

Martin County Veterans Memorial-Honor Guard Statues Project

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County of Martin, MN

Subj: Annual Final Legacy Grant Report for State Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) grant funds per:

- **M.S. 3.303, subd. 10**
- **M.S. 129D.17, Subd. 2**

I. Martin County Veterans Memorial –Honor Guard Statues Project

The grant was to purchase four beautiful and artistic life- sized and detail bronze statues to be placed just south of the east side of the Martin County Veterans Memorial granite wall. The statues will be near the location we have our KIA, MIA, POW veterans inscribed on granite. The statues will consist of two Veterans Service organization Honor Guard members, presenting the triangular folded US Flag to a young widow sitting on a granite bench with her child standing beside her. The location of the Martin County Veterans Memorial is located at 507 Winnebago Avenue, Fairmont, MN.

II. Contact information of funding recipient

- County of Martin, MN
- 507-238-3126, Martin County Coordinator
- Martin County Board of Commissioners: Steve Flohrs, Chair, Elliot Belgard, Vice Chair, Richard Koons, Member, Kathy Smith, Member (Members of the board or equivalent governing body, and)
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- www.mcvm.org (Web address where the public can access information on the use of money for the project)

County Website: www.martin.mn.us

III. Amount of grant funding

The total funding of the project is \$100,000 for FY20/21. After the 3% fee for state administrative fee, \$97,000 remained.

The source of funding is through the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Total funding for the project is \$100,000 for State FY20/21. After the 2% fee for the State's Administrative costs, \$97,000 remained. This amount will be used for the purchase and installation of four (4) life size bronze statues, two honor guard, widow and child.

IV. Amount and source of any additional funding

The County of Martin is very grateful for the grant of \$100,000. However, these funds will not completely cover the cost of the four bronze statues project for the Martin County Veterans Memorial. Approximately an additional amount of \$26,000 will be needed to complete the project. The Martin County Veterans Memorial Committee (independent Citizen Group) will cover the remaining cost of the project through donations.

V. Duration of the Project

The duration of the project covered in this report is State Fiscal Year 20/21. The bronze statues are under construction at Brodin Studios (Kimball, MN) and are expected to be delivered March/April 2021.

VI. Number of full-time equivalents funded under the project

None of the funds received in this grant were used for personnel salaries, benefits or for any County of Martin, MN administrative expenses.

VII. Direct expenses and administration costs of the project

The total direct expenses for the project are projected to be \$123,000. In addition, \$3,000 was incurred in Administrative Cost charge against the grant by the State of Minnesota, Department of Administration.

As it was noted in the previous annual report, the County of Martin has submitted and has been reimbursement \$20,000.00 for the Brodin Studios contract down payment for the four bronze statues paid on January 27, 2020. The County of Martin has submitted for reimbursement \$77,000 for the remaining cost of the four (4) bronze statues after Brodin Studios completed the installation of the statues in April 2021. The final payment was made on 5/05/21)

VIII. Proposed Measurable outcomes and the plan for measuring and evaluating the results of the project:

A. Proposed measurable outcomes

The proposed outcomes of our Veterans Memorial project (the addition of four bronze statues) is the overwhelming positive public response from the community (countywide) including veterans, residents and visitors.

We propose that there will be an increase in the number of name inscriptions. The Solemn Beauty of our Martin County memorial and the awesome site of the 4-statutes positioned strategically in front of our KIA and MIS name inscription panel will promote patriotism and a sense of pride in those veteran relatives that have served. This will hopefully bring in more name inscriptions for the veterans from Martin County who have served.

B. Plan for measuring and evaluating the results

The Community has had an overwhelming positive response as predicted to the installation of the four statues. The final installation of the bronze statues was in April of 2021.

We had many witnesses of the community visits the Memorial Day and night on a continuing basis. In addition, there has been an increase to the community requests for additional name inscriptions. The Veterans Service Office has had an additional one hundred and fifty (150) name inscriptions submitted for addition to the memorial since the four statues have been installed.

IX. For pass through, noncompetitive grant, the entity acting as the fiscal agent or administering agency and a point of contact for additional information.

Not applicable.

X. Actual measured outcomes and evaluation of the projects as required under 129D.17, subdivision 2.

Measured outcomes that we can count and use to evaluate the success of the memorial is the number of new names of veterans that come into the County Veteran Service office to be inscribed on the memorial? We received an additional 150 new names that have come in to the Martin County Veterans Service Office for addition to the Memorial, since the four statues have been installed.

The residents who visit the memorial as well as visitor's who are not residents (that visit our memorial) most have ties to the county because of their veteran relatives. Some have heard about the memorial and its

XI. Education about the area's issues, project address, including, when feasible, maps of where projects have been undertaken.

Visitors to the Martin County Veterans Memorial will be educated about our Martin County veterans who have served. Visitors will recognize and admire the dedication and sacrifices of our county men and women who served in the armed forces. The solemn beauty of our Martin County Veterans Memorial, with the detailed four bronze statues, will invoke a positive emotional response from all visitors instilling a sense of Patriotism for their country and it will give them pride in being US citizens.

XII. All frameworks developed for future uses of each fund.

No further development for future use for this project.

XIII. Methods by which member of the public may apply for project funds under any of the unconstitutionally dedicated funds.

Not applicable.

Proposed Outcomes Achieved

We believe we achieved the proposed outcomes for the project

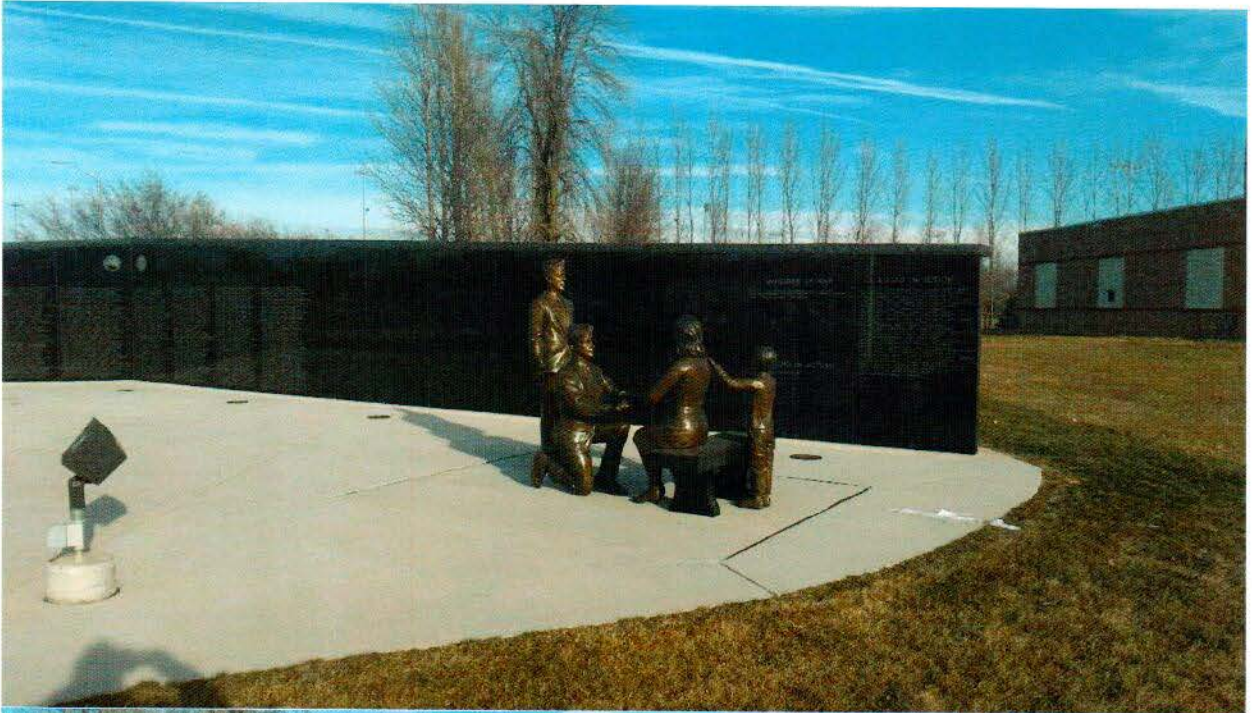
Actual outcomes Achieved for our Project

Achieved 100% of outcomes for the project.

See the following pictures recently taken since the completion of Phase 1 and the closeout report for the Legacy Grant.

Below are the pictures of the bronze statues that are currently in place at the Martin County Veterans Memorial. As you can see from the pictures the statues represent two (2) Honor Guard Members of service organizations presenting the triangularly folded American Flag to a grieving widow in the presence of her child who is behind her, just off her right shoulder rendering a handle salute.









All four statues are on the east side just south of the POW, MIA and KIA sections of our granite memorial wall as shown by this picture. In this example there is only the Widow and and child.