

Town of Pleasant Valley –Generator Project Funding Request

Project Statement:

A project to purchase a generator for a rural, multi-purpose municipal building that houses the Town of Pleasant Valley Fire Station, Community Center, and Town Hall. A generator will provide critical services to residents in the rural community and surrounding rural areas during a natural disaster.

Benefits of a generator:

The Pleasant Valley Fire Station serves the Town of Pleasant Valley (population 4009) and provides mutual aid to nearby rural communities. During a power outage, firefighters will be able to continue providing a high level of critical services to the community. Continued operations with a generator include:

- Overhead doors will function for truck accessibility
- The well and trash pumps will continue to operate, allowing the trucks to be filled from the underground holding tanks
- Shelter, kitchen, and bathrooms for firefighters providing aid to the community
- Critical emergency and lifesaving equipment can be charged
- The 7000 sq ft truck bay area could be utilized for shelter if the community center is full

The Community Center is a designated Red Cross regional shelter during a disaster. This is the only designated shelter in the southwest quadrant of Eau Claire County. During a widespread power outage, the designated 4000 sq ft Community Center space will be able to provide the following services to displaced residents:

- Shelter
- Water supply
- Functioning septic system
- Climate-controlled facility in all weather conditions
- Bathrooms and kitchen
- Power source to charge devices

Cost:

In 2024, the Town hired an engineer to design upgrades to the power supply in the Pleasant Valley municipal building. The Town obtained an estimate from the electrical contractor who was originally part of the building's construction in 2015. The estimated costs of building upgrades and the generator are \$165,000. This estimated amount will cover electrical work, permits, a concrete pad, a transfer switch, a generator fueled by LP gas, LP gas piping in accordance with the design specifications, necessary dirt work, and landscaping. There are two existing 1000-gallon LP tanks onsite, which are always full.

Funds and Donations:

The Town currently has approximately \$28,500 on hand for the project. The Town previously provided funds for the project's design and specifications, which were \$2,108. The Town continues to budget funds annually for the project, totaling \$15,000 to date. The Lions Club, along with the Pleasant Valley Fire Station, hosts Euchre Tournaments, Chicken Feasts, Breakfasts, and Bingo fundraisers, each of which raises money for the project. Community members and businesses have made private donations, which are included in the \$28,500 on hand.

Other Funding Requests:

Funds have been requested from local businesses. Applications for local and federal grants have been submitted.