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<b>Full Legal Organization Name (Required)</b>	Palm Harbor Historical Society dba as Palm Harbor Historical Museum
<b>Street Address (Required)</b>	2043 Curlew Rd
<b>City (Required)</b>	Palm Harbor
<b>State (Required)</b>	FL
<b>Zip Code (Required)</b>	34683
<b>Organization Website (URL)</b>	<a href="http://www.palmharbormuseum.org">www.palmharbormuseum.org</a>
<b>Organization President / Executive Director (Required)</b>	Robert Fortner
<b>Title (Required)</b>	President PHHS
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<b>501(c)(3)? (Required)</b>	Yes
<b>Registered in Florida? (Required)</b>	Yes
<b>Year Established (Required)</b>	1983

<b>Total Organization Annual Budget (Required)</b>	\$50,000
<b>Taxpayer / Employer ID # (Required)</b>	*59-3246072
<b>Brief Description of Organization and It's Mission (approx. 600 characters) (Required)</b>	The Palm Harbor Historical Society preserves and shares the rich history of the Palm Harbor area. Under a cooperative agreement approved by the Society and Board of County Commissioners, the County owns the property and PHHS maintains the Hartley house and offers public access and tours. Since 1998 PHHS is operating Palm Harbor Museum. This pioneer house remains as one of the oldest original homes in Palm Harbor and serves as an important connection to the cultural heritage of North Pinellas. The museum also houses valuable archives documenting Palm Harbor History.
<b>Project Name (Required)</b>	2023 Front Door and Entrance Replacement
<b>Requested Program Budget (Required)</b>	\$20,000
<b>Community Need: Describe the problem or need to be addressed by this project. (Required)</b>	<p>Palm Harbor Historical Society (PHHS) was founded during a time when development transformed former groves, agricultural lands and working waterfront fishing and boating operations into subdivisions. As commercial fishing and agriculture disappeared, commercial storefront construction and road building greatly altered previously rural areas. Pioneer family members partnered with residents, inspired by a goal to preserve evidence of area history. PHHS was founded as residents joined together to collect artifacts, documents, photographs, and written accounts of history, anything that depicted what was fast receding in memory. Collected as well were items connected to new civic initiatives, commercial endeavors, and housing developments.</p> <p>Downtown Palm Harbor businesses and residences housed the growing collection as the PHHS organization lacked a permanent facility. When the expansion of Belcher Road toward Tarpon Springs was in planning stages, Pinellas County bought the former Hartley House with plans to demolish this historic structure. Society members and the community at large encouraged the County to lease the structure and surrounding grounds to the Society. Under a cooperative agreement approved by the Society and Board of County Commissioners, the County owns the property. By 1998 PHHS was operating Palm Harbor Museum.</p> <p>The front entry to the Museum has no awning or covering and is directly exposed to the elements. Two wooden porches that existed</p>

when the house was first built in 1915 had become dilapidated and were removed by the 1950s. In late 2021, the County replaced the front door which had become inoperable due to water damage. Due to materials supply chain shortages and budgetary constraints, only a standard “residential” type door was installed at that time despite the need for a hurricane rated and historically appropriate style door and awning. This project will provide the design and construction for these entry features.

**Project Summary:**  
**Describe how the project will be fully implemented and how it will address the need or gap in the community. Identify and describe other funding sources, if any, for this project/program. (Required)**

The PHHS in partnership with Pinellas County Department of Construction Services and Department of Administrative Services will engage the professional services of a Registered Architect from the County’s approved professional services consultant list who is known for their experience in historic preservation, to provide construction documents for an historically appropriate front entry installation and ADA elements.

Project and construction management services for this project will be provided by Pinellas County Department of Construction Services with oversight and direction from Tom Scofield, Principal Planner and Pinellas County Historic Preservation Specialist.

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**Program Outcomes:**  
**Describe the timeline by which the project will be implemented including short-term and long-term results. (Required)**

The project will be implemented in 2023 and 2024. The PHHS will continue to hosts programs, creates exhibits, and share educational resources as it seeks to preserve its collection. Their goal is to educate, entertain, and inform, while celebrating the diverse population and accomplishments of the community. The installation of a historically accurate entry feature will secure the structure and provide a period appropriate welcome to visitors. The museum remains a landmark destination for 90,000 residents in northern Pinellas County, as well as being a cultural site for tourists from within Florida as well as out of state.

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**Describe how your project aligns with the County's Strategic Plan: (Required)**

Our PHHS Board of Directors, working with a revolving cadre of more than 50 volunteers, engage collaboratively to create events and programs to enrich and educate residents and visitors with first class service. Some individuals volunteer regularly each week, engaging in specific tasks, including offering tours of the museum, assisting in office work, record keeping, maintenance tasks, conducting and recording oral histories.

As a destination for visitors, the Palm Harbor Historic Museum is an asset for Pinellas County and a landmark site for Palm Harbor. Museum volunteers choose to work in planning and hosting special events, which tie into a thriving economic and cultural vitality for our area. Building on a deep and wide network of past volunteers, we continue to develop community partners who assist with maintaining our hometown history Museum.

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**Authorized Signature (Printed Name / Title) (Required)**

Robert N Fortner

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**Authorization Date (Required)**

06-30-2023

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