authorize your electronic signature to be valid and binding upon you to the same force and effect as a handwritten signature, and 3) you may still be required to provide a traditional signature at a later date.

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