



# Marquette Maritime Museum

Preserving Marquette's Maritime History Since 1984

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Karen Kovacs, City Manager  
City of Marquette  
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Dear Ms. Kovacs,

The Marquette Maritime Museum is requesting that the City of Marquette act as the fiscal intermediary for a \$5,000 request to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community from their 2% funding to help with the cost of a new roof for the Museum building.

The Museum building (City of Marquette's 1891 Waterworks) houses our archival collections, a museum gallery, a gift shop, and administrative offices. Both the north and east-facing sides of the Museum roof have sustained damage over the years, resulting in missing and faulty shingles. Unfortunately, the roof is composed of asbestos shingles that need to be removed with proper asbestos abatement practices. The current roof was installed sometime in the 1940s, and in the last few years, the old shingles having been rapidly deteriorating, especially on the north side and around a large patch on the lake-side. We have been informed by our insurance company that we must replace the roof to keep our current coverage.

The 2% funds will be used to continue to support the Museum as a recreation program for the citizens of Marquette. We offer free school field trips and free children's art/history workshops and replacing the roof is necessary for us to continue to provide these services.

We are asking the City of Marquette to act as the fiscal agent and forward our request to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hilary Billman,  
Director

