



City of Antigo

Committee of the Whole Meeting

**Council Chambers
City Hall, 700 Edison Street**

**Wednesday, August 26, 2026
6:00 PM**

Committee of the Whole meeting will Immediately follow the Public Works meeting but NOT earlier than 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Discussion and Action May Occur on Any of the Following Agenda Items

1. Capital Equipment/Improvement Plan (CIP)

Presentations from Groups Requesting 2027 Contributions

2. Bob Zoretich, Langlade County Humane Society
3. Sandy Stetzer, Children's Hospital (Family Resource Center)
4. Dillon Gretzinger and Lori Misfeldt of the Boys & Girls Club of the Northwoods
5. Candy Hable and Nicole Mayo, AVAIL
6. Kim McCann, Senior Center of Langlade County
7. Nicole Barron, William's House of Hope

Any Other Matters Authorized by Law to be Considered

Adjournment

Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information, contact Clerk-Treasurer's office, 700 Edison Street, Antigo, Wisconsin 54409. (715) 623-3633 extension 100. Members of and possibly a quorum of members of other governmental bodies may be in attendance to gather information. Any governmental body other than that specifically referred to above will take no action.

Date Mailed: August 20, 2026

Thomas C. Bauknecht



Clerk-Treasurer
City of Antigo
700 Edison St.
Antigo, WI 54409

Date: August 26, 2026
To: Committee of the Whole
From: Kaye Matucheski, Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director
Subject: Capital Equipment/Improvement Plan (CIP)

Staff is working on assembling the 2027 CIP. It will be discussed at the meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

Recommendation:

Attachments:

None

**Langlade County Humane Society, Inc. (LCHS)
2204 Clermont Street
Antigo, Wisconsin 54409**

August 19, 2026

**Kaye M. Matucheski
Treasurer/Finance Director
Antigo, Wisconsin 54409**

Dear Kaye,

Re: LangladeCounty Humane Society Contribution.

**As President of the Langlade County Humane Society, I
am reuesting to approve stipend of \$3,500 for the year of
2027.**

Sincerely,

**Robert J. Zoretich
President of the Board
Langlade Couny Humane Society
715-610-9393
bigman50@aol.com**



Community Services - Antigo

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Antigo, WI 54409
(715) 715-627-1414

August 17, 2026

Ms. Kaye Matucheski
City of Antigo
700 Edison Street
Antigo, WI 54409

Dear Kaye and City Council Members:

For more than two decades, Children's Wisconsin Community Services, through the Langlade County Family Resource Center, has been dedicated to strengthening families and promoting the safety and well-being of children throughout Langlade County. We believe that strong families are the cornerstone of a thriving community. By providing caregivers with education, support, and access to resources, we help create stable home environments where children can grow, succeed, and contribute positively to their communities as adults.

The Family Resource Center offers a variety of prevention and family strengthening programs made possible through a combination of state, federal, county, municipal, and private funding sources. One of our largest initiatives is funded by the State of Wisconsin and provides intensive, long-term home visiting services to expectant and new mothers who face significant risk factors. This program serves families across a five-county region, including Langlade County.

In addition, through funding support from the Langlade County Department of Social Services, we provide parenting education and potentially in-home parent coaching through the Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) approach designed to help caregivers build effective parenting skills, strengthen family relationships, and create safe and nurturing environments for their children.

Among our most accessible and widely utilized services is Play & Learn, a weekly parent-child group that welcomes families from across the community. This program promotes healthy child development while creating opportunities for caregivers to connect with one another, gain parenting knowledge, and access community resources. Support from the United Way of Langlade County helps sustain this valuable program, but these funds alone do not cover the full cost of maintaining services at their current level.

Over the years, the City of Antigo has played a critical role in ensuring Play & Learn remains available to local families. We are grateful for that partnership and respectfully request \$3,000 in funding for calendar year 2027 to support the continuation of this program. These funds would directly offset staff expenses related to coordinating and facilitating program activities.

The impact of this investment has reached many Antigo residents. While Family Resource Center services are available countywide, most participants live within



the 54409 zip code. Many families face challenges that can affect parenting, family stability, and overall well-being. Through prevention-focused services, we help families build protective factors that reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect before a crisis occurs.

Research consistently shows that early support and education help families develop stronger connections, improve parenting confidence, and access both formal and informal support systems. Through programs such as Play & Learn, families receive information on child development, guidance on positive parenting strategies, referrals to community resources, and opportunities to build meaningful relationships with other caregivers. These supports strengthen families and improve outcomes for children long before more intensive interventions become necessary.

The Family Resource Center remains committed to serving families throughout Langlade County and collaborating with community partners to maximize resources and avoid duplication of services. We continue to work closely with organizations including the Antigo Unified School District, Langlade County Department of Social Services, Birth to Three, Childcaring Inc, Head Start, and many other local providers. Together, we strive to meet the diverse needs of children and families while building a stronger and healthier community.

We recognize that the success of our work depends on strong community partnerships, and the City of Antigo's support is an important part of that success. Your investment helps ensure that prevention services remain available to families who need them most and contributes to the long-term well-being of children and families within our community.

If you would like additional information about Children's Wisconsin Community Services, the Family Resource Center, or this funding request, please feel free to contact us at 715-493-1320.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued commitment to the families of Antigo.

Sincerely,

Sandy Stetzer
Family Preservation and Support Manager
Children's Wisconsin - Community Services
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Cell: 715-493-1320

July 31, 2026

Antigo City Council
ATTN: Kaye Matucheski
700 Edison Street
Antigo, WI 54409

Dear Mrs. Matucheski:

On behalf of The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northwoods, I respectfully request the City of Antigo's continued support for our youth programs and services. Specifically, we are requesting \$20,000 in municipal support to help sustain and strengthen the programs we provide for local youth and families.

For more than 26 years, our Club has provided a safe, positive, and supportive environment for local youth. We serve children and teens through programs focused on academic success, healthy lifestyles, character development, leadership, and recreational opportunities. The Club is open more than 160 days each year, providing a reliable and structured place for youth during out-of-school hours.

As the needs of families continue to grow, so does the demand for our services. We work hard to ensure that every child has access to affordable programming regardless of their family's financial situation. Through partnerships with local schools, businesses, and community organizations, we can make a meaningful impact on the lives of youth and families throughout our community.

City support would help us continue to provide:

- Safe and supervised after-school and summer programming
- Educational and enrichment activities
- Healthy meals and snacks
- Mentoring and leadership opportunities
- Financial assistance for families in need
- Recreational and prevention-based programming

We continue to pursue funding through federal, state, local, foundation, business, and individual support; however, local municipal partnerships remain essential to sustaining our programs and meeting the growing needs of the youth we serve.

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE NORTHWOODS**

Antigo/Langlade County

"To empower all youth, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens."

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Antigo City Council

Enclosed you will find our 2025 Impact Report, a copy of our 2026 Budget, and our 2025 Profit and Loss Statement for your review and consideration. These documents provide an overview of our programs, financial stewardship, and the impact we continue to make in our community.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss our programs, community impact, and way we can continue working together to support the children and families of Antigo. Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to our community's youth.

Sincerely,



Dillon Gretzinger,
Chief Executive Officer



Lori Misfeldt,
Director of Resource Development

Enclosures



AVAIL, Inc.

Advocates for victims of domestic
and sexual abuse in Langlade County



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715-219-4609



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Website: availinc.org



Dear City of Antigo,

August 14, 2026

AVAIL, Inc. is asking the City of Antigo for \$25,000 to help us continue being a safe place for individuals and families experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, financial abuse, and elder abuse.

This funding does more than help keep our shelter running. It gives us the ability to say “yes” when someone reaches out for help. It provides a safe bed, a meal, clean clothing, necessities, and an advocate who is there to listen and help a survivor determine what comes next.

How the \$25,000 Will Be Used

Purpose	Amount
State & Federal Grant Matching	\$10,000
Emergency Shelter Operations & Supplies	\$5,000
Food & Household Necessities	\$3,500
Clothing & Personal Care Items	\$2,500
Emergency Survivor & Safety Needs	\$2,500
Crisis Response & Advocacy	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$25,000

When someone leaves an abusive home, they don't always have time to pack a suitcase. They may arrive with their children, a few belongings, or sometimes nothing at all.

This is where AVAIL steps in. We can provide a safe place to sleep, food for a child, a change of clothes, personal-care items, and most importantly, an advocate who says, **“You are safe here. You are not alone.”**

A Safe Place to Go. Our 24-hour emergency shelter provides safety and stability during a time of crisis. Our 24-hour crisis response ensures survivors have someone to turn to when they need help. AVAIL also operates a 24-hour text line for survivors to access when a phone call is not an option. Langlade First is available 24 hours a day to provide access to resources and support for all community members.

Survivors and their children receive food, clothing, hygiene items, and other essentials they may need while working toward safety and stability. Advocates help survivors with safety planning, legal advocacy, restraining orders, referrals, and navigating the next steps toward safety and independence.

Avail provides accompaniment services for SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) and CAC (Child Advocacy Center) responses in Langlade County, offering coordinated, trauma-informed support to address the needs of individuals and families impacted by sexual assault or abuse. Advocates accompany individuals throughout the response process, working alongside appropriate community partners to help ensure access to timely medical, advocacy, and investigative services. This support promotes a safe, compassionate, and

victim-centered environment while helping individuals and their families navigate the available resources and services.

Building New Resources for Langlade County

AVAIL is also working to expand the resources and collaborative response available to survivors and community members throughout Langlade County. AVAIL coordinators and advocates will be receiving training to bring the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) to Langlade County. This initiative will focus on strengthening collaboration with local law enforcement and community partners to help identify individuals at high risk and connect them with appropriate support and resources. We are hopeful that this program will begin to emerge over the next couple of months as staff complete training and continue outreach and collaboration with local organizations.

In addition, AVAIL is working toward creating a Community Coordinated Response Team (CCRT) for the community. The goal of this team will be to bring together trained community partners who can collaborate and provide coordinated support during times of crisis. We are hopeful that the CCRT will begin to take shape over the next couple of months as staff build relationships, identify potential partners, and develop the training and structure needed to create an effective team that can support the shelter and the individuals it serves.

More Funding for Our Community

Local matching dollars help AVAIL pursue additional state and federal funding through programs such as DCF and DOJ. The City of Antigo's investment can therefore help leverage additional resources and strengthen the services available to survivors and families in our community.

For AVAIL, \$25,000 is not simply a number in a budget. It represents real people. It represents the mother who needs a safe place for her children. It represents the child who needs a meal and a clean set of clothes. It represents the survivor who needs someone to believe them. It represents the elderly person who needs help finding a safe way forward.

And it represents our community coming together to say that abuse should never be something someone has to face alone. Your support allows AVAIL to be there in those critical moments—and helps us build the resources necessary to continue being there tomorrow.

AVAIL's Message to Every Survivor: You Are Not Alone.

Thank you to the City of Antigo for investing in the safety, dignity, and future of survivors and families in our community. Together, we can make sure that when someone reaches out for help, AVAIL is there to answer.

Candy Hable



Executive Director

AVAIL INC

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Senior center of Langlade County request for Funding

Why This Matters Now

Langlade County is aging faster than many other parts of Wisconsin, and the needs of local older adults are growing faster than our current resources can support.

- **Local reality:** More than 27% of Langlade County residents are age 65 or older, compared with Wisconsin's average of 19.6%.
- **Economic pressure:** Many local seniors live on fixed Social Security incomes, making affordable support services essential.
- **Community opportunity:** Investing in the Senior Center creates meaningful returns by helping older adults remain active, connected, and independent.

The Threat of Rural Isolation

Langlade County spans more than 870 square miles, which makes transportation, social connection, and access to services especially challenging for many seniors.

- **The risk:** Isolation is closely linked with faster physical and cognitive decline.
- **Our role:** The Senior Center serves as a primary defense against loneliness by offering connection, activities, resources, and support.

Future Projections: The Age Wave

The senior population will continue to grow into the 2030s and beyond. By 2050, seniors age 65 and older are projected to make up 31.3% of Langlade County.

- **The 1-in-3 reality:** We are moving toward a future where nearly one out of every three neighbors in a grocery store, clinic, or community event will be an older adult.
- **The 85+ surge:** The fastest-growing senior group is adults age 85 and older, increasing demand for daily support networks, memory care resources, and social care.
- **The mandate:** Yesterday's programs cannot meet tomorrow's needs without stronger investment and planning.

Shifting Care Needs

As the senior population grows, the type of support our community must provide is also changing.

- **Health trends:** Rates of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias are rising across the region.
- **Mobility barriers:** Limited rural public transportation makes it harder for seniors to remain independent.
- **Evolving interests:** Younger seniors are looking for wellness, learning, technology, fitness, and social engagement—not only traditional activities.

Strategic Priorities for the Senior Center

- **Expand rural outreach** to reach seniors who live outside Antigo and may be more isolated.
- **Build deeper partnerships** with the local ADRC and other community organizations.
- **Modernize the facility** to support accessibility, safety, and full ADA compliance.

Financial Call to Action

To meet these needs, the center must diversify its funding beyond small member dues and local levies.

- **Long-term impact:** Donations to a 501(c)(3) help seniors stay engaged, supported, and thriving at home.

Conclusion and Vision

Our goal is a vibrant, well-funded Senior Center that helps every older adult in Langlade County age with dignity, connection, and purpose.

Strong seniors help build a stronger, healthier, and more resilient Langlade County. The Board of Directors and members hope you see the value in our Senior Center and continue to support the organization at \$30,000 in 2027.

Thank you. I welcome your questions.

From: Nicole Barron <nicole@williams-house.org>

Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2026 7:39 PM

To: Kaye Matucheski <kmatucheski@antigo-city.org>; Mayor <mayor@antigo-city.org>; Michael Wetzel <mwetzel@antigo-city.org>

Subject: [External] 2027 City Budget Funding Request

Good evening,

Following your guidance, I am writing on behalf of William's House of Hope to formally request that the City of Antigo consider allocating \$30,000.00 in funding for our organization in the upcoming 2027 City Budget.

William's House of Hope remains deeply committed to supporting individuals and families facing housing crises right here in our community. Through emergency hotel stays, direct rental assistance, case management, and supportive services, we work tirelessly to keep local residents safe and guide them toward permanent, long-term housing stability.

A funding allocation from the City of Antigo would directly support our efforts to prevent exposure, alleviate local homelessness, and provide immediate safety-net assistance to our vulnerable neighbors in Antigo.

We are incredibly grateful for the City's ongoing dedication to the safety and well-being of our community. Please let me know what specific application forms, supporting documentation, or budget presentations the City Council or Finance Committee will require from us during your August review.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Warm regards,

Nicole Barron

1. EXECUTIVE MISSION STATEMENT

Mission

"To provide compassionate emergency housing assistance—including temporary hotel stays and rental assistance—alongside wrap-around support services to individuals and families experiencing housing insecurity in Langlade County. By addressing immediate needs and removing structural barriers, we empower individuals to transition from crisis to long-term independence, personal stability, and permanent housing."

Foundational Context: Founded in response to a tragic loss from severe winter exposure in the community, William's House of Hope fills a vital gap by providing emergency shelter solutions, direct housing aid, and supportive skill-building in northern Wisconsin.

2. TARGET POPULATION & BENEFICIARY PROFILE

Primary Target Groups

- **Unhoused Individuals & Families:** Local residents in Antigo and Langlade County who are unsheltered, living in unstable environments, or facing imminent displacement.
- **Acute Crisis Victims:** Individuals requiring emergency hotel stays, cold-weather protection, and immediate housing assistance.
- **At-Risk & Low-Income Residents:** Community members needing rental assistance and ongoing support to maintain or secure stable housing.

Geographic & Demographic Focus

- **Geographic Scope:** Antigo and greater Langlade County, serving rural populations with limited access to traditional safety-net infrastructure.
- **Vulnerable Subpopulations:** Adults and families struggling with behavioral health challenges, substance recovery, or lack of supportive networks.
- **Core Focus:** Low-barrier access to immediate hotel lodging and rapid financial intervention to prevent homelessness.

3. PROGRAM DELIVERY FRAMEWORK & BENEFICIARY IMPACT

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Emergency Housing	Temporary hotel stays, rapid rental assistance, and direct cold-weather placement.	Prevents exposure and acute housing crises while stabilizing families in safe lodging.
Resource Navigation	One-on-one case management connecting clients with healthcare, nutrition, and benefits.	Streamlines complex human service networks into actionable pathways to permanent housing.
Vocational Training	Hands-on job skills, mentorship, and work experience via the community thrift store.	Builds employability, resume skills, and sustainable revenue loops for long-term self-sufficiency.
Supportive Recovery	Evidence-based peer support groups, including Bridges of Hope SMART Recovery.	Fosters long-term mental health and addiction recovery to break cycles of homelessness.

Community Value & Investment Return

Grant funding directly translates into life-saving intervention and sustainable community outcomes. By pairing immediate hotel lodging and rental assistance with vocational skill-building and behavioral health support, William's House of Hope ensures that every beneficiary receives both immediate protection and a realistic trajectory toward permanent housing and self-reliance.