

June 3, 2019

To: Mayor and Town Council of Howey-in-the-Hills

Re: Budget Request for 2019-2020 Historic Preservation Board & Museum

In anticipation of the town's 100th Anniversary in 2025, we will throughout the year seek and find unique memorabilia appropriate to our town's history; printed materials, photos, maps, books, artifacts, etc. I am also looking into forming a 501(c)(3) to receive the benefits thereof.

Therefore, part of our proposed budget for the upcoming year is one that is fluid and not set for any one particular month. Hard to predict when we will stumble on a real find pertinent to our town's history. Of course, we will always continue to request donation of items or items on loan for our displays from individuals & businesses.

Returning the 1946 Mack Fire Truck to Howey and providing a covered display, is of utmost importance. I have spoken at length with the man in charge of our truck and he fully supports the truck returning to Howey to be displayed and protected from the elements. I have asked the Howey Men's Club President, to be involved and to make showcasing the firetruck a club project.

Obtaining museum software to preserve and protect our collections is also of primary importance. I have researched thoroughly in addition to interviewing museum directors and have included the basic cost to purchase and inventory our rare collections. Our goal is to properly record our historical items collection by way of the most popular museum software, thereby eventually making our collections searchable for the public.

The Historic Board did not have funding for many years. In the past few years we have had up to \$500 for the year. At less than \$2 per day, this budget is hardly enough to make an impression and to participate in events.

Please know that matching state grant money may be available to us to accomplish even more. Being that grants are "matching" we need to start with a larger budget and not \$500. We are hopeful that our grant application will result in additional and substantial funding and enable us to expand of our displays and collections. Grants do not apply to all needs (i.e. rent, etc.)

Eventually, I would love to see the museum have a permanent home with locked storage, proper air and humidity, a desk for research, and display space for cabinets and wall showcases. Being in the town hall does allow for the current displays to be visible Monday through Friday but greatly restricts our storage, workspace and exhibits. In 2019-2020 we have planned special history events including a speaker series and an antiques roadshow. We need enough funding to accomplish our many tasks.

\$ 98.00	AHSL Membership gives us a 20% discount on software & hosting
\$ 300.00	Software Setup Fee includes one login (\$375 Gross)
\$ 596.00	Annual Hosting Fee - Archiving Image & Artifact Collections (\$745 Gross)
\$ 900.00	Memorabilia, Books, Photographs
\$ 800.00	Printing brochures and images for displays, etc.
<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	<u>Roof, cement pad & fencing for fire truck display</u>
\$ 5,694.00	Historic Board Budget request for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year

Respectfully submitted,

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