



January 15, 2024

To Those It May Concern:

Please see the attached information from the City of Waconia for the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Report Due January 15, 2024.

1. The name of the project and a project description – World War 1 Memorial Restoration (FY 22 Veterans Memorial Grant)

Project Description: The project included full monument restoration and environmental improvements to the area in which the monument is placed. Lighting and fencing was added for security of the monument after the improvements were made.

- **2.** Contact information including:
 - Grantee Name: City of Waconia
 - Telephone number: **952-442-2184**
 - Members of the board or equivalent governing body 5
 - E-mail address of the funding recipient **finance@waconia.org**

3. Web address where the public can directly access detailed information on the recipient's receipt and use of money for the project. The amount and source of funding, including the fiscal year of the appropriation – **www.waconia.org**

4. The amount and source of any additional funding or leverage – Outside of the grant funds received for this project, the City along with the American Legion Post 150 had a donation campaign that raised the remaining funds needed to pay for the project in full.

5. The duration of the project(s) – The project took about seven months to complete.

6. The number of full-time equivalents funded under the project(s). For the purposes of this item, "full-time equivalent" means a position directly attributed to the receipt of money from one or more of the funds covered under this section, calculated as the total number of hours planned for the position divided by 2,088 – The City did hire a contractor for the monument restoration work. Very few hours were spent by staff on the restoration project. A total of 10 hours of staff time can be attributed to this project for a total FTE of 0.005.

7. The direct expenses and administration costs of the project(s) - The total cost of this project was \$18,057.

8. Proposed measurable outcomes and the plan for measuring and evaluating the results - The **measurable outcomes were as follows:**

- Full historical restoration of the monuments The monument was fully restored to the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The project was completed by KCI Conservation.
- Installation of environmental improvements A new concrete pad was installed along with lighting and fencing to protect the monument after it was placed. These elements have assisted in keeping the public physically far enough from the monument so that it is viewable and protected.
- Operational management plan An operational management plan was put into place right after the monument was put in place. Staff has included the goals and objectives of the management plan in their asset management system, so they are easily reminded of the work that needs to be completed and by specific due dates. In the past, staff did not have the training or a laid-out work plan. They appreciate having a solid plan in place to keep the monument in its pristine condition.

9. For pass-through, noncompetitive grants, the entity acting as the fiscal agent or administering agency and a point of contact for additional information -N/A

10. Actual measured outcomes and evaluation of projects as required under <u>129D.17</u>, <u>subdivision 2</u> – The following outcomes were established prior to the project moving forward:

• Ensure the monuments are functional and viewable for at least another 100 years without more than maintenance and cleaning – The restoration work turned out amazingly with the monument fully restored to its original condition. The maintenance plan will ensure that this work is kept up to the standards provided by the conservator. The City is proud to be a partner in ensuring these improvements last for many years to come with regular maintenance and scheduled repairs.

• Increase appreciation, interest, understanding, and knowledge regarding the history of military service in Carver County – The memorial was showcased as part of the Memorial Day program in the park in May 2023. The monument is in a premier park in the City of Waconia. The park is used for the annual town festival, Music in the Park, Movie in the Park, and tree lighting during the winter months. With these many events, the monument can catch the eye of many visitors not only from the Waconia community, but many others in Carver County.

11. Education about the areas and issues the projects address, including, when feasible, maps of where projects have been undertaken - **The monument is in City Square Park in Waconia**. It is a premier park that sits in the downtown area of the City. It is the site for many special events in the community; this including the annual down festival, Music in the Park, Movie in the Park, holiday tree lighting, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, and the ending point for many running events that occur throughout the spring and summer months.

The American Legion Post 150 has provided signage at the memorial that explains the history of it and the reason for its importance in the Waconia community and State of Minnesota.

12. All frameworks developed for future uses of each fund – The City expects to expend some funds in the future for maintenance of the memorial. These funds will be expected in the City's general fund as part of the parks operational budget. Based on the maintenance and work plan provided, these funds will be recognized as needed.

13. Methods by which members of the public may apply for project funds under any of the constitutionally dedicated funds – All funds received with this grant were expected as part of the project and are no longer available.

Proposed Outcomes Achieved is a new data field established in April 2018 by the Legislative Coordinating Commission for Legacy project outcome status. The granting agency will use the data field to indicate the extent to which a Grantee's project achieved its proposed objectives within the <u>Legacy website</u>. It is a fixed field with five drop-down options as follows:

- Achieved proposed outcomes The outcomes of our project are listed above. The project is fully completed to the satisfaction of the conservator, City Council, and Waconia community.
- Achieved most of the proposed outcomes

- Achieved some of the proposed outcomes
- Achieved none of the proposed outcomes
- Outcomes data not yet available

OGM requests Grantees report on their actual outcomes for each project in the Grantee work plan within their January 15th Legislative Report using the following criteria:

• Achieved proposed outcomes (Achieved 100% of outcomes) – The outcomes of our project are listed above. The project is fully completed to the satisfaction of the conservator, City Council, and Waconia community.

• Achieved most of the proposed outcomes (Achieved greater than 50% of proposed outcomes)

• Achieved some of the proposed outcomes (Achieved less than 50% of proposed outcomes)

- Achieved none of the proposed outcomes (Achieved 0% of proposed outcomes)

Outcomes data not yet available

Respectfully Submitted,

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