

**Green Giant Welcome Center
1130 Giant Drive, Blue Earth MN 56013**

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Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (ACHF) Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report

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FROM: Mary Kennedy, City Administrator, City of Blue Earth

DATE: January 2022

SUBJECT: Annual Report for State Fiscal Year 20, which ran from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

- M.S. [3.303, Subd. 10](#)
- M.S. [129D.17, Subd. 2\(d\)](#)

1. Green Giant Museum Programming and Operations

Add easier access for people with disabilities as well as the promotion, programming, and operations of Welcome Center and Museum with operations and programming beginning August of 2019 and continuing through the life of the grant

2. Governing Body and Contact Information of Funding Recipient

The City of Blue Economic Development Authority (EDA) is the managing organization for the Giant Welcome Center in conjunction with the Blue Earth City Council and the local Chamber of Commerce. They are located at 125 W 6th Street Blue Earth, MN 56013.

Telephone: (507) 526-7336

Information on this project is available at <http://blueearthchamber.com/featured/giant-attractions-in-blue-earth-mn/> or at <http://becity.org/economic-development/>

Board members are volunteers, and each is appointed by the Mayor of Blue Earth annually. City Hall has on file for review all documents and receipts pertaining to this grant project.

Blue Earth EDA

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
President	Peggy Olson	(Term expires December 2022)
Vice-President	Lissia Laehn	(Term expires December 2024)
Board Member	Jamie Jones	(Term expires December 2024)
Board Member	Bill Rosenau	(Term expires December 2024)
Board Member	Richard Scholtes	(Term expires December 2023)
Board Member	Wendy Cole	(Term expires December 2023)
Board Member	Dan Ristau	(Term expires December 2023)

Blue Earth City Council

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
Mayor	Richard Scholtes	(Term expires January 4, 2021)
Member at Large	John Huisman	(Term expires January 4, 2021)

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Member at Large	Marty Cassem	(Term expires January 2, 2023)
Member at Large	Glenn Gaylord	(Term expires January 4, 2021)
Member at Large	Russ Erichsrud	(Term expires January 2, 2023)
Member at Large	Dan Warner	(Term expires January 4, 2021)
Member at Large	Wendy Cole	(Term expires January 2, 2023)

3. Grant funding for FY21

Total grant award: \$1,282 budgeted as follows:

Promotional Materials: \$ 1,282

4. Amount and Source of Additional Funding

N/A.

5. The duration of the project(s)

Operational and Programming	August 23, 2019 – June 30, 2020
Construction	November 6, 2019 – June 30, 2020
Promotional Materials	July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

6. The number of full-time equivalents funded under the project(s)

The project grant was not used for personnel salaries. Overall direction was led by the Executive Director, whose salary is from sales of souvenirs. Currently, there is one full time and one part time employee.

7. The direct expenses and administration costs of the project(s)

*Spreadsheet attached.

8. Actual outcomes and evaluation of the project(s):

Achieved most of the outcomes.

The Green Giant Museum was able to market and promote itself in the wake of Covide-19 after safely re-opening to the public.