



Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of Wisconsin
American Hindu Association
2138 South Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53575
A Non-Profit [501(C)(3)] Organization. Federal ID: 39-1945997



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Frequently Asked Questions – Update June 1, 2016.

Topic: Temple Project Budget

1. *What is the expected cost of Temple development project?*

Our current estimates are that the cost of the complete project will be approximately \$1Million. We have already committed approximately \$900,000 towards the construction program. That is why we need to continue with the fundraising efforts. The support of the community is vital to the success of the project.

2. *What is your current and expected future mortgage repayment commitment?*

Our current mortgage repayment commitment for existing loans total \$2,500 per month. We have financed additional \$450,000 to complete stage 2 works, which will add approximately \$3,500 per month to the loan mortgage commitment. Therefore once the building is completed we anticipate a final mortgage payment commitment in the range of \$6,000 to \$6,500 per month.

3. *How much money have you raised so far and what have you used it for?*

AHA has raised close to \$400,000 since initiation of the project in October 2012. We thank the community for their excellent and very generous support in this momentous effort. Almost 80% of this money has been used in the stage 1 of the construction which included site works, detailed designs, regulatory approvals and construction of the main building structure including completion of the exterior works that you all are able to see at the property.

4. *What does AHA do with money raised through other religious and cultural events such as Rathayatra?*

As we mentioned earlier, AHA uses all money raised through regular puja, and major community and cultural events such as the Rathayatra for normal running expenses such as mortgage payments, Priest salary, utilities, maintenance/upkeep of the property as well as to help plan and run all the various programs and events for the Temple.



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5. Can I sponsor specific building items for the Temple Construction?

Absolutely! If you would like to sponsor any specific aspect of the building construction, please let any of the AHA Trustees or Board of Directors know. The following table outlines the projects still up for sponsorship.

Project	Amount	Project	Amount
Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning System	\$65,000	Tractor with Implements for Lawn care and Snow removal	\$8,000
General Electrical Wiring and Fittings	\$42,000	Doors, Hardware, Fixtures	\$7,800
Sealed Parking Lot (Includes prep) & driveway	\$40,000	Outside Site Lighting	\$7,500
Main Level Stage Base	\$25,000	Main Level Ceramic Tile	\$6,700
Bio-Retention Pond	\$25,000	Lower Level Painting	\$6,500
Septic System	\$16,200	VCT Flooring	\$6,125
Main Level Painting	\$13,675	Attic Insulation & Vapor Barrier	\$5,000
Main Level Carpet	\$13,300	Exterior Concrete Sidewalk	\$4,000
New Well Pump and Plumbing	\$12,700	Acoustical Ceiling	\$1,800
Landscaping	\$10,000	Water Fountain	\$1,000

Topic: Monthly Sponsorship Program

6. Can you tell us about the AHA Monthly Sponsorship Program?

The AHA **Monthly Sponsorship Program (also known as Dollar-A-Day Program)** is a fundraising effort initiated by AHA Board to encourage every family in our community to participate and contribute a nominal sum of money every month on a continuous basis to support the temple construction efforts and other necessary activities for the community.

Under this program families have an opportunity to have a nominal sum (such as \$30) directly deposited to AHA on a monthly basis via ACH (Automatic Clearing House) transaction from their checking accounts or via recurring credit card payments through Network for Good/PayPal.

This program allows AHA Management Board to plan its cash flows, which enables us to borrow from the bank to finance the new building construction as well as other expenditures. AHA is currently getting commercial financing for the Temple building construction and this sponsorship program will provide a source of steady funding for repayments, as required by lending agencies.



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7. ***What is the difference between Monthly Sponsorship Program and Dollar-A-Day Program?***

Monthly Sponsorship Program and the **Dollar-A-Day Program** are one and same, except that under a **Dollar-A-Day Program** families choose to donate \$30 per month or \$360.00 per year to the temple via the same ACH or credit card program. Families have the flexibility to choose any amount they can afford under the **Monthly Sponsorship Program**.

8. ***What will the money be used for?***

AHA is a volunteer run organization, and thus we are able to keep our costs low. However, we do have ongoing expenses such as mortgage payments, additional construction works and running expenses for the temple.

- The money collected under this program will be used primarily making mortgage payments on our construction loan.
- While normal temple running expenses such as Priest salary, utilities, maintenance, etc. are funded through regular puja and other cultural and community activities throughout the year, these donations would supplement any balance of payments required for these running expenses.
- As and when we have excess funds available, those will be used to pay down the principal balance on the construction loan, with the goal of making the temple debt free in the very near future.

9. ***How can I sign up for this program?***

You can sign up for this program by accessing the sign up forms:

1. Visit the AHA Temple Website at <http://aha-svtemple.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/AHA-Donations-Sponsorship-Form.pdf>
2. **Paying Direct Debit from Checking Account:** Visit the Temple home page <http://aha-svtemple.org> and click on **Make A Donation for Temple Project** (left hand side bar) and select Monthly Automatic Funds Transfer.
 - a) ***Fill the form completely***
 - b) ***Attach a void check, and***
 - c) ***Deliver this to AHA.***

The complete package can be handed to any AHA Board Member, Treasurer Mr. Samir Datta, Vice President: Temple Operations and Facilities Management Mr. Bahee Sathasivam, Temple Priest Madhavanji or mailed to AHA as per below.



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Att: Treasurer Mr. Samir Datta
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P.O. Box 628243
Middleton, WI 53562.

1. **Paying by Credit Card:** Please visit [Network for Good](#) to sign up for recurring monthly payment. We are also exploring a partnership with PayPal and should have that service available soon for all recurring as well as one-time credit card donations to AHA.

Once you have signed up online please send a completed sign-up form to AHA at the above mailing address, or hand it over to the Priest at the Temple.

10. ***What is the minimum amount I need to sign up for?***

Everyone is free to choose an amount that they can afford to give to the temple for this noble cause on a monthly basis. There is no minimum amount set.

However, we do highly encourage everyone to sign up a minimum nominal sum of at least \$30 per month, which equates to a ***Dollar-A-Day***.

11. ***What is the maximum amount I can sign up for?***

Everyone is free to choose an amount that they can afford to give to the temple for this noble cause. There is no maximum amount set.

12. ***How long do I need to sign up for on the Monthly Sponsorship Program?***

AHA has not set a time limit for how long your contributions need to continue for. It is entirely up to you as to how long you would like to continue under this program. We are very respectful of the economic uncertainties our community is facing and also understand that family situations change throughout the year. Rest assured that you can change your pledge amount, your payment method or your payment schedule at any time. Please contact the AHA Treasurer at treasurer.ahasvtemple@gmail.com to make any necessary changes once you have signed up.

Note that through this program, which provides a consistent and planned revenue stream for AHA, we are able to secure appropriate funding through lower interest rates. The lending agencies need security of repayment as a condition. Thus we encourage all of you to remain with us under this program until we are able to appropriately payoff all our mortgage commitments.



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13. *Can I donate just a one-time amount instead of joining the Monthly Sponsorship Program?*

Sure, you can choose to donate any amount instead of joining the **Monthly Sponsorship Program**. However, we strongly urge you to join the **Monthly Sponsorship Program** since it allows the temple to have a definite and consistent revenue stream and thus it allows us to plan out our cash flow needs appropriately. If you would like to make a onetime contribution and would like to continue to do so in future years, please fill the [Pledge/Donation](#) Form on the AHA website.

14. *Is my donation to AHA Tax Deductible?*

Absolutely, all donations to AHA are fully tax deductible as American Hindu Association (AHA) is a Section 501 (C) (3) United States Internal Revenue Service Tax code registered non-profit organization. AHA Tax ID is 39-1945997.

15. *How do I get informed of my total donations to AHA?*

AHA sends out all donations statements with donor recognitions through emails at the end of every year, with the amount donated for that year as well as the total amount donated to the Temple so far. If you have questions on the status of you donations during the year, please contact our Treasurer at - treasurer.ahasvtemple@gmail.com

16. *How will my family be recognized for my donations under this program?*

AHA is extremely grateful to all the sponsors and contributors over the years, which has allowed it to provide the required religious, cultural, and educational services possible. As a form of recognition for all the donations, AHA Management Board has approved the following **Sponsor Recognition Levels** based on total donation received by AHA (from year 2000) and any pledge of future donation.

<i>Diamond Sponsor</i>	<i>\$10,000+</i>
<i>Platinum Sponsor</i>	<i>\$5,000+</i>
<i>Gold Sponsor</i>	<i>\$2,500+</i>
<i>Silver Sponsor</i>	<i>\$1,000+</i>
<i>Bronze Sponsor</i>	<i>\$500+</i>



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17. *How many people have already signed up for this program and how many people do you need to sign up?*

So far, we already have 164 families from our community signed up under the ***Monthly Sponsorship Program***. Our goal is to sign up minimum of 250 families over the course of this year. We are anticipating Dane County community members and surrounding areas would help keep this program alive and growing in the years to come. We hope that you will be able to join this auspicious program and help support and grow a vibrant community of ours.

18. *Where do I get more information on this program if I need?*

Please visit our Temple website <http://aha-svtemple.org>. for more information about this program and the status of construction activities. AHA has a list of “Board Volunteers” who have volunteered to work with our community to spread the word about this program and encourage families to sign up. You can see a full list of AHA Trustees and Board members on our website on the [Temple Management](#) page.

Topic: Temple Construction Progress

19. *What is the current status of the progress of the Temple Construction?*

The Temple construction is currently in full swing. We have completed the main structure, including outside finishing, MGE electrical supply upgrade, basement flooring and framing. Currently work is in progress for the inside finishing works including plumbing, electrical works, fire suppression system, access ways and insulation works. The present status of major stages of the construction program is as follows:



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Project Component	Project Details	Contract Status	Completion Progress		
			Current Status	%	Date (Estimated)
Temple Building Structure	General Contract for Structure and Exterior	Executed	Completed	100%	10/31/2015
	Basement - Concrete Floor	Executed	Completed	100%	2/1/2016
	Basement Framing and Stairs	Executed	Completed	100%	3/15/2016
	Coupla and Kalasams	Open	TBD	0%	(9/30/2016)
Electrical / HVAC	MGE 3 Phase Power Upgrade	Executed	Completed	100%	2/28/2016
	Interior / Exterior Electrical Installation	Executed	In Progress	90%	(6/30/2016)
	HVAC	Executed	In Progress	80%	(6/30/2016)
Fire Suppression System	Interior piping and fittings	Executed	In Progress	80%	(6/30/2016)
	Tank and External Piping	Executed	June 15 (Est.)	0%	(6/30/2016)
Plumbing	Interior Plumbing Works	Executed	In Progress	80%	(6/30/2016)
	Exterior Septic and Piping	Executed	June 10 (Est.)	0%	(6/30/2016)
	New Well and Pump	Under Negotiation	TBD	0%	(8/31/2016)
Interior Finishing	Insulation and Vapor Barrier	Executed	In Progress	50%	(7/15/2016)
	Drywall, Painting and Finishing	Under Negotiation	July 15 (Est.)	0%	(8/30/2016)
	Carpets, Tiles and Main Level Stage	Under Negotiation	August 15 (Est.)	0%	(10/31/2016)
Driveway, Parking, Landscape and Outdoor Facilities	Driveway, Parking Lot Excavation, Sealing and Bio Retention Pond	Partial Executed, Bal. Under Negotiation	Sept 15 (Est.)	25%	(9/10/2016)
	80' x 40' Pavilion: Planning, Permits, Excavation, Construction	Executed	In Progress	30%	(6/30/2016)
	Landscaping	Open	TBD	0%	(10/15/2016)
Occupational Permit	City Approvals and Certificate of Use	Open	TBD	0%	(10/31/2016)

As you can see from above summary, a lot of work will be undertaken during the months of June, July and August.



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20. *When will the new Temple open for public use?*

Currently we are working to get all works completed to the satisfaction of the relevant authorities to allow for occupation by end of 2016. This schedule is subject to appropriate approvals from relevant regulatory authorities. In the meantime, preparatory works have started for the purchase and delivery of idols. We will make an announcement on the date for Maha Kumbabishekam (grand opening) of the Temple once temple construction nears end and all the idols have been received. AHA will keep the public apprised regularly of the firm dates for the opening of the Temple, as soon as this is decided. Stay tuned!

21. *Why is it taking so long to complete the Temple building?*

AHA has taken a very conservative approach to building this facility in stages based on availability of funds and allowing for appropriate approval process for a public use purpose building. In the first stage we completed the main building and exterior works, and now we have embarked on the second stage of the works that is currently in progress as described above. Note that volunteers from the Board and Trustees, with great care and diligence, are handling the management of this construction process. The progress of the Temple depends heavily on community support of our efforts through the ***Monthly Sponsorship Program*** and at various cultural, religious and fundraising events. We encourage you all to participate in these activities to help us progress the construction works.

22. *Can we use the new Temple building for any events now?*

We cannot use or allow the use of the Community Center building, as it is under construction, until we get a completion certificate and an occupancy license from City of Fitchburg and other relevant authorities. Until the above is obtained and appropriate installation rites has been held for the idols, the public cannot use the building.