

AGENDA
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026 – 1:00 P.M.
CRIME PREVENTION FUND BOARD OF OCONTO COUNTY
COUNTY BOARD ROOM 3041-2ND FLOOR COURTHOUSE BUILDING “A”
301 WASHINGTON STREET, OCONTO, WI 54153-1699
www.ocontocountywi.gov

This is an open meeting of the Oconto County Crime Prevention Fund Board. Notice of this meeting was given to the public at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting, by forwarding the complete agenda to the newspapers and to all news media who have requested the same as well as by posting. Copies of the complete agenda were available for inspection at the Office of the County Clerk and from the County's website calendar:

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Statement of County Mission & Vision**

Mission Statement: To responsibly serve, support, and protect the people and places throughout our community.

Vision Statement: An empowered community where safety, sustainability, and well-being are enhanced by our work.

3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 07/18/2025** (Enc.)
5. **Communications**
6. **Review Committee Members**
7. **Report on Current Fund Balance**
8. **Update on Previously Approved Grants**
9. **Review and Approve Updated Grant Application** (Enc.)
10. **Discussion on and Set Next Grant Application Cycle**
11. **Announcements/General Information** (No action to be taken)
12. **Next Meeting Date**
13. **Adjournment**

Any person wishing to attend the meeting who requires special accommodation because of a disability should contact the Oconto County Clerk's office at 920-834-6800 at least 24 hours before the meeting begins so that appropriate accommodations can be made.

Persons who are members of another governmental body, but who are not members of this committee, may attend this meeting. Their attendance could result in a quorum of another governmental body being present. Such a quorum is unintended and they are not meeting to exercise the authority, duties, or responsibilities of any other governmental body.

Courthouse Building “A” is located at the corner of Washington Street and Arbutus Avenue

c: Committee; County Administrator, Finance Director, Corporation Counsel, Hon. Michael T. Judge; Hon. Jay N. Conley; Media (via email)

kp/Date Posted: 01/12/2026

MINUTES
FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025 – 12:45 P.M.
CRIME PREVENTION FUND BOARD OF OCONTO COUNTY
COUNTY BOARD ROOM #3041 – 3RD FLOOR COURTHOUSE BUILDING “A”
301 WASHINGTON STREET, OCONTO, WI 54153-1699
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(Draft not been approved)

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Al Sleeter, County Board Chair; Dale Mohr, Town of Little Suamico Chair; Rich Heath, County Administrator; Todd Skarban, Sheriff; and Hon. Judge Judge

OTHERS PRESENT: Faith Patenaude and Ashley Allen

COMMITTEE ABSENT: Kassie Dufek, City of Oconto Police Chief; and Hannah Schuchart, District Attorney

1. Call to Order

Chair Sleeter called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Skarban/Mohr to approve the agenda. The motion was voted on and carried.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 04/11/2025

Motion by Skarban/Mohr to approve the minutes from 04/11/2025 with one minor edit. The motion was voted on and carried.

4. Communications – None.

5. Review of Committee Members

Heath reviewed the current list of committee members and there is a quorum for today's meeting.

6. Report on Fee Collections

Heath provided a financial update to the committee. The current balance in the fund is \$24,379.78.

7. Review and Approve Grant Application Requests

Heath reviewed stated two applications were submitted for this round of grant funding. An application was received from the Sheriff's Office for six solar speed notification signs in the amount of \$23,640. Sheriff Skarban explained that the signs have proven to be a deterrent and have a number of places throughout already identified In Oconto County where these cameras could be installed to help with speeding. Sleeter stated that the grant amount being requested would deplete the entire fund balance and recommended fewer signs be purchased at this time. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Mohr/Heath to approve the grant application submitted by the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$15,000.00. The motion was voted on and carried.

The second application was submitted by the Town of Little Suamico in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be used for their National Night Out event in August. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Skarban/Sleeter to approve the grant application submitted by the Town of Little Suamico for \$2,000.00. The motion was voted on and carried.

8. Update on Previously Approved Grants

Heath read to the committee the email received from Chief Olsen with an update on the license plate reader that the Oconto Falls Police Department purchased with their \$2,000.00 grant. Heath stated that the Rainbow House staff were very appreciative of the \$1,506.80 grant that they used to purchase a hidden camera detector, security cameras, gas cards, panic buttons, and cell phones.

9. Discussion on Next Grant Application Cycle

Discussion was held on the next grant cycle for October 2025.

10. Announcements/General Information (No action to be taken) – None.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is October 17, 2025 at 12:45 pm. following the Security Facilities Committee meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Sleeter declared the meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Richard Heath, Recorder

kp/Date Posted: 08/01/2025



ANNOUNCEMENT
Oconto County Crime Prevention Fund Board
Crime Prevention Grants

The Crime Prevention Fund is designed to increase public awareness of and provides financial assistance to crime prevention programs in Oconto County, Wisconsin.

Financial support is given to existing programs and for the implementation of new crime prevention programs that break the crime triangle.

For a crime to occur, these three elements are necessary:

1. DESIRE to commit the crime
2. ABILITY to commit the crime
3. OPPORTUNITY to commit the crime

Successful crime prevention programs directly impact one of these three elements. The program or project must aim to reduce or eliminate at least one of these elements.

Qualified applicants:

- Private non-profit organizations operating in Oconto County that have as its primary purpose preventing crime, providing a funding source for crime prevention programs, encouraging the public to report a crime, or assisting law enforcement agencies in the apprehension of criminal offenders.
- A law enforcement agency with Oconto County that has a crime prevention fund, if the contribution is credited to the crime prevention fund and is used for crime prevention purposes.

Grant Awards: Grants range from \$100 to \$2,000.

Application Details: **Deadline is March 27, 2025.** Grant recipients will be announced by July 22, 2025 with funds being distributed by August 25, 2025. Funds are to be spent within six months of receipt.

Final Report: Successful applicants will be required to complete a brief follow-up report at the end of the project or grant period.

Grant Contact and Submission Details: The grant application and instructions are attached. The deadline to submit the completed application via mail or email is **March 27, 2026.**

Please mail completed applications to:

Crime Prevention Board of Oconto County
c/o Richard Heath, County Administrator
301 Washington Street
Oconto, WI 54153

Email completed Applications to:

richard.heath@ocontocountywi.gov



Grant Application Form

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For a crime to occur, these three elements are necessary:



1. DESIRE to commit the crime,
2. ABILITY to commit the crime, and
3. OPPORTUNITY to commit the crime

The program or project must aim to reduce or eliminate at least one of these three elements. According to Wisconsin State Statute, qualified applicants include:

- Private non-profit organizations operating in Oconto County with its primary purpose of preventing crime, providing a funding source for crime prevention programs, encouraging the public to report a crime, or assisting law enforcement agencies in the apprehension of criminal offenders.
- A law enforcement agency with Oconto County that has a crime prevention fund, if the contribution is credited to the crime prevention fund and is used for crime prevention purposes.

Grants will not be awarded to individuals. Grant funds should not be used to supplant funds from the organization's operating budget. Grants range from \$100 to \$2,000. **This round of applications is due March 27, 2026 and will be reviewed by the Board on April 17, 2026.**

Grant Application Information

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Agency Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name/Title of contact for this application: _____ Phone: _____

Amount requested: \$ _____ Brief description of request: _____

Please submit 1 copy of the following with this cover sheet:

1. Narrative and Budget, 2 pages maximum
2. Complete list of the organization's officers and directors.
3. Copy of organization's IRS tax exemption determination letter (except schools and government agencies).
4. The organization's most recent audited financial statement; if an audit is not available, submit the actual income and expense statement from the past fiscal year (except schools and government agencies).

Submitted by:

Signature _____

Title _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

NARRATIVE AND BUDGET

Please structure your application according to the sections below. Limit your response to a maximum of **two (2) typed pages, including the project budget**. Do not attach collateral material (i.e., videotapes, brochures, etc.).

1. ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW: Provide a brief overview of your organization, including its general mission.

2. STATEMENT OF NEED/OPPORTUNITY: Explain the need or opportunity that is causing you to take the action proposed in this application. Whenever possible, substantiate your assertions with data. What community issue or need is addressed by this proposal?

3. OBJECTIVES: In terms of preventing crime, articulate what you hope to achieve with this grant. This should not be a review of the proposed activities of your organization, but rather information on how implementing this proposal will improve crime prevention in our area.

4. PROGRAM/ACTIVITIES: Highlight the proposed actions of your organization that are designed to address the need/opportunity articulated above, including a timetable for implementation. Discuss how these activities will promote crime prevention in the Oconto County area. Remember the crime triangle: desire, ability, and opportunity.

5. EVALUATION: Explain how you will measure your progress toward achieving the objectives articulated above. The Crime Prevention Board will be requesting a brief report on how the activity/event/equipment was conducted and any outcomes.

6. PROJECT BUDGET: Provide a budget for your proposed activities, indicating what segments you are asking the Board to support. You do **not** need to itemize each expenditure. Broad budget categories will suffice. Include a listing of other funding sources and a status report of any other grant or funding requests that relate to this proposal.

7. FUTURE FUNDING: Share your plans for funding these activities beyond the duration of this grant request, if activities are designed to be ongoing.

PROHIBITIONS:

Grants are not available to retire debt, offset fundraising expenses, or promote a particular religious belief. However, the non-religious activities of a religious organization may still qualify. In addition, grants are not available for capital or annual fundraising campaigns.

INFORMATION: Please contact Richard Heath, County Administrator, via email at richard.heath@ocontocountywi.gov or 920-834-6811. **Applications are due March 27, 2026.**

Please mail completed applications to:

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