



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) 2024 APPLICATION

Please submit a separate application for each project.

PART 1: CONTACT INFORMATION

Name(s): Allan Kleban

Committee or Organization (if applicable)

Arden Club, Concert Gild, Shady Grove
Amphitheater Project (SGAP)

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Contact Address(es)

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PART 2: PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION

Please summarize your proposed project in 100 words or less.

Project Title: The Shady Grove Amphitheater Project (SGAP)

Project Summary:

The Arden Club is at the heart of the Community, Arts, and Entertainment for all the Ardens and beyond. Over the years, we have improved the look and feel of that area behind the Gild Hall and beside the Pool called the Shady Grove. We have worked to make it more useful, comfortable, and more accessible. The SGAP project will continue to improve its beautification and usefulness, and would like to include a new pavilion (i.e. a permanent roof) with an all weather sound system for Club and Tri-Arden Community events, and ADA compliant access to the stage.

Full Project Description:

Describe your project in detail. Why is this project important to the community? Attach more descriptive information to the end of this proposal as needed.

I have been working on or at least thinking about this project to build a full covered stage in the Shady Grove for over 20 years. The possibility of actually doing it arose when I asked Dan Emery, an Ardentown Architect, if he would be interested in helping to develop a blueprint for such a building project. He said yes and kindly draw up an excellent design to my committee's specifications. **These drawings will be attached to this application.**

My committee, (consisting of myself, Dan Emery, Elizabeth Varley, Pat Toman, Peter Slattery, George Brocklesby, Ian Stevenson, and Rob Stigler), helped to develop this project along with the sound engineering group, Electro Sound Systems (Tom Manchester) that the Club has used for many years. **This project has been approved by the Arden Club Board.**

The platform currently used as a stage in the Shady Grove has been subject to all weather conditions, resulting in a lot of wood damage over the years, often needing annual repair. It is also poorly designed for handicapped access, not being up to current **ADA standards**, which our current plan hopes to correct.

In fair weather, the Shady Grove stage is used monthly for Drum circles and some Dance events such as Arden in Motion. Yearly, the Arden Fair presents all-day music there on the Saturday before Labor Day. The Shady Grove Music Festival presents all-day music in July, and various evening concerts also occur in the Spring, Summer and Fall. We hope to increase this usage by a small increment, maybe adding a few free public music, dance, and theater events.

We believe that the continued improvement/beautification of the Amphitheater, including this pavilion building project, will benefit the accessibility, the ambiance, and the community comfort of having events in the Shady Grove. Additionally, Carol Larsen and Jill Conklin will be continuing to improve the actual grounds with various grading and planting projects.

The Shady Gove will continue to be used for the Arden Club events, but hopefully will also be used as a semi-public park for the Ardens and for other scheduled Village activities when it is not in use for Club events.

PART 3: PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

Project Administrator(s) Name	Allan Kleban,	Dan Emery, Architect
Title	Gen. Manager,	Construction Manager
Email	klebanmusic@yahoo.com	djemery@verizon.net
Phone	302-299-6647	215-219-6276
Estimated start date	March 30th, 2024	
Estimated end date	May 10th, 2024	

PART 4: PROJECT COSTS

What are the estimated costs of the project? Please **attach** a minimum of two (2) bids from contractors to this application.

Bid #1

Name of Contractor Home Remedies, Ken Morrison

DE License No.1994100748, **New Castle County License No.** GC3007

Estimated Cost \$71,434.00

Pros & Cons of this Bid This bid is within expectations, more or less. He lives locally and has an affinity with the Ardens and the Arden Club. He has completed many projects within the Ardens including major additions and renovations and smaller projects for each of the Ardens. He is known to do excellent work.

Bid #2

Name of Contractor Delaware Renovators, Chip Porter

License Number PA PA096712, DE 2012101352

Estimated Cost \$70,200.00

Pros & Cons of this Bid This bid is within expectations, more or less. Chip noted that the usual profit margin is 23% to 25%, he will give us 20%. Chip believes his group can complete the work before the first concert of the Spring. Excellent reviews online. They won an award for “Historic Preservation Excellence”. Chip Porter is a musician who has played on the Shady Grove Stage and has an affinity with the Ardens and the Arden Club.

Bid #3 (optional) No other bids have been submitted at this time.

Name of Contractor

Estimated Cost

Pros & Cons of this Bid

What, if any, are the recurring maintenance costs for this project?

Most recurring maintenance costs and any future repairs will be subsumed by the Arden Club.

Are there outside sources of funding expected for this project? If so, please describe below.

ARPA funds from Ardentown and Ardencroft will also be applied for and matching fund/grants will also be looked into. Along with this request to the Village of Arden for funding, the Arden Club will be soliciting donations for the balance of costs, along with some possible Arden Club building fund monies depending upon the Gild Hall's maintenance and repair needs.

PART 5: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Please describe any potential conflict of interest here for the Project Administrators or the Contractors of this project. For more information use this link to Arden's Conflict of Interest Policy: https://arden.delaware.gov/wp-content/arden_docs/ConflictOfInterestPolicy.pdf

The only mild conflicts of interest might be that the builders so far solicited have some connections with the Ardens such as friends, performers, and family, living in the area. This is both a positive and mildly negative fact as knowing and being associated with the Ardens for a community project is always a good thing, but knowing these builders personally might add some biases. We will endeavor to use non-biased methods in choosing the builder that will complete the project, based upon their past reputation, evidence of things they have built, costs, and possibly using some judges who do not know these builders personally.

PART 6: SUBMISSION

Attach further information as needed.

See below and attached drawings.

Return no later than February 16, 2024, to the Arden Community Planning Committee at Planning@Arden.Delaware.gov. Or mail to: Arden Community Planning Committee, 2119 The Highway, Arden, DE 199810-4058.

Contact Jennifer Borders, Chair Community Planning Committee, for questions at Planning@Arden.Delaware.gov.



Table 1

Description	Estimated	Actual	% complete	Payable	Comments
All materials including tree post	\$20,000.00				
Labor	\$36,000.00				
Dumpster fees	\$500.00				
Plans & Permits	\$1,000.00				
Daily Cleanup	\$500.00				
Safety & Handling	\$500.00				
Subtotal	\$58,500.00				
Job management, subcontractor management, on site meetings, inspections, overhead	\$5,850.00				
Profit	\$5,850.00				
Total Estimate	\$70,200.00				
License Numbers PA PA096712, DE 2012101352					

Table 1-1

	Home Remedies Inc. Ken Morrison	
	1505 Evergreen Ln.	
	Wilmington, DE	
	19810	
	(302)529-1895	
Date:	1/24/2024	
	Arden Concert Gild	
	Shady Grove at the Arden Gild Hall	
Re:	Band Shell	
Estimate Amount	Description of Work Performed	
\$71,434.00	Construct band shell, stairs and ramp per supplied drawings. Modify existing railings per supplied drawings. Includes permits and inspections as required. Price includes all labor and material to complete construction as drawn. Includes removal and disposal of all debris and general cleanup on completion. Excludes any modifications or additions not shown on drawings and any landscaping required as a result of construction.	
	DE License No.1994100748	
	New Castle County License No. GC3007	
\$71,434.00	Total Amount Due	