City: Grand Junction

Title of Project: Community Center

City's Population: 824

In a few sentences, give a summary of the project and why it was needed:
Our previous community center was an unsafe, dilapidated structure as are many of our Main street buildings. Citizens needed a place to gather that they could take pride in and the City needed a catalyst for change in our commercial district.

Explain the specific role of your city in this project:
The City demolished and removed the unsafe structures that sat on the site of the new center. Along with securing financial support via loans, grants, busines partners and community volunteers we kicked off our revitalization efforts.

In a few sentences, what future impact will this project have on your community?
A new, attractive Community Center and City Hall visible on main Street has been the catalyst we needed to see renewed vigor in our commercial district. The Center is the location of many free events for the community and a place people take pride in using for private functions. Our center is NetZero due to the connection to a solar array which saves our tax dollars. With one new business opening since we finished our project and interest by others to do the same, we see a bright future for our small community.

Total cost of project: 1,322,000.00

List where funding came from. (grants, donations, city funds, etc):
Iowa Vision Grants, local grants, loans, donations.

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, 2016 and December 31, 2016):
May 2015-January 2016
Resources. (Please list Web sites judges may reference if they seek additional information.):

www.grandjunctioniowa.org