

**Town of New London
Project Identification Form**

Department: Recreation Project Name: Community Center

Date Submitted: July 24, 2017 Updated: _____

Description of Project/Item:

Development and construction of a community center for the purpose of a central location for residents and guests to engage in recreational programs and facilities.

Project Purpose:

- 1. Approximately how many residents will directly benefit from this project? Explain how number was derived. A community center would be utilized by thousands of community members for active and non –active purposes, town meetings, social gathering, etc. Currently 1,500+ members participate in Recreation programs annually**
- 2. How does this project impact the level of service currently being provided, e.g., brings up an adopted minimum standard; maintains, improves, or provides a new level of service?**
The recreation department has shown significant growth the last four years and space of offer programs is very limited. Lack of parking is also major issue at Whipple hall.
- 3. Does this project address safety or health issues? If so, how?**
Recreation opportunities provide an increased quality of life for all age populations. New London lacks adequate facilities to serve the needs of the community such as active afterschool space, Art class space, meeting space, etc.
- 4. What is the proposed life expectancy of this project? Is this the first phase of many phases? Explain**
A well planned community center built to serve the current and future needs of the population will expect a lifespan of 50+ years.
- 5. Are there any fiscal benefits of constructing this project in conjunction with another community or outside agency project, or is this a multi-departmental project? If so, please explain.**
The vision of a community center may have different forms. I believe this building would be best utilized by including other non- town organizations to share in this project as renters of space.
- 6. Will the completion of this project improve the efficiency of current Town programs or operations? If so, state which specific operations will be affected and how they will be improved.**
Recreational programs will see a significant increase due to the accessibility of programs during key times that most accommodate age populations.

7. What are the implications of delaying or deferring this project beyond the year(s) for which funding is requested?

New London has needed a community center for many years. As plans to renovate old buildings has proved to be not feasible I feel new construction will provide a well thought out, energy efficient, ADA compliant facility the greater New London area can be proud of as the home of many program, events, special meetings and most importantly a gathering place for all to celebrate community.

8. Will this project increase the capacity in anticipation of future growth? If so, please explain.

A well planned & managed facility will provide space to offer multiple programs at the same time to accommodate families to recreate together.

9. Describe the impact of the project on staffing or other operating costs.

Staffing would increase to include front desk receptions and program director.

10. Total Estimated Project Costs (attach available documentation):

Legal/Survey/Engineering:	_____	\$30,000
Land Acquisition:	_____	\$400,000
Equipment Acquisition:	_____	
Construction:	_____	\$3.5 million approx. 18,000 sq. ft.
Other (Describe):	_____	\$55,000 furnishings

11. Estimated Future Operating Costs (attach available documentation):

Additional Personnel:	_____	1 front desk & 1 programs supervisor = \$90,000
Electricity:	_____	\$16,450
Heating/Cooling:	_____	\$22,000
Repairs/Maintenance:	_____	\$26,000 cleaning service
Other (describe):	_____	copier, Security, phone = \$8,000

12. Project Dates:

Projected Approval Date:	_____
Projected Project Start Date:	_____
Projected Project Completion Date:	_____
Projected Term of Borrowing:	_____

Notes: (Additional information)

Department Head Signature: Scott Blewitt

Date: July 24, 2017

Meredith Community Center

Fact Sheet

April 27, 2016

Square feet: Total 18,000

Individual Space Square Footage (See attached)

2016 Budget Related To Community Center

Staffing

Front Desk (Full Time 8AM-5PM)	\$35,464
Front Desk (Part Time Nights/Weekends)	\$12,200
Birthday Parties	\$1,368
School Vacation Camps	\$7,500
After School Program	\$15,358
Summer Camp	\$42,892
Heating Oil	\$22,000
Electricity	\$16,450
Propane	\$1,000
Maint. Supplies (Indoors and Outdoors)	\$37,000
Copier Contract	\$2,558
Security Alarm Maintenance	\$500
Contracted Cleaning Service	\$26,312
Phone Service	\$6,000

Construction Cost: \$ 3.5 million

Land Purchase: \$500,000

Furnishings Cost: \$56,000

Towns Served: Meredith. Non-residents are welcome. Center Harbor and Sandwich are part of the school district.

Population Served (6,241 Full Time)(15,000 Summer)

Programs offered

2015 Participation Totals

PROGRAM	PARTICIPANTS
After School Program	30
Summer Camp Can Do (ages 5-14)	98
Pawtuckaway State Park	64
Cowabungas Grades K-3	37
Whales Tale Field Trip	116
Canobie Lake Field Trip Grades 4-8	55
Storyland Field Trip Grads K-3	37
Fisher Cats Field Trip	93
Cranmore Mountain Adventure Grade 4-8	50
Counselor in Training Program	18
Tennis Lessons (adult & Child)	25
Swim Lessons	174
School Vacation Camps	77
Full Day & Half Day Camps (no school)	40
Gunstock Ski Program	29
Coed Youth Soccer Program	87
Coed T-Ball (pre-K-grade 2)	56
Granite State Track Program	24
Preschool Playgroup	57
Adult Coed Volleyball	27
Strength & Balance Program	157
Senior Exercise	52
Adult Day Pickleball Program	93
Evening Pickleball Program	83
Adult Men's P/U Basketball	298
Craft Fair Vendors	32

Craft Fair Attendees 400
Red Sox Trip 41
Birthday Party 43
Community Center Drop-Ins 9393
Skate Park Drop-ins
Annual Christmas Tree Lighting 150+
Holiday Open House 250+
North Pole Calling 40
Holiday Movie Night 75
4th of July Concert 400+
Annual Easter Egg Hunt 300+
Hart Thanksgiving 80+
Senior Drop-Ins 2261

Most Successful programs

1. Summer Camp: 80-120 children. Mon-Fri. 7:30AM-5:30PM
2. After School Program: 25-35 children. Mon-Fri. 3:00PM-5:30PM
3. Seasonal Family Events. Easter Egg Hunt, Holiday Tree Lighting, fall family Fun Fest

Senior programs

The Meredith Parks & Recreation Department is proud to offer Senior Drop in times and the following programs to our senior community members! Meeting room "A" is open from 8:00 am-2:30 pm for older adult programs. From the end of June to the end of August and during the weeks of December, February and April Vacation the hours will change to 8:00 am-12:00 pm.

We offer the following Programs:

Walk Fit - Monday-Friday 8:00 am. (7:30 am the end of June to the end of August) A great group of walkers! Come join them in the gym, what a great way to stay fit especially during colder weather!

Free Monday Morning Movie's –Come join us at the Meredith Community Center in meeting room "A" for Monday morning movies once a month starting at 10 am. The March 7th movie will be The Intern starring Robert DeNiro. Movie suggestions are always welcomed.

"Hooks & Needles" - Tuesdays 9:30-11:00 am. Knitting and crocheting group, a fun and productive group that knits and crochets for a good cause.

See other side

Free Blood Pressure/Foot Clinic- First Wednesday of the month 12:00-1:00 pm. Please stop by the Community Center or call to register in advance. *Maximum 4 people per clinic*

Free Hearing Clinics- Held on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm, please stop by the Community Center or call to register in advance.

Free Computer Classes-Friday's twice a month from at 9:00 am. Please bring your laptop if you have one.

For more information please call the Community Center at 279-8197!