

**WPA Wall Restoration
19 7th St NW Kasson 55944**

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**Kasson Historic WPA Wall Restoration Project
Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (ACHF) Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report**

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FROM: Timothy Ibisch, City Administrator, City of Kasson

DATE: January 11, 2023

SUBJECT: Annual Report for State Fiscal Year 22, which ran from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

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

1. Kasson Historic WPA 1938 Wall Restoration Project Programming and Operations

The wall and pillars were built in 1938 as part of a depression era Works Progress Administration project to construct a municipal pool and bathhouse with an adjoining park. The wall and pillars are made of limestone sourced from a local quarry and mark the entrance to the aquatic center and Veterans Memorial Park. The wall and pillars are the only structures from this project that remain intact in their original form. The structures serve as a reminder to the hardships endured by residents of Kasson and the surrounding region and their dedication to bettering the community during a Great Depression. The scope of the restoration project was to repair and replace deteriorated mortar and brick from the pillars and implement measures that will preserve and protect the structures from further deterioration. This was completed in December of 2021.

2. Governing Body and Contact Information of Funding Recipient

The City of Kasson Parks and Recreation Board was the managing authority for this project in conjunction with the Kasson City Council. They are located at 401 5th Street SE Kasson, MN 55944.

Telephone: (507) 634-7071

Information on this project is available at https://cityofkasson.com/departments/parks_recreation_forestry_department/index.php

Board members are volunteers, and each is appointed by the Mayor of Kasson.

City Hall has on file for review all documents and receipts pertaining to this grant project.

Kasson Parks Board

Position	Name	Term of Office
Chair	Liza Larsen	(Term expires December 2022)
Board Member	Sarah Hirsch	
Board Member	Chris Petree	(Term expires December 2024)
Board Member	Greg Kuball	(Term expires December 2024)
Board Member	Chuck Coleman	(Term expires December 2024)
Board Member	Janet Sinning	(Term expires December 2023)
Board Member	Ryan Christenson	(Term expires December 2023)
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Kasson City Council

Term of Office

Position

Mayor	Chris McKern	(Term expires January 4, 2022)
Member at Large	Duane Burton	(Term expires January 4, 2022)
Member at Large	Dan Egger	(Term expires January 2, 2024)
Member at Large	Mel Ferris	(Term expires January 4, 2022)
Member at Large	Ryan Christenson	(Term expires January 4, 2022)

3. Grant funding for FY22

Total grant award: \$29,100.00 budgeted as follows-
Contracted Services: \$ 29,100.00

4. Amount and Source of Additional Funding

\$59,000, combination of private fundraising and allocated local government match.

5. The duration of the project(s)

Reconstruction Phase: Repair Process August 2021- December 2021

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

The project grant was not used for personnel salaries. It was used to pay for contracted skilled labor to rebuild the deteriorated wall structure.

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

*Spreadsheet attached.

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

Achieved predicted outcomes. Wall was repaired and now serves as historic marker dedicated to the men and women who served during the CCC projects of the late 1930s.