City: Dysart

**Title of Project:** Dysart Community Building Renovation

**City's Population:** 1,379

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**In a few sentences, give a summary of the project and why it was needed:**

Our 1937 Community Building was in need of updating to address accessibility to the second floor ballroom, and to bring the restrooms on both levels into ADA compliance. Maintaining the character of the building was a priority, which was reflected in the foyer addition that houses the new elevator. Other components of the project included updating the existing kitchen, adding a serving area to the upstairs ballroom, and installing a fire alarm system, as well as an overall "sprucing up" of the entire building. A new air conditioning system makes the building more attractive for use during the summer months.

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**Explain the specific role of your city in this project:**

This is a city-owned facility, but it is used by numerous local organizations. The City provided 50% of the total project cost, applied for and received several grants, including Vision Iowa CAT funding, and conducted a capital campaign. The local organizations took an active role in promoting and supporting the campaign, and as a result we surpassed our goal.

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**In a few sentences, what future impact will this project have on your community?**

Completion of this project assures that the building continues to be a central gathering place for the Dysart community. Organizations such as the American Legion, Lion’s Club, Boy Scouts, Club Dysart, Women’s Club, and Jeune Attente Dance Classes for ages 4 - 18, use the building on a regular basis, and were given storage areas within the facility to encourage continued use. The improved accessibility to the upper level increases the number and type of events that can take place.

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**Total cost of project:** $825,000

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**List where funding came from.** (grants, donations, city funds, etc):

City funds, Capital Campaign, Vision Iowa CAT funds, Tama County Board of Supervisors, McElroy Trust Grant, Mansfield Trust Grant, Black Hawk Gaming Grant, Dysart Community Foundation, Tama County Community Foundation, IADG Ripple Effect Grant
Total time project took/projected to take for completion. Please include start date and end date. (To qualify the project must be operating or completed between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015):

November, 2013 - November 1, 2015

Resources. (Please list Web sites judges may reference if they seek additional information.):

www.cityofdysartia.com