

U.S. Rep. Kind: Helps secure relief funding for La Crosse Center

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Washington, DC — Today, **Rep. Ron Kind** announced that the La Crosse Center was approved for a Shuttered Venue Operators Grant. This funding was made possible through the December COVID-19 relief package and the American Rescue Plan, and will help ensure the La Crosse Center can recover from the economic damages caused by COVID-19.

“It’s great to see the COVID-19 relief packages Congress passed and the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant program working to support venues like the La Crosse Center,” said **Rep. Ron Kind**. “As the first to close and the last to open, these small businesses faced serious challenges during the COVID-19 crisis. I’m thrilled to see the La Crosse Center receive the relief it needs to build back, and I’m looking forward to highlighting more great local venues as these grants continue to roll out.”

“We are very pleased to have been awarded this Shuttered Venue Operator’s Grant. It will help us through tough times that were caused by the COVID pandemic with the venue’s operations and for providing a great experience for all our guests. We want to thank Representative Ron Kind and Senator Tammy Baldwin for including this program in the recovery budget,” said **Art Fahey, La Crosse Center Director**.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic Rep. Kind fought to ensure independent art centers and venues received critical relief, [voting](#) for a COVID-19 relief package in December 2020 which included a \$15 billion grant for music venues harmed by the pandemic and [introducing](#) bipartisan legislation to support independent music and entertainment venues.