

Ludington Guard Band Sound System Improvement Project

August 2026 Community Impact Grant Cycle

Ludington Guard Band Foundation Inc

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Application Form

Instructions

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the grant application by responding to the fields below. Note that any fields with an asterisk are required fields and must be completed prior to submitting an application.

As you complete the form, the system will auto-save every 100 characters typed or every time you click out of a field. You may collapse question groups as you go, as an indicator to yourself that you've completed that section and to reduce scrolling.

The system also allows you to Save an application and come back to it before submitting. There is also a Collaborator feature that allows applicants to work together on a single request. https://docs.google.com/document/d/15NsdFgi3lBmBu0_pp1zj2HZ51l4mx8Wryjrx4FYOmdg/edit?usp=sharing Click here to learn about the collaborator feature. Contact the Community Foundation at (715) 232-8019 if you have any questions or problems with the form.

Request Overview

Project Title*

Please provide a descriptive Name/Title for this grant request.

Ludington Guard Band Sound System Improvement Project

Amount Requested*

Typical grant amounts range from \$500 to \$5,000 or more.

\$8,925.00

Program Area*

Please check the program area that best categorizes this grant request.

Arts, Culture & Heritage

Geographic Area Served*

Please select which geographic area is primarily being served by this request.

Menomonie Area

Does your organization function within Dunn County?*

Yes

Population Served*

Please select the specific population being served by this request. You can select age and income level in the next section. If the population this grant targets is not listed, please choose "General".

General

Age Group Served*

Please select the specific age group served by this grant request.

All ages

Income Level Served*

Please select the income level of the target population being served by this request.

All income levels

Non Discrimination Policy*

In accordance with federal regulations, the Community Foundation of Dunn County does not discriminate based on race, color, creed, sex, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital status or national origin. Do the applicant organization's employment and service practices comply with this policy?

Yes

About Your Organization

1. Organization Overview*

Please provide a brief background about your organization, including a short summary of the organization's history, mission, goals, accomplishments, and challenges.

Founded in 1888, the Ludington Guard Band is one of the area's longest-standing community musical organizations. For more than a century, the band has brought together musicians dedicated to providing free community concerts that enrich the cultural life of the Menomonie area. Through its performances, the band has become a cherished tradition, welcoming residents and visitors of all ages to enjoy live music in an accessible outdoor setting, with pie and ice cream socials that help support non-profits in the area.

The mission of the Ludington Guard Band is simple: to provide free community concerts that bring people together through the shared enjoyment of live music. The band is committed to preserving the tradition of community band performance while making quality musical experiences available to everyone, regardless of

age or financial circumstances, while also inspiring and encouraging young musicians to develop their talents and participate in the continuation of this long-standing musical tradition.

One of the organization's greatest accomplishments has been its continued preservation of the community's musical heritage. For well over a century, the Ludington Guard Band has maintained a tradition of regular public performances, creating opportunities for local musicians to perform while fostering civic pride and strengthening community connections. In recent years, the band has expanded its reach by livestreaming concerts, allowing former residents, homebound individuals, and others unable to attend in person to continue enjoying performances.

Like many volunteer community organizations, the Ludington Guard Band faces the ongoing challenge of maintaining and replacing essential equipment while operating with limited financial resources. Much of the band's sound equipment has reached the end of its useful life or is no longer owned by the organization, making reliable performances increasingly difficult. This grant will help ensure the band can continue fulfilling its mission by providing dependable, high-quality sound for free public concerts and preserving this valued community tradition for decades to come.

2. Current Initiatives*

Please describe your current programs, activities, community impact and the community's involvement or support of your organization.

The Ludington Guard Band's primary initiative is presenting a series of free outdoor summer concerts that are open to everyone in the community. These performances provide accessible cultural entertainment while preserving a cherished local tradition and creating opportunities for musicians of all ages and experience levels to perform together.

The band actively fosters community involvement by welcoming audiences from throughout the Menomonee area and encouraging participation from local musicians. During intermission, local musicians and performing artists—from young students to adults—are invited to perform, providing additional opportunities for community engagement, showcasing local talent, and inspiring the next generation of musicians.

Each concert also features a pie and ice cream social hosted by local nonprofit organizations. These organizations retain the proceeds from the sales, allowing the Ludington Guard Band to support the fundraising efforts of fellow community organizations while creating a welcoming gathering place for concert attendees.

The Ludington Guard Band also extends its reach beyond the concert venue by livestreaming performances on Facebook, allowing former residents, homebound individuals, and residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities to enjoy the concerts. The band plans to build upon this outreach by improving the quality of its broadcasts and expanding to additional online platforms, ensuring that more people can experience free live music regardless of their ability to attend in person.

Beyond the band's regular concert series, its sound system is also used by the City of Menomonee during the annual National Night Out celebration. The system provides audio support for the event, including the Mayor's community address and public announcements. This partnership demonstrates that the requested equipment will serve not only the Ludington Guard Band but also other important civic events that bring the community together.

The continued success of the Ludington Guard Band is made possible through the dedication of its volunteer musicians, the support of local audiences, community donations, fundraising efforts, and partnerships with local organizations. Together, these initiatives help preserve a musical tradition that has served the

Menomonie area since 1888 while enriching the community through accessible, high-quality live performances.

3. Organizational Structure*

Describe the current structure of your organization, including how the organization functions on a daily basis. (CEO, staff, volunteers, etc.)

The Ludington Guard Band is a community-based organization led by musicians, officers, and board members who work together to organize rehearsals, schedule performances, coordinate logistics, manage finances, maintain equipment, and oversee the operation of the organization.

Band members also contribute their time and expertise to the setup, operation, and maintenance of the sound system for each performance. This structure has allowed the organization to operate successfully for more than a century while keeping concerts free and accessible to the public.

About the Grant

What is the community need that this request addresses?*

A reliable sound system is essential to ensuring audiences can clearly hear performances, announcements, guest artists, and soloists throughout the concert venue.

The band's existing sound equipment has become increasingly unreliable due to age, missing components, and weather-related deterioration. Without replacement, equipment failures threaten the band's ability to continue presenting the high-quality concerts the community has enjoyed for generations.

This project addresses the need for dependable sound reinforcement that will preserve an important community tradition, improve accessibility for individuals unable to attend in person through higher-quality livestreams, and ensure free concerts remain available for residents and visitors alike.

Project Goals and Activities*

Describe the specific goals and activities of your project and how they will be carried out or accomplished.

The goal of this project is to replace aging and inadequate sound equipment with a reliable, professional-quality sound reinforcement system that will support the Ludington Guard Band's free community concerts.

Grant funding will purchase a professional mixer, amplifier, weather-rated loudspeakers, microphones, cables, microphone stands, rack storage, and a modular Cat5-based snake system. The modular snake system will allow the cable to be disconnected and stored indoors after each performance, protecting it from moisture and weather while reducing future maintenance costs.

Band members with live sound experience will install, operate, and maintain the equipment. Once completed, the new system will improve sound quality, reduce setup time, increase reliability, and enhance online broadcasts for audiences unable to attend in person.

Project Outcomes*

Describe the anticipated outcomes resulting from this grant project, its impact and how the community will be better served.

This project will provide dependable, high-quality sound for every Ludington Guard Band performance, improving the experience for hundreds of audience members each season.

The new equipment will reduce equipment failures, improve clarity for announcements and musical performances, and create opportunities for collaborations with guest performers, student musicians, and community organizations.

Improved audio quality will also enhance livestream broadcasts, making concerts more accessible to former residents, nursing home residents, assisted living facilities, and individuals with mobility or health limitations.

Because the equipment is professional-grade and designed for long-term use, the Community Foundation's investment will continue benefiting the community for decades through reliable performances and expanded public access to live music.

Anticipated Challenges*

Describe any anticipated challenges and how you will meet them.

One of the greatest long-term challenges facing the Ludington Guard Band is the reduction in municipal funding. Historically, the band received annual subsidies from the City of Menomonie ranging between \$10,000 and \$12,000. In 2025, City support was reduced to \$9,000, and beginning in 2026, the City transitioned from annual subsidies to a competitive grant application process. Through that process, the Ludington Guard Band was awarded a \$6,000 grant for 2026.

While the band is grateful for the City's continued support, the reduction in funding has increased the organization's reliance on grants, fundraising, donations, and community partnerships to maintain its long-standing tradition of providing free public concerts. As operating costs continue to rise and equipment ages, securing additional funding for capital improvements has become increasingly important.

If the Community Foundation is unable to fully fund this project, the Ludington Guard Band is committed to completing it through additional fundraising efforts, support from the Ludington Guard Band Foundation, and sponsorships or donations from local businesses and community partners.

Despite these challenges, the Ludington Guard Band remains committed to providing free concerts that enrich the cultural life of the Menomonie area. Through careful financial stewardship, volunteer leadership, and strong community support, the band will continue preserving this valued tradition for future generations.

Sustainability*

Please describe how you will fund and continue to sustain these activities beyond the grant period.

The Ludington Guard Band is committed to protecting this investment through responsible stewardship and routine maintenance. Equipment will be stored in a secure, climate-controlled environment during the off-season and inspected regularly to identify wear before it affects performance.

The modular Cat5 snake system will allow the cable to be disconnected after each performance and stored indoors, significantly extending its lifespan compared to the existing permanently installed system. Professional-grade equipment has been selected specifically for its durability, reliability, and long service life.

The organization will continue funding its ongoing operations through community support, donations, fundraising activities, and volunteer participation. Because the requested equipment is intended to provide reliable service for decades, this grant represents a long-term investment that will reduce future maintenance costs while helping preserve a valued community tradition.

Staff - Project Summary*

The goal of this project is to replace aging and inadequate sound equipment with a reliable, professional-quality sound reinforcement system that will support the Ludington Guard Band's free community concerts. The sound system is used by the Band each summer and by the city at National Night Out.

Grant Project Budget

Anticipated Project Income*

Please list out all anticipated sources of income for this specific grant project with amounts and whether the funding is approved or pending.

Ex: Dunn Energy Cooperative: \$1,000 - Approved

Community Foundation (Grant Request) \$8,925 Pending

If the Community Foundation is unable to fully fund this project, the Ludington Guard Band will pursue additional funding through local fundraising efforts and sponsorships or donations from local businesses to meet any remaining project costs. The organization is committed to completing the project and ensuring the community continues to benefit from reliable, high-quality sound for its free public concerts.

Total Project Expenses*

What are the total expenses for this particular grant project? This may be more than your grant request amount and helps us to understand if the Foundation is funding a portion of the project or the full cost of the project.

\$8,925.00

Project Expenses Description*

Please itemize the expenses for this grant project, including a short description of each item and the anticipated cost. (Personnel, Materials and Supplies, etc.) If this grant is to cover a portion of the project, please list all expenses of the project and then specify which expenses you anticipate being supported by this CFDC grant.

Yamaha MG16 Mixer Professional 16-channel mixer to provide consistent, high-quality audio control for concerts and livestreams. \$500

Yamaha PX8 Power Amplifier Powers the speaker system with reliable, efficient amplification matched to the new speakers. \$1,040

Two TOA HX5B-WP Weather-Rated Speakers Professional outdoor loudspeakers designed to provide clear, even sound coverage and withstand outdoor conditions. \$2,690

Radial Catapult Modular Snake System Modular Cat5-based audio snake that allows cables to be removed and stored indoors between concerts, reducing weather-related deterioration and maintenance. \$650

Shure BLX24R/SM58 Wireless Handheld Microphone System Wireless microphone for announcements, soloists, guest performers, and special events. \$470

RØDE NT5 Matched Pair Condenser Microphones Stereo microphones for capturing the full concert ensemble for live audiences and online broadcasts. \$400

Two Shure SM57 Instrument Microphones Versatile microphones for instruments, guest performers, and ensemble reinforcement. \$220

Audio-Technica AT2050 Condenser Microphone Multi-pattern condenser microphone for soloists, narration, and specialty applications. \$270

Shure BLX14/B98 Wireless Instrument Microphone Wireless microphone system for featured instrumental soloists and guest musicians. \$500

Professional XLR Microphone Cables High-quality microphone cables to replace worn and insufficient existing inventory. \$225

Professional Speaker Cables Heavy-duty speaker cables for dependable outdoor system connections. \$225

Odyssey Rolling Rack Case Protective rolling rack for secure transportation and storage of mixer, amplifier, and related equipment. \$680

On-Stage Locking Rack Drawer Secure storage for microphones, accessories, and small audio equipment. \$190

K&M Professional Microphone Stands Durable microphone stands to replace rusted and worn stands currently in use. \$530

Shure PA805SWB Directional Antenna Improves wireless microphone signal reliability and reduces interference during performances. \$335

Total Project Expenses: \$8,925

The Community Foundation grant request is intended to support the entire cost of this equipment purchase (\$8,925). If the grant does not fully fund the project, the Ludington Guard Band will pursue the remaining funds through additional fundraising efforts and sponsorships or donations from local businesses to complete the project.

Project Budget Upload

(Optional) You may upload a separate file of your own, representing this grant request's Project Budget. For help creating the document, you can click [here](#) to download our Grant Project Budget template.

Letter of Support

(Optional) Letters of Support are optional, unless another organization or individual is integral to the purchase or use of the program and/or is a fiscal sponsor. Then it is required.

Additional Supporting Documents

(Optional) You may upload additional supporting documents to your request. If this grant request is to purchase a specific item or equipment, please upload a financial quote or spec sheet about the item [here](#).

Ludington Guard Band Sound System Improvement Grant Request (3).pdf

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Staff - Project Budget Summary*

Brief sentence about how the grant budget is broken down by item.

The entire budget is detailed. No other funding sources currently found, but they seem eager to fill in gaps.

Required Organization Financials

Current Board of Directors*

Please upload a list of your organization's current Board of Directors.

Ludington_Guard_Band_2026_Board_of_Directors.pdf

Organizational Budget*

Please upload your organization's most recent Operating Budget with projected revenues and expenses.

Ludington_Guard_Band_2025_Finances_and_2026_Budget.pdf

Audited Financials

Please upload a copy of your organization's current Audited Financial Statement, if you are required to file.

Audit Opt-Out

Under Wis. Stat. § 202.12 | a charitable organization with annual contributions over \$500,000 must file an audited financial statement and include the opinion of an independent CPA. A charitable organization with annual contributions less than \$500,000 and over \$300,000 must file a financial statement reviewed by an independent CPA. If you do not upload an audit or financial statement, please verify that your organization is not required to based on this state statute.

Our organization is not required to file an audited financial statement

Proof of 990 Filing*

Please upload proof of current IRS 990 Filing. You may upload the first page only; the full 990 document is not required.

Ludington_Guard_Band_Foundation_2024_Form_990N_Information (1).pdf

Authorization

Applicant Agreement*

As the applicant submitting this request on behalf of the organization, you certify that:

- The information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of your knowledge.
- Falsification of information will result in termination of any award granted.
- You have discussed this project and grant request with the necessary authorized representatives at your organization. They support this request and the proposed allocation of funding.

If awarded a grant, the organization will:

- Carry out the activities and expend grant funds as described in the proposal, to the best of their ability.
- Submit significant changes in the scope or budget of the project to the Foundation for approval.
- Complete and submit written reports as required no later than 12 months from the date the grant is awarded.
- Acknowledge the role of the Community Foundation of Dunn County in supporting the organization in communications with their board and the public.
- Provide copies of all publicity, press releases or promotional materials. If available, provide photos in digital format.

I agree

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- Ludington Guard Band Sound System Improvement Grant Request (3).pdf
- Ludington_Guard_Band_2026_Board_of_Directors.pdf
- Ludington_Guard_Band_2025_Finances_and_2026_Budget.pdf
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Ludington Guard Band Sound System Improvement Project

Grant Request

Amount Requested: \$8,925

Project Summary

The Ludington Guard Band respectfully requests \$8,925 from the Community Foundation to purchase essential sound reinforcement equipment that will allow the band to continue providing free public concerts with dependable, high-quality audio.

For generations, the Ludington Guard Band has been a treasured part of our community, bringing together residents and visitors through free outdoor concerts that celebrate music, tradition, and civic pride. These performances provide accessible cultural experiences for audiences of all ages while preserving one of Ludington's longest-standing community traditions.

As the band's equipment has aged, maintaining reliable sound has become increasingly difficult. Several critical components are no longer owned by the band, while others have reached the end of their useful service life. This project will replace aging equipment with durable, professional-grade components that will improve the concert experience, increase system reliability, expand accessibility through improved live broadcasts, and serve the community for many years to come.

Statement of Need

The Ludington Guard Band currently faces several significant challenges with its sound system that impact both the quality and reliability of its performances.

Most importantly, the band does not own its own sound mixer. Every concert depends on borrowed equipment or whatever equipment may be available, creating uncertainty and limiting the band's ability to consistently provide quality sound.

The band also lacks an adequate inventory of professional XLR microphone cables, making setup more difficult and reducing flexibility during performances involving soloists, guest musicians, vocalists, and community groups.

Another critical concern is the band's existing audio snake system. Because the snake cable remains connected in underground junction boxes between performances, years of exposure to moisture, dirt,

insects, and changing weather conditions have caused the connectors and cable to deteriorate. As a result, the system has become increasingly unreliable and presents an ongoing risk of failure during concerts.

The band's current power amplifier is still functional but has been in service for many years. As it continues to age, the likelihood of failure increases. Replacing it with a modern amplifier will improve reliability while integrating seamlessly into a rack-mounted sound system.

The current outdoor speakers have served the band well, but one speaker is no longer functioning correctly, limiting overall system performance. Replacing both speakers with weather-rated models that are properly matched to the new amplifier will provide balanced coverage, improved sound quality, greater reliability, and equipment specifically designed for long-term outdoor use.

In addition, many of the band's microphone stands are rusted, worn, and damaged after years of outdoor use. They are becoming increasingly difficult to adjust safely and no longer provide the reliability expected for equipment that is assembled and disassembled each week throughout the summer concert season.

Together, these issues increase setup time, require continual maintenance, and create an increased risk of sound system failure during concerts attended by hundreds of community members and visitors each season.

Project Description

Grant funding will allow the Ludington Guard Band to purchase a complete, professional-quality sound reinforcement system built around equipment selected for its durability, ease of operation, and long service life.

One of the most significant improvements will be replacing the traditional analog audio snake with a modular Cat5-based snake system. Unlike a conventional snake, this system allows only compact interface boxes to remain installed in the underground junction boxes while the Cat5 cable itself can be disconnected after each performance and stored indoors.

By removing the cable between performances, the system will be protected from moisture, dirt, insects, and weather-related deterioration. This approach will significantly extend the life of the system, reduce maintenance costs, simplify future cable replacement, and improve reliability during performances.

The project also includes a professional audio mixer, rack-mounted amplifier, weather-rated loudspeakers, wireless microphones, instrument microphones, condenser microphones, professional XLR and speaker cables, heavy-duty microphone stands, secure rolling storage, and related accessories. Every piece of equipment has been selected by members of the band with live sound experience and represents dependable, industry-standard equipment intended to provide many years of reliable service.

Community Impact

The Ludington Guard Band performs free concerts that enrich the cultural life of our community and provide accessible entertainment for residents and visitors alike. Many audience members attend multiple performances each season, making the band an important community tradition.

A reliable sound system ensures that every audience member can clearly hear featured soloists, guest performers, announcements, and musical selections regardless of where they are seated. Improved sound quality also enhances opportunities for collaborations with local vocalists, student musicians, small ensembles, and community organizations.

The Ludington Guard Band currently broadcasts its concerts live on Facebook, allowing family members, former residents, and individuals who are unable to attend in person to continue enjoying the performances. Upgrading the band's sound system will significantly improve the audio quality of these broadcasts, creating a much better listening experience for online viewers.

Looking ahead, the band intends to expand its digital outreach by broadcasting on additional online platforms, making concerts accessible to an even broader audience. This effort will be especially meaningful for residents of local nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and individuals with mobility or health limitations who are no longer able to attend concerts in person. By improving both the live concert experience and the quality of online broadcasts, the Ludington Guard Band will be able to serve more members of the community while preserving its long-standing tradition of providing free musical performances for everyone.

Because the equipment is professional-grade and designed for frequent setup, teardown, and outdoor use, this investment will provide lasting value by reducing maintenance costs, minimizing equipment failures, and protecting the band's equipment for years to come. With proper care and routine maintenance, the Ludington Guard Band expects these purchases to provide reliable service for decades, allowing the Community Foundation's investment to benefit generations of musicians, residents, and visitors.

Sustainability

The Ludington Guard Band is committed to protecting this investment and ensuring the equipment provides reliable service for many years. Every component included in this proposal has been selected for its durability, professional performance, and long service life.

The Odyssey rolling rack case and locking storage drawer will protect sensitive electronics, microphones, and accessories during transportation and storage. The modular Cat5 snake system will allow the cable to be disconnected after each performance and stored indoors rather than remaining exposed to moisture, dirt, insects, and weather inside underground junction boxes. This design will significantly extend the life of one of the most heavily used components of the sound system while reducing future repair and replacement costs.

The proposed Yamaha amplifier, weather-rated TOA speakers, professional-grade microphones, cables, and microphone stands were selected because they are recognized throughout the live sound industry for their reliability and longevity. Investing in quality equipment today will reduce long-term maintenance expenses and minimize interruptions caused by equipment failures.

Band members with experience in live sound production will oversee setup, operation, inspection, and routine maintenance of the equipment. Equipment will be stored in a secure, climate-controlled environment during the off-season, and regular inspections will be performed to identify wear before it affects performance.

By investing in durable, industry-standard equipment and implementing responsible maintenance practices, the Ludington Guard Band expects this sound system to serve the organization and the community for decades to come. This project represents not only an investment in equipment, but an investment in preserving free community concerts, expanding access through high-quality live broadcasts, and ensuring that future generations can continue to enjoy this longstanding Ludington tradition.

Project Budget

Item	Estimated Cost
Yamaha MG16 Mixer	\$500
Yamaha PX8 Power Amplifier	\$1,040
Two TOA HX5B-WP Weather-Rated Speakers	\$2,690
Radial Catapult Modular Snake System (including shielded Cat5 cables)	\$650
Shure BLX24R/SM58 Wireless Handheld Microphone System	\$470
RØDE NT5 Matched Pair Condenser Microphones	\$400
Two Shure SM57 Instrument Microphones	\$220
Audio-Technica AT2050 Large-Diaphragm Condenser Microphone	\$270
Shure BLX14/B98 Wireless Instrument Microphone	\$500
Professional XLR Microphone Cables	\$225
Professional Speaker Cables	\$225
Odyssey FZ1316WDLX Rolling Rack Case	\$680
On-Stage Locking Rack Drawer	\$190
K&M Professional Microphone Stands	\$530
Shure PA805SWB Directional Antenna	\$335
Total Project Cost	\$8,925

Conclusion

For generations, the Ludington Guard Band has provided free musical performances that strengthen community connections, celebrate local traditions, and enrich the cultural life of the Menomonie area and surrounding communities that attend. These concerts are enjoyed not only by those attending in person but also by viewers watching live online, including individuals who may no longer be able to participate in community events because of age, illness, or mobility challenges.

This project will replace aging and inadequate equipment with reliable, professional-grade sound equipment that will improve every performance, expand accessibility through higher-quality online broadcasts, and protect the band's investment for years to come.

Support from the Community Foundation will not simply purchase audio equipment—it will preserve an important community tradition, improve access to live music for audiences both in person and online, and ensure that the Ludington Guard Band can continue serving the community with excellence for decades to come.



Ludington Guard Band

2026 Board of Directors

President: Brady Burgraff

Outgoing President: Anita Keeler

Vice President: Amanda Durst

Vice President-Elect: Lisa Drenckhahn

Treasurer: Barb Burntvedt

Secretary: Heidi Kile

Director: Jim Woodford

Ludington Guard Band Foundation President / Historian: Larry Jess

Summary of 2025 Season

Expenses:

Insurance	2089	
Website maintenance	312	
annual meeting banquet	910	
Ink, postage, labels, envelopes, gift cert	276	
Band member stipends and mileage	11987	
Director stipend	1850	
Uniform custodian, Librarian, Set-up crew, Sound crew	920	
Music and misc supplies	513	
Dry cleaning jackets	700	
Instrument repair/maint	510	
Assoc fees for copyright permission	290	
Lease for equipment storage	1	
		20358

Income:

City of Menomonie	9000	
Proceeds from week 1 pie sale (not enough pie serving non-profits)	456	
Donations from individuals and LGB Foundation	8515	
Proceeds from Let's Paint the Town	100	
		18071

The Ludington Guard Band does not pay wages, salary or benefits. The only paid personnel are the Director, Uniform custodian, Music Librarian, sound crew and stage set-up crew. Officers do not get special payment, only the nominal per diem that all playing members of the band get.

2026 LUDINGTON GUARD BAND BUDGET

Personnel:

Director stipend	\$ 1,900.00
Director special concerts	

Staging:

Equipment setup - 2 @ \$7.25/hr up to 20 hrs each	\$ 290.00
Sound system and livestream setup and manage/website	\$ 700.00

Music Librarian	\$ 300.00
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Uniform Custodian	\$ 100.00
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Musicians:

Rehearsals - \$4. per rehearsal

6 preseason x 59 members	\$1,416.00	
10 in season x 63 members	<u>\$2,520.00</u>	
		\$ 3,936.00

Concerts - \$8. per concert

10 in Wilson Park x 65 members	\$5,200.00	
1 other x 40 members	<u></u>	
		\$ 5,200.00

Mileage for musicians residing outside the

Menomonie School District x .15 per mile	\$ 3,540.00
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Other Expenses:

Music	\$ 500.00
Insurance	\$ 2,083.00
Special Effects (prizes for special event concerts, etc.)	\$ 150.00
Postage, Banking, etc	\$ 150.00
Annual Meeting / Band Banquet	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment / Uniforms, Instrument Repair, etc.	<u>\$ 300.00</u>

Grand Total \$ 20,149.00

Tax Year 2024 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Tax Period: 2024 (09/01/2024–08/31/2025)

EIN: 39-1766076

Organization Name (Doing Business as): LUDINGTON GUARD BAND FOUNDATION INC

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Gross Receipts: Not greater than \$50,000

Organization Has Terminated: No

Website URL: <https://www.ludingtonguardband.com>