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Greetings Council Members and Mayor Reynolds,

Pump House Regional Arts Center, a non-profit arts organization and the City of La Crosse have been in a relationship for almost 50 years. This award-winning, public/private partnership was recognized in 2022 for its efforts and support of the arts, culture, and creativity within La Crosse with a Creative Community Champion Award presented by Create Wisconsin in partnership with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

We are grateful for this mutually beneficial public/private partnership.

The Pump House request of the city to pay \$13,290.03 is for two specific items fixed during construction; foundation repair and buried water tank removal and remediation. These two items are directly related to the structure of the building, a responsibility of the landlord according to the Pump House lease a

All project committed funds including contingency (\$333,000) have been used. The total construction cost is \$348,478.75 which includes architect payment by Pump House, required for the city to put forth construction bid requests. Pump House, being a city owned building, adhered to city bid processes and city staff was present at most construction meetings.

The City of La Crosse owns buildings of which they are responsible. The City of La Crosse paying for these required improvements on the Pump House building exhibits a commitment to maintain their landmark, historic buildings; benefitting our community and thriving tourism industry. 68% of tourism in the U.S. is driven by the arts.

In 1977, it was city council who saved the Pump House building from demolition, by one single vote; proving the transformative power of your vote in favor of the arts and culture.

Thank you,
Allison Krzych, Executive Director
Pump House Regional Arts Center