

2024 Gustavus Endowment Fund Grant Application PROPOSAL BY GUSTAVUS COMMUNITY CENTER

1. PROJECT SUMMARY

Total Amount Requested: \$11,851 to fund a monthly Senior Lunch for seven months in 2025. The City of Gustavus Endowment Grant will enable the Gustavus Community Center (GCC) to purchase food, supplies and freight, gather donations, and hire a lunch coordinator who - with partners and many volunteers – will provide a monthly senior lunch for seven months during January-April and October-December 2025.

Based on data and records from monthly Senior Lunch records in 2024, the requested Gustavus Endowment Grant funding will allow preparation and serving of close to 500 meals (68-70 per lunch) for those age 60 and older, including about 120 total deliveries or to-go's for folks that either can't or don't like to leave home. Like 2024 lunches, we expect this will be possible with the help of 20-25 volunteers per lunch who together donate 55-60 hours during lunch day. Altogether 85 community members volunteered a total of just over 240 hours during the four months. The lunches were very popular and successful beyond what anyone anticipated.

2. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ORGANIZATION - CONTACT INFORMATION/TAX ID

The Gustavus Community Center is a 501C(3) non-profit organization that was established in 2009. After many years of fundraising and successful construction oversight the GCC opened the Community Center in 2020 (just as Covid hit).

GCC has a 9-member board of directors, a half-time operations manager, a 10-20 hr/month bookkeeper, and a contracted janitor.

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- Board Vice-President: Sean Tevebaugh
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Key Personnel Implementing the Project

The Gustavus Community Center (GCC) has a track record of successful financial and administrative oversight of City Endowment Grants and many other grants. The GCC Board Member point of contact for Senior Lunches is Bre Ohlson (or another board member on occasion). Bre will prepare monthly reports and along with the GCC Board Treasurer (Martha Mathews) and bookkeeper (Jane Button) will provide fiscal control.

GCC intends to hire a Lunch Coordinator contractor to help provide the lunches (as we did in 2024). Based on our four months of experience in 2024, it will take the coordinator an average of 40 hours/month to arrange the meal including working with a chef on the menu, arranging food purchases, donations, and freight; soliciting and coordinating volunteers for room set-up, serving, and cleaning; communicating about and publicizing the lunches; tracking meal RSVPs; making sure things go smoothly during the lunch; and tracking measures of success.

Volunteers also play a key part in implementing Senior Lunches. The community-wide survey from October 2023 was to gauge interest in a senior lunch program; it showed widespread interest in volunteering. And that was reflected in “real life” - a total of 85 volunteers helped provide the 270 meals, including 66 deliveries of to-go lunches for folks that can’t or don’t like to leave home. We expect a similar volunteer turnout – a beauty of the program.

Organization’s Experience with the Project

The GCC acted as fiscal and administrative lead for the four-month Senior Lunch Program in 2024. We documented all measures, tracked all revenue and expenses, hired and guided a Lunch Coordinator, and thus are quite experienced at the Senior Lunch Program.

The GCC Board was so happy with the community joy and good food that the lunches provided that in late 2024 the Board voted unanimously to more actively support the Senior Lunch program in 2025. GCC is preparing and submitting this City Endowment Grant application to fund lunches in 2025 (though we consider this a community program more than a GCC program). GCC will also manage the grant, and as we did in 2024, will hire and manage a Lunch Coordinator, and donate a day of kitchen and main hall use each month (\$550/day value), donate facility storage (pantry and freezer), and propane, heat, electricity, and laundry use.

Partnerships and Relationships with Organizations Involved with Project

A diverse set of community organizations were contacted to help shape the program and kick off the 2024 inaugural lunch series, including individuals affiliated with the Gustavus Community Center, Foxes Den (run by school at the time), the Gustavus Chapel, the local Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and the former Gustavus Community Clinic board, as well as the general public. The Gustavus Chapel in particular has remained a steadfast partner. The Gustavus School was, and continues to be, interested but could not attend (we love the idea of getting youth involved). All organizations, partners, and volunteers are welcome.

3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Problem Statement

Creating engaging and stimulating programs for Gustavus seniors is crucial. Providing nutritious, well-balanced meals and creating a space for seniors to socialize regularly contributes greatly to their overall wellness, especially during the quieter and lonelier off-season months.



About 30% of Gustavus' population is age 60 or older¹. That alone establishes a need for Senior Lunches for those age 60 or older, but it is the words of elder Gustavus residents that show the need – and joy - the most. Please see the attached letters of support for the Endowment Grant funding for Senior Lunches in 2025, but below are a few excerpts:



“As a door greeter, and senior myself, I was delighted to greet each person as they came through the door. People came, who did not know each other on entering, but then left with new friends and acquaintances. Many times, I heard "I didn't know you were still here, where have you been nice to meet you. The laughter, the smiles, the good-natured kitty and just that made all the hard work float away into unbridled delight, and happiness.” *(Denise VanDerPol)*

“...I came away from our lunch each time, knowing I had eaten a delicious meal and I had shared that meal with others who I have shared this community with over many years. I was thankful for the opportunity to visit with neighbors who I do not always get to visit with. I was thankful that the lunch was offered to encourage all old-timers to come and take part at no cost...” *(Leslie L. Sirstad)*



“I am 90 years old and recently moved to Gustavus. I have heard many good things about the senior lunch program. I hope to get to know my neighbors and for new relationships at this fun filled gathering. Thank you.” *(Mary Romey)*

¹ The July 2023 Alaska population estimate for Gustavus is 655; local population has been holding steady since 2020 (ADOLWD, 2024). A population breakdown by age comes from the American Community Survey based on a 5-year rolling average. It estimates that about 30% of Gustavus is age 60 or older (US Census, 2022 ACS, Table S010).

“...It was a great success last year with people coming out who so much appreciated and enjoyed the food and fellowship. It was a real boost for the community. Volunteers help prepare the food and for those who physically could not attend box lunches were made and delivered to their homes please consider approving this grant. It was a highlight of this community for us seniors...”
(Pastor Wayne Cormier)

“...We were amazed last winter at the success of the newly instituted lunch program. It brought together up to 80 folks, many who have lived in Gustavus for decades....” *(Bruce and Karla Tedtsen)*

The initial senior lunches were made possible by the former Gustavus Community Clinic board, who, upon disbanding, gave seed money to the GCC to see if there was interest, and to kick-start the lunch program, with total support of just over \$4,800. The Senior Lunch program exceeded all expectations, making the hunt for other funding sources, ways to reduce costs, and ways to make the lunches more sustainable a goal for the GCC in 2025.

Community Benefit

As noted in the problem statement above, approximately 70 Gustavus residents age 60 or older directly benefit. By granting the Senior Lunch program a portion of this year's Endowment monies, the City of Gustavus will be supporting a well-tested and highly valued program that was a huge joy to the senior community. The lunches brought a large group together in a way that we've not seen in our city for this demographic, as well as many younger volunteers who know the importance of creating a meaningful day for seniors and wanted to help develop the program into the success that it became. A 2025 goal is to somehow involve the Gustavus School and youth in some aspect of senior lunches, programming, or a related way. Studies show that pairing seniors with children and teens greatly improves cognitive skills and quality of life and is enriching for all.

Link to City's Goals

The City of Gustavus 2005 Strategic Plan identifies two values and three related goals that link to this project.

Community Value B (pg 56) is stated as, “The Citizens of Gustavus value a safe and healthy place in which to live, work, recreate, and utilize our natural resources.” Goal 3 under this Value states: “Provide a level of medical care appropriate for a healthy lifestyle in a remote community.” Goal 4 under this Value states, “Support quality community educational programs that promote physical and mental health and safety of all citizens.” Both goals list an implementing project of “hospice/eldercare programs.” The Senior Lunch program is an eldercare program.

Community Value D (p. 58) is stated as, “Cooperation, trust, respect and caring for neighbors, tolerance, spirit of volunteerism, talents, creativity, hard work.” Goal 2 under this Value states: “Promote and encourage volunteerism to sustain all aspects of community services, events, education, the arts.” Senior Lunches tie directly to this Value and Goal with 20-25 volunteers donating 55-65 hours per lunch; volunteerism is a hallmark of the Senior Lunch Program.

Concluding Statement

Senior lunches were popular and successful in 2024. There is *almost* enough funding left from the initial (former) Gustavus Community Clinic board gift to fund a final lunch in 2024, then there is no more money. Thus, the timing of this funding request is critical. The City’s 2024 (2025) Endowment Grant will enable senior lunches to continue in 2025 and give the team supporting lunches time to identify ways to raise revenue and reduce costs to make lunches sustainable in 2026 and beyond.

The GCC Board and staff have the capacity, skill-set, and a proven track record to effectively manage the requested City of Gustavus endowment grant. In the late 1990s/early 2000s we managed several private, state and federal grants as well as individual donations to design and construct the \$1.4 million Community Center. In 2021, GCC managed a City of Gustavus Endowment Grant of almost \$24,000 to create the Gateway Gallery in the building entry and install the stage in the Main Hall. In 2022 (with an extension due to busy Gustavus contractors), the City Endowment Grant of about \$14,000 enabled GCC to install paved and signed handicap parking, which was put to use immediately by grateful residents (contractor’s completed work for less than anticipated and GCC was able to return approx. \$2,000).



4. PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Gustavus Senior Lunch project goals are to provide Gustavians age 60 and older with good nutritious meals, address food insecurity, provide time to socialize and exercise the brain and body and (especially in the fall-winter) give elders a reason to get out of the house, visit with friends, smile, and have some fun together.

An additional 2025 program goal is to identify ways to make lunches financially sustainable in the longer term through donations, fees, other grants, and reduced costs. The City of Gustavus 2024 Endowment Grant will allow the lunches to continue while we figure out ways to raise sustainable revenue and reduce costs.

Gustavus Senior Lunch 2025 Timeline

December 2024

- Due to demand, we hope to provide a lunch in mid-December with donated food in the freezer and remainder of funds from 2024.
- Hire part time Lunch Coordinator to start in January

January-April, October-December 2025

- With Endowment funding, provide lunch every month in 2025 from January through April, resuming in October-December.
- Provide a monthly progress report to City
- Typical Monthly Tasks:

3-4 WEEKS BEFORE LUNCH

- o Line up a cook & menu
- o Lock in the date
- o Get speaker/program lined up

3 WEEKS BEFORE LUNCH

- o Advertise the menu and date (Facebook, flyers, emails) and solicit meal RSVPs and volunteers

3 WEEKS TO 1.5 WEEKS BEFORE LUNCH

- o Keep track of meal RSVPs and volunteers as they come in
- o Reach out to fill in volunteer gaps

12 DAYS BEFORE LUNCH

- o Remind regulars about lunch to get RSVPs

10 DAYS BEFORE LUNCH

- o Tally total meal RSVPs, get numbers to cooks
- o Cook prepares purchase list (based on number of meals)
- o Line up Juneau shoppers

NO LATER THAN 3-4 DAYS BEFORE LUNCH

- o Juneau volunteers shop and get food to cook to Gustavus

3-4 DAYS BEFORE LUNCH

- o Reminder to all volunteers (email)
- o Looking forward to seeing you reminder to all coming for lunch

DAY BEFORE LUNCH

- o Print waivers for kitchen help
- o Name tags
- o Reach out to any volunteers as needed
- o Make sure tablecloths, napkins, other kitchen needs etc. all together
- o Make sure all A/V needs known and working

DAY OF LUNCH

- o Set up, Take down, clean

DAY AFTER LUNCH

- o Laundry completion (and soon after thank yous)

May- September 2025

- Using the lessons learned from four more lunches, and in consultation with partners, businesses, government agencies, and others, develop a plan to make lunches more financially sustainable. Discuss with lunch attendees in fall, goal is to implement by January 2026.

December 2025

- Final Report to City

Dates, Milestones, Funding, Measures

Date ('25)	Milestone	Required Funding	Measures To Track Progress/Success
Jan	Lunch occurs, Report to City	\$1693	For each lunch: 1. Number attending lunch in person 2. Number of home deliveries 3. Total number of meals served 4. Number of volunteers 5. Number of volunteer hours 6. Actual Cost of Food/Supplies/Freight 7. Number of Paid Coordinator Hours 8. ID "Brain Food"/ enrichment activity 9. Amt of donations received (will go to 2026 lunches, trying to make lunches sustainable without need for large grants)
Feb	Lunch occurs, Report to City	\$1693	
Mar	Lunch occurs, Report to City	\$1693	
Apr	Lunch occurs, Report to City	\$1693	
Oct	Lunch occurs, Report to City	\$1693	
Nov	Lunch occurs, Report to City	\$1693	
Dec	Lunch occurs, Final Report to City	\$1693	

Activities, Services or Capital That will Result

Success will be measured by offering a lunch for people 60+ in Gustavus during January-April and October -December; offering a part-time job to a local resident as the Lunch Coordinator; tracking the measures listed in the table above; and becoming more sustainable in 2026.

Obstacles

Potential obstacles are the logistics of getting fresh food to Gustavus; ensuring that the menu matches the dietary needs of seniors, i.e. low sodium and low sugar, as well as meeting nutritional needs; challenges of finding a suitably skilled Lunch Coordinator; finding cooks; and the constant look out for new people to help with the program (including younger adults and (amazingly busy) Gustavus School students. Of note: these challenges existed in 2024 and none prevented us from having a successful program.

5. BUDGET

Proposed Budget for 2025 Senior Lunches

(based on actual costs for 4 months in 2024)

EXPENSES	
1. Lunch Coordinator @ \$25/hr for 43 hr/month for 7 months	\$7,525
2. Stipend for cook @\$100/meal	\$700
3. Food and Supplies estimated @ \$7.40/meal for 7 months (assume 70 meals)	\$3,626
TOTAL Requested Grant	\$11,851
COMMUNITY /BUSINESS MATCH	
4. Food Donations (Anglers Inn, Proctors, Aramack, others)	Est. \$1,000+
5. GCC, 1 day/month for 7 months @ \$550/day	\$3,850
6. Volunteer time @ \$11.73/hr (minimum wage in AK) assuming 60 hr/month	\$4,927
7. “Entertainment/Brain Food” volunteer time (prep time and 2 hours per meal) \$11.73/hr (minimum wage in AK) assuming 4 hr/meal	\$350
	\$10,127

Narrative

Expenses (see table above)

1. Paid or volunteer lunch coordinators kept timesheets and documented tasks in 2024. Based on their records, it took an average of 43 hours a month to accomplish the tasks listed above in “Gustavus Senior Lunch 2025 Timeline.”
2. In 2024, cooks volunteered their time. In retrospect, to make the program sustainable and not burn cooks out, we propose to offer the meal lead cook a \$100 stipend to thank them for their time (typically 8+ hours).
3. We documented all expenses for senior lunch food and supplies in 2024, allowing us to know the average cost per meal. For example, the Feb 2024 shopping list included:

Carrots	10#	Costco
Onion yellow	10 #	Costco
1 large Vegetable Oil (not canola)	1/2 gallon	costco
1 large container Cashews unsalted	1 jar	costco
Yukon Gold Potatoes	10#	Costco
boneless/skinless chicken thighs	8#	Costco
Cauliflower	2 heads	Fred Myers
Greenbeans- fresh 3	6#	Fred Myers
Red Bell Pepper 3 bags	15	Fred Myers
ginger- organic	1 root	Fred Myers

organic english breakfast teabags	1 box	Fred Myers
garam masala, salt, pepper, other		
For salad (greens/Cabbage/Fruit/spiced pecans)		
Spring Greens - 4 bags romaine	8#	Costco
Pears large Bartlett or Bosc	12	Costco
Crisp apple medium to large	12	Costco
Pecans	1 large bag	Costco
Avocado Oil	32 oz	Costco
Green cabbage	1 large	Fred Myers
Red cabbage	1 large	Fred Myers
Naan Bread		
Plain whole milk yogurt- not greek	32 oz	Costco
Unbleached All purpose flour	10#	Costco
parchment paper		Costco?
Saran Wrap		Costco?
dish gloves non latex (2 med- 2 large)	Rainbow foods	Costco?
compostable togo containers- leak proof	50	Costco?
compostable togo containers- small for salads and desserts	50	Costco?
paper bags for togo food		Costco?
fresh flowers- we can break up a bouquet for 16 small vases		
Name tag stickers		Office Max
Half and half		
Decaf and regular coffee		

Community Match/Funding Partnerships (see table above)

4. For a new program, the community support has been heartwarming. We've benefitted from sublegal moose meat, halibut and frozen vegetables from Angler's Inn, rockfish from James Procter, and dozens of home-baked desserts. The more successful the lunches and are and with continued communication/PR we expect donations such as this to continue.
5. GCC will continue to donate use of the full facility to support lunches. This includes prep time, use of ovens, dishes, pots and pans, knives, glasses, plates, coffee/tea makers, cups, tablecloths, dishwasher, laundry, and more and thus propane, heating fuel, and electricity. GCC's normal rental rate for an all-day full facility rental is \$550. GCC is donating this support
6. When all volunteer help is tallied (and we document it all) lunches benefited from 55-60+ hours on average per meal. The assumed value of this joyfully given time is calculated using \$11.73/hr (minimum wage in AK).
7. During the October 2023 initial survey seniors were quite clear that one of things that distinguishes Gustavians and our lunch program from other communities is that our seniors want their brains nourished too in addition to their bodies. It's really added a special element to the lunches and we will continue this. Past programs have included a NPS biologist slide show on recent predator-prey relationships in the Glacier Bay, the Library Contra Band playing waltzes and jigs, a slide show and talk on the people who

settled Gustavus, and a slide show by 4 Gustavians who took the ferry out to the end of the Aleutian Chain. Using the minimum wage rate in Alaska we calculated the minimum value of this contributed time.

Other Avenues of Funding

As noted, 2025 will be dedicated to making the senior lunch program much more sustainable. We are looking at charging for lunches, soliciting individual donations, investigating state or federal grants, increasing donated food, using Juneau-based food bank food, seeing if local churches will formally partner in a monetary way, and more.

Partial Funding

If there is not enough funding available for the full 7-month 2025 lunch series, we can reduce the number of months the lunches are offered.

Strategy for Funding Project Elements

Like the City, GCC pays contractors after an invoice is presented that documents time/tasks, and pays for purchases (food and supplies) after receipts have been submitted. This method also poises us to document these costs when we submit our reports to the City for reimbursement.

September 15, 2024

City of Gustavus

Endowment Fund

Application for Funding Senior Lunch Program

The Senior Lunch Program 2023 was a tremendous success. So many seniors came out for the once per month free hot lunch program. As door greeter, and senior myself, I was delighted to greet each person as they came through the door. People came who did not know each other on entering, but then left with new friends and acquaintances. Many times I heard "I didn't know you were still here," "where have you been," "nice to meet you". The laughter, the smiles, the good natured kidding, just that, made all the hard work float away into unbridled delight and happiness.

The food was outstanding and the chefs donated their time and expertise. All the volunteers made the task lighter. The entertainment was over the top fun.

Clean up afterwards was equally a pleasure as all the volunteers pitched in heartily to cleanup and put away.

This program was an outstanding success and grew with each lunch. Word of mouth advertising was key. People talking to people really brought them through the doors. Everyone left with a huge smile on their face and promises to get together were heard on the way out.

Please fund this program on behalf of the seniors of Gustavus. They are an important and thriving part of this community.

Best regards,

Denise VanDerPol

September 9, 2024

To: Gustavus City Council

From: Citizen Lesli L. C. Sirstad

Subject: Senior Lunch Program and the City Endowment Fund

I was able to attend three Senior Lunches last year and came away from each one feeling pleased with our community who had made me and each "old timer" invited feel special. I felt pleased with the efforts, the planning and the space provided by the Gustavus Community Center staff. I felt pleased with my neighbors who set up the space with lovely tables with individual settings for each one of us. I felt pleased with my neighbors who served each one of us. I felt pleased with our neighbors who not only prepared our lovely meal but then cleaned up after us. And after all of that, I was entertained by a neighbor(s) with a review of some part of our community and/or environment in word, in music or in handicraft.

I came away from our lunch each time knowing I had eaten a delicious meal and I had shared that meal with others who I have shared this community with over many years. I was thankful for the opportunity to visit with neighbors who I do not always get to visit with. I was thankful that the lunch was offered to encourage all "old timers" to come and take part at no cost.

To provide such an event, whether once or monthly, takes planning and a budget, even with volunteers. I would encourage you, as our representatives on the Council, to provide the necessary funding for such an event on a monthly basis during our long winter months by approving a continual, annual grant for use of funds from the Gustavus Endowment Fund.

I thank you sincerely


Lesli L. C. Sirstad

From: therese nicol t_nicol@hotmail.com
Subject: Support letter/senior meal program
Date: Sep 12, 2024 at 5:15:15 PM
To: serehab@outlook.com

To: Gustavus City Council
RE: Senior Meal Program

I am writing today to express my support for the Gustavus Senior Meal program and to request that funds from the Endowment Grant be released in order to help fund it.

As an early volunteer to this program, I witnessed how quickly it gained in popularity.

Besides the obvious benefit of providing a substantial meal, the lunch program also included a variety of entertainment and education, it brought together people of different backgrounds and sensibilities to socialize and catch up with each other.

Someone once told me that the over 60 crowd here was in the highest economic bracket. I don't know if that is true, but to that, I say that loneliness is a kind of poverty in itself. In my view, the senior lunch program is a very valuable community function, a wonderful use of the GCC, a very generous gift from the GCC, and a beautiful opportunity for our valued community to come together. It is my hope that you can see your way clear to support the Senior Meal Program by allowing funds from the Endowment Grant to be used to help fund it.

With Kind Regards,

Therese Nicol

[907-723-2862](tel:907-723-2862)

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To the City of Gustavus:

As the original funding source for the Sr Lunch program was from the (now retired) Gustavus Community Clinic Board upon polling the residents about use of funds, it was heartily supported by the community of Gustavus and ended up being a fantastic success.

Participation by residents and volunteers alike plus having a beautiful place for comfortable dining with all the special touches created in a very warm and welcoming setting was so positive. Meal deliveries were a special addition to this service to our elders and was appreciated by those who chose to isolate for medical reasons or by personal preferences. The additional educational programs that were offered after the meal was a special bonus to be enjoyed by those wanting to stay and participate and ranged from Music venues to Gustavus history and travel adventures. Highly stimulating offerings!!

So, in my humble opinion, I would encourage the City of Gustavus to make a generous donation to this good cause with a track record of success to back up the need to get elders out to socialize during the slower times in the year. Monies were often donated after the event and applied to expenses of hosting it at the GCC.

Thanks for considering some supports to make this an ongoing success enjoyed by many. It was delightful to see younger people volunteering sometimes which helps to bring the generations together. Another healthy offshoot of the Sr Lunch Program.

If you have any questions for me, please do not hesitate to ask.
Gunalcheesh and hope to see your support!

Deb Woodruff and Pete Dzikiewicz

[907-209-1435](tel:907-209-1435) alaskablueheron@gmail.com

9-19-2024

Re: Senior Lunch Program

I am 90 years old & recently moved to Gustavus. I have heard many good things about the Senior Lunch Program.

I hope to get to know my neighbors + form new relationships at this fun filled gathering.

Thank you,
Mary Roney

To Gustavus City Council:

As a senior, I thoroughly enjoy the Senior lunches. Not only is the food excellent, but it gives us such a good chance to see friends we do not get to see often. It's a most healthy and supportive social event.

Frank Kelso

To: Gustavus City Council
Endowment Grant
Senior Lunch Program

Bruce + Karla Tettson
Box 153
Gustavus
9-11-24

Dear Council Members:

We are writing this letter in support of the Senior Lunch Program. We were amazed last winter at the success of the newly instituted lunch program. It brought together up to 80 folks, many who have lived in Gustavus for decades. The intention of the endowment fund was to fund projects not funded by the city but could serve the community in various forms of which this program is a prime example.

We encourage the council to support this endeavor.

Sincerely,
Bruce + Karla
Tettson

Justares City Council -

Please consider the request for funds for the Senior Lunch Program. Ernie & I enjoyed it so much and it was a great way to bring the seniors together. I have only heard positive feedback from participants.

Thank-you,

Bucky King

12 Sept
2024

To Those approving Grants

I'm requesting This grant be approved in support of The Gustavus Senior Lunch Program.

IT was a great success last year with people coming out who so much appreciated & enjoyed the food & fellowship. It was a real boost to The community. Volunteers helped prepare the food and for those who physically could not attend box lunches were made and delivered to their homes. Please consider approving this grant It was a highlight of this community for us Seniors.

Thank You
Pastor Wayne Cornier

Sept. 12, 2024

Senior Center has sponsored a lunch for go-over once a month last winter. Happy to see it. I've been in Gustavus 12 years & saw a lot of faces I didn't meet before. Many of them been here longer than I have. Hope it continues

Ken Levin

9/13/2024


Re: Grant for Senior Lunch Program

I am writing to express my support for refunding the Senior Lunch program.

It was amazing to witness the extraordinary number of participants attending in person, and those who required meal deliveries.

The Program was very organized and efficient, with dedicated staff of volunteers who greatly contributed to its success. The food was excellent and so was the provided entertainment. And the chance to fellowship was an added benefit. Thank you for your grant support.

Larry Knickerbocker

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Knickerbocker', written in a cursive style.