

Non-profit Agencies

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1059-5926	July 4 th Events (C of C)	\$ 15,760
1059-5928	Bar Harbor Band	\$ 12,005
1059-5930	Jesup Memorial Library	\$160,680
1059-5932	Village Holidays (C of C)	\$ 9,270
1059-5933	<i>Seaside Cinema (C of C)</i>	\$ 3,000
1059-5934	YMCA	\$107,120

Miscellaneous

1036-5924	Island Explorer	\$ 13,500
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Town of Bar Harbor
Town Manager, Cornell Knight
93 Cottage Street
Bar Harbor, ME 04609

December 14, 2021

Dear Mr. Knight,

On behalf of the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce, I would like to thank the Town of Bar Harbor, the Town Councilors, and the citizens of Bar Harbor for supporting the annual Village Holidays event coordinated by the Chamber earlier this month, as well as the July 4th event this past summer.

The Town of Bar Harbor's contribution to our 2021 Village Holidays Celebration was \$9,000 which was used to purchase new lighted garland and additional lights for our downtown parks. The Chamber also purchased and decorated the Town's Christmas tree, decorated the fountain covers in town, and provided a family-friendly Santa Claus event attended by an estimated 200 community members on December 3rd.

For 2021, the Town of Bar Harbor provided \$15,300 to support the July 4th parade and fireworks display arranged by the Chamber. The total cost of the various components of this important community event is nearly \$40,000 each year, the balance of which is raised by the Chamber.

At this time, the Chamber requests a continuation of support for these two events in the 2022 calendar year at the same financial levels that were budgeted for 2021. In addition, we would like to request \$3,000 to support our Seaside Cinema outdoor family movie series that takes place during July and August each year. This series of events has become a favorite of many residents and offers a safe, fun, family-friendly, outdoor activity during the summer months.

The Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce appreciates the opportunity to partner with the Town of Bar Harbor in putting on these valuable community events. If you have any questions about the above requests, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Alf Anderson
Executive Director
Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce

Anchor to the Past  *Chart to the Future*
Jesup Memorial Library

Thank you for the opportunity to share an update on Jesup Memorial Library's financial preparations for 2022 and beyond. We request the same level of municipal funding, adjusted for inflation, for the town's fiscal year 2022-23.

Capital Campaign

The Jesup has been working through four campaign phases to renovate and expand our historic library.

- 2017-2018 Phase I--Purchase the adjacent property and develop architectural and fundraising plans for restoration and expansion. **\$1,700,000 – Complete**
- 2019-2021 Phase II--Demolish the adjacent building, complete structural repairs to the historic building, and install new drainage tied to the town's storm water system. **\$2,086,000 – Complete**
- 2022-2023 Phase III--Build the expansion, adding an elevator for accessibility, new restrooms, public meeting space, and archives for special collection. **\$8,856,000 – Currently raising funds**
- 2024 Phase IV--Renovate historic library interior. **\$1,000,000**

We have completed Phase I and Phase II, successfully preserving and protecting our historic 1911 library for future generations. We continue to raise funds for Phase III and plan to launch the community phase of our campaign in 2022.

Library Operations

In 2021, the Jesup found new ways to provide a full range of services while maintaining adequate COVID precautions. For most of the year, our programs have been virtual (and well-attended). Masks and time limits on visitations impacted the way that patrons were able to use the library building, but we have found new and innovative ways to meet patron needs and expectations. We continue to provide the community with programs and service for all ages, including events and speakers; free WIFI, printing, and scanning; and access to diverse materials from around the state.

One of our challenges has been to develop a staffing and compensation plan that is adequate, appropriate, and affordable. As library services evolve, we must provide a competitive compensation package that is sustainable and sufficient to attract and retain qualified employees.

Fiscal Impacts 2022 and Beyond

In 2017, the Jesup Board of Directors proposed to the town a strategy of relying on municipal appropriations for one-third of its annual operating costs. The Jesup uses interest from its reserves to cover another one-third of those expenses, and raises the remaining one-third through an Annual Campaign. In 2017, we received \$121,000 in annual donations and in 2021 we expect to raise more than \$200,000, a significant increase. Looking ahead to 2022, we anticipate the need to raise \$245,000 toward our \$580,000 budget through donations. We are working now to assess revenues and expenses for the next five years and hope to work with the town to determine appropriate future funding levels for the municipal budget. We appreciate our partnership with the Town and look forward to continuing to provide Bar Harbor with the high-quality community library that it needs and deserves.

Sincerely,
Matt DeLaney, Library Director



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December 6, 2021

Dear Mr. Knight and the Bar Harbor Town Council,

On behalf of the Mount Desert Island YMCA, I thank you and the entire Island community of residents, workers, businesses, and families for supporting our YMCA in Bar Harbor on Mount Desert Island.

The Town of Bar Harbor's contribution of \$104,000 to ensure the sustained operations of the Y in direct service of those who participate in the Y's varied programs continues as crucial to our daily budget.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a deleterious effect on most all the Y's instructional programs for adults and children, child development and childcare programs, and indoor and outdoor events given that many individuals and families are understandably concerned about the spread of the virus. The Y has taken a strong role in supporting the community despite the lower enrollments by providing seven days a week of programming on Mondays through Fridays from 6 AM to 8 PM, as well as weekend mornings. To ensure everyone's safety, we have implemented enhanced cleaning protocols as well as continued mask-wearing for everyone in the facility.

The funding from the Town of Bar Harbor comprises seven percent of the Y's overall operating budget, for which the Y solicits Y members, businesses, residents of Bar Harbor and the greater MDI community for additional essentially matched fundraised dollars and support totaling an additional 27 percent of overall funding. The State of Maine and federal funding support has been much needed as well, further complementing how we are able to provide uninterrupted childcare programs for the children of working families who need us and count on us every day.

The Y serves everyone equally with over 1,200 members of all ages, genders, and incomes (as of the end of November). The number of adults and children who participated in Y programming during the month of November 2021 totaled 2,904, an increase of 136 percent over the same month a year ago. To best serve our members and the community, we have increased staffing for nearly all specialized service areas such as swimming instruction and lifeguarding, the welcome desk, and navigation for members. Looking forward, we are currently developing even more and new programming for 2022 to rebuild.

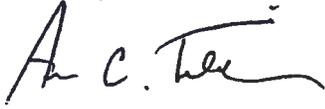
We have much to look forward to, ensuring sustainable and inclusive growth, but only with the strong financial support of the Town of Bar Harbor. We are hopeful about the Ys' current fiscal year operating budget and revenue needed, knowing too that if and as the pandemic continues, the Y's ability to maintain its core services may require more funding.

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The Mission of the MDI YMCA is to develop community, character, personal growth and wellness in spirit, mind and body for the greater MDI community

The Mount Desert Island YMCA is hugely grateful for the Town of Bar Harbor's partnership with us, and we look forward to continuing, improving, and expanding Y programs that promote health and well-being within our shared community.

Sincerely,

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Ann C. Tikkanen
Chief Executive Officer

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