



REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
May 28, 2020

Department Safety & Code Enforcement

Director Approval David Cowan

AGENDA ITEM Episcopal Church ADA request

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION City staff recommends repair to the alley sidewalk at the Episcopal Church.

BACKGROUND The City of Independence was contacted by the Episcopal Church related to an ADA issue with the sidewalk crossing the alley by their parking lot. The Episcopal Church is asking that the sidewalk be repaired to assist those parking in the parking lot and attempting to get into the church. They are estimating 350 people use the building for various meetings and church services. They are also asking if the city would also consider reimbursing half of the cost they have already expended repairing the sidewalks at the church.

BUDGET IMPACT The budget impact would be the cost of the ADA sidewalk in the alley and if the Commission desires to pay half the cost of the sidewalk repair from the ADA funds.

SUGGESTED MOTION I move to approve City Staff to make repairs to the alley sidewalk at the Episcopal Church.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Email Request
2. Alleluia Grant including pictures

From: [Mark Coder](#)
To: [David Cowan](#)
Subject: ada work for Episcopal Church
Date: Thursday, March 5, 2020 9:52:53 AM
Attachments: [Alleluia grant.docx](#)

David,

Below I have listed the many activities that happen in our parish hall, at the Church of Epiphany, Episcopal. As you can see, our building sees a number of our local organizations. We are estimating 350 people use our building.

The sidewalk beside our building (picture in attachment) has been repaired by SEK construction. However the alley (picture in attachment) has not.

I wrote a grant and was granted half of the sidewalk repair from the Diocese of Kansas.

We are asking for the alley to be repaired and some help with the sidewalk expense.

Because of the sidewalk and alley, we have had two members of our parish not be able to attend due to their problems with the sidewalk and alley and their wheelchairs. We also have a visiting priest, whose wife is in a wheelchair, having problems with accessibility.

Monday: Garden Club meets the 1st Monday of each month, Al-anon every Monday evening

Tuesday: Quilter's club

Wednesday: St. Martha's Guild meets the 3rd Wed. of the month, Crazy Quilters the 4th afternoon, Overeaters anonymous every Wednesday, Bible study group every Wednesday evening, investment club the 3rd evening

Thursday: Monday music club in the afternoon, CUFF dinner each Thursday (this is a program focused on feeding the underprivileged in the community. It is served by several churches that take turns fixing the dinner. It is held at our parish.)

Friday: DAR meets 5 or 6 times a year

Sunday: 11:00 worship service

We would appreciate your taking us into your consideration about this issue.

Thank you,
Leslie Coder
Senior Warden, Church of Epiphany

I have attached the grant that I wrote dealing with this issue.



The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas - Alleluia Grant

NAME OF CHURCH: Church of Epiphany		DATE OF APPLICATION:	
ADDRESS: 400 E Maple			
CITY: Independence	STATE: KS	ZIP CODE: 67301	
CONTACT PERSON: Leslie Coder			
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 620-330-6948		EMAIL: mlcoder@att.net	
CHURCH WEBSITE ADDRESS:			
PROJECT TITLE: ADA Sidewalk Access			

Please list all additional source(s) of eligible funding or other grant requests:

If different from above, please provide name and address for receipt of approved funds:

CONTACT PERSON: same		
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
TELEPHONE NUMBER:		EMAIL:

Applicants must submit this form, along with a narrative summary of the proposed project of no more than 500 words, along with a detailed project budget (preferably in Excel format). All grant applications will be considered according to the following criteria:

Clearly states the project's community need and/or impact. Does the project fulfill the Mission and Outreach purpose of enabling your parishioners to fulfill their baptismal covenant to serve as Christ's hands and feet in the world?	Clearly states expected project outcomes, including how the outcomes will be measured or how success of the project will be measured and identified.
Indicates the level of parishioner participation. Will the project transform both the volunteers and the beneficiaries?	Clearly defines the dates of the project, indicating that it is finite.
Clearly states how funds will be used, accompanied by a detailed budget that is fully supported with bids and/or pricing information (Excel format preferred).	

The signatures of both the Presbyter in charge of the requesting church, and the Senior Warden, confirm that the congregation supports this grant request and will provide the matching funds required.

Presbyter in charge of requesting church		
Name:	Signature:	Date:
Senior Warden of requesting church		
Name: Leslie Coder	Signature: Leslie Coder	Date: 08-12-19
Contact Person for project		
Name: Drew Demm	Signature: Drew Demm	Date: 08-12-19

The Church of the Epiphany is located in Independence, Kansas. We have a membership of 97 with an average attendance of 25-30. At this time we do not have a priest or a deacon serving our parish. We are at the mercy of supply priests and our wonderful layperson teams leading morning prayer. With this in mind, let me fill you in on what happens at our small parish.

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Saturday: We are having Eucharist on the 3rd Saturday at this time in cooperation with the Episcopal Churches in Neodesha and Coffeyville as we share a supply priest.

Sunday: 11:00 worship service

This means that approximately 350 people use our parish building weekly

As you can see, our parish is very busy. However, we are running into some ADA issues that need to be taken care of. I have attached pictures of some of the problem areas.

Our sidewalk and alleyway is in disrepair. We have two handicap parking stalls alongside the church on 4th street and 4 handicap stalls in the parking lot beside the church. As you can see in the pictures (attached) getting from the parking lot through the alley is almost impossible due to the chunk missing in the alley and the unevenness of the sidewalk going into the parish.

We are needing financial aide in covering the cost of repairing the sidewalk around our building so wheelchairs can have better accessibility to our building. The city will take care of the alley problem but will not be responsible for the sidewalk. We have been told that it is our responsibility.

If we are able to complete this project our church will be in better compliance to the ADA standards. (ii) A "path of travel" includes a continuous, unobstructed way of pedestrian passage by means of which the altered area may be approached, entered, and exited, and which connects the altered area with an exterior approach (including sidewalks, streets, and parking areas), an entrance to the facility, and other parts of the facility. (A) An accessible path of travel may consist of walks and sidewalks, curb ramps and other interior or exterior pedestrian ramps; clear floor paths through lobbies, corridors, rooms, and other improved areas; parking access aisles; elevators and lifts; or a combination of these elements." (https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleII_2010/titleII_2010_regulations.htm#a35133)

As far as parishioner participation, my plan is for them to be the matching funds part of this application for the grant. So far, our parishioners have been very giving in the area of building funds. With a church the age as ours, there are always areas in need of repair and updating. We all understand the importance of this.

Thank you,
Leslie Coder
Sr. Warden
Church of Epiphany, Independence, Ks.

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INDEPENDENCE, KS 67301
620-331-5252

DATE	PROPOSAL N.
7/22/2019	751

NAME / ADDRESS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH 400 E MAPLE INDEPENDENCE, KS 67301

TERMS

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
REPLACE APPROXIMATLY 72 FEET OF SIDEWALK .NEW SIDEWALK TO HAVE CURBS AND WARNING PAD TO MEET ADA	3,425.00
SALES TAX	0.00
TOTAL	\$3,425.00

SIGNATURE

