

Accessible Community Act Project Plan

JEFFERSON COUNTY ACAC 2017

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| Project Plan | |
| Title: | Jefferson County Fairgrounds Accessibility Improvement |
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| Project Description: The Jefferson County Fairgrounds is host to the annual Jefferson County Fair each summer. In addition, there are various community activities held at the Fairgrounds throughout the year. In excess of 12,000 people attend the fair during the annual 3-day fair weekend alone. The facility consists of 15+ exhibit buildings plus a number of outdoor exhibit and activity areas. Over half of these buildings and activity areas (including the main restroom building) are either inaccessible or difficult/dangerous to access for individuals with mobility issues. In addition, Disabled Parking at the facility is suboptimal due to poor condition of the parking surface. This project will improve accessibility to the facility for residents of Jefferson County. | |
| Benefits: | Improved accessibility at Jefferson County Fairgrounds will increase opportunities for greater attendance at scheduled events and the likelihood that new/additional events serving the community will be booked at the facility. Having a more accessible facility is particularly important in Jefferson County as this county has the highest median age of all counties in Washington State and the sixth highest median age of all counties in the United States. An additional potential benefit would be increased viability of using the facility in support of area-wide emergency (ex: earthquake). |
| Objectives: | Provide ADA-compliant access to much of the fairground that is currently difficult, dangerous or impossible to reach for individuals with mobility issues. This will increase potential usage of the facility. |
| Deliverables: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regrade, compact 75'x30' parking area immediately North of Art Building. Add new Disabled Parking signs along the north wall of the Erickson Building. Restripe/paint disabled parking areas to North of Erickson Building and North of Art Building. 2. 6' wide sidewalk extension from current sidewalk endpoint at the Horticulture Building to long gravel path in front of the Small Animal Barn. This is a currently a lawn space. 3. Introduce a new sidewalk extension across the Food Court lawn beginning at the Rock Club building and ending at the long gravel road across from the main restroom building. 4. Introduce a smooth threshold from the paved road into the Commercial Building. This is currently a step up and a tripping hazard. 5. Widen existing sidewalks in front of vendor stalls from 3' to 6'. The current sidewalks are often impassable as pedestrian traffic fill them. |
| Success Criteria: | These improvements will afford individuals with mobility issues to attend events with much greater ease and security. |
| Resources Required: | Estimates based on preliminary 3 rd party bids for the improvements: (the first two projects have been prioritized.) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$4,375 improve parking lot 2. \$4,375 sidewalk extension 3. \$16,875 new sidewalk to bathroom building 4. \$6,875 remove threshold on Commercial Building 5. \$19,375 widen existing sidewalks <p style="text-align: center;">\$51,875</p> |
| Potential Partners: | Jefferson County Fair Association. Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management. |

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| Potential Concerns | None | | |
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