

Innovation Fund Application 2017 Information

As part of the 2016-2018 Strategic Plan, the county board made the following goal:

Beginning with the 2017 budget, the county board will establish an innovation fund of \$50,000 annually to serve as seed money to support new and creative approaches to provide county services.

The attached application is for projects which will help the county accomplish the goal for the priority to Innovate and Adapt. All applications that are submitted will be evaluated based on the values stated in the strategic plan:

- **Good Stewards of County Resources (10 Points)**
Plan and manage assets to enhance our community resources for the benefit of current and future generations.
- **Fiscally Responsible (10 Points)**
Invest in innovative programming while balancing short and long term needs.
- **Responsive to Our Citizens (10 Points)**
Listen to the diverse voices in our community. Create programming that aligns with changing needs.
- **Open and Accountable (10 Points)**
We will listen and invite community input and access; and communicate all decisions, actions, and outcomes in a clear, respectful, timely, and transparent way.
- **Innovative (10 Points)**
Take risks; explore options before deciding on a solution. Value persistence and continually improve the way we do our work.

Applications are accepted throughout the year. Projects will be evaluated and scored by the committee on administration in March, July, and November. All funded projects will be required to provide a written summary report on their projects upon completion.

Amount of funds requested: \$6,840.00

Will you accept partial funds? Yes

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Name: Jon Johnson Department: Highway Phone #: 839-2952

Name of Project:

What is your Project?

Installation of OneGov Permit management software to streamline the highway department permit process and make the whole process completely paperless

Goal of the project (be specific):

To streamline the application , payment, and reporting process of all our permit processes.

What are your measurable outcomes and what tools will you use to measure them?

Less staff time to process permits
Faster approval process
Faster payment process

How does this benefit the county/community?

Provides a simple user interface for the community to use and get fast results.
Gives the county a automated process that provides time and cost savings
Provides a historical log and reporting feature that is accessible by both County and Public users

Provide Cost/Benefit analysis:

I'm currently spending \$19,700.00 in labor and equipment to process driveway and utility permits while only receiving \$7,200.00 in revenue from application fees. Our fees are similar to other counties in our area but the process should be more streamlined. The cost of implementing this program may save us \$5,000.00 in the first year alone by cutting our staff time in half.

How does this project align with the county's strategic plan?

Good Stewards - Provides enhanced service to the public
Fiscally Responsible - Saves staff time and money to the public and county
Responsive to our Citizens - Faster turnaround for permits
Open and Accountable - Provides public with reports on all their permit applications 24/7
Innovative - New software program that automates entire permit process

Please provide a project timeline:

If awarded the full amount, this project can be implemented in one month from approval.

Will you provide any matching funds for the project?

I may have some funding left towards the end of the year that could be reallocated.