City: Hartley
Title of Project: Hartley Historical Preservation Project
City's Population: 1,672

In a few sentences, give a summary of the project and why it was needed:
The project will protect and preserve the local architectural history of two historical landmarks. The landmarks were in very poor condition and needed immediate repair to save their unique architecture. The two landmarks are an 1892 three story Victorian style house now called Eeten Museum and a 1915 American Gothic Style Cemetery Chapel. The land the Victorian house is located on was originally obtained through a U. S. Land Patent in 1859 and a part of the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. The project for the house included: renovating both the interior and exterior; purchasing antiques original to the house; establish and fully furnish a Veteran’s Museum and local Hand Hospital Museum within the house. The Pleasant View American Gothic Style Cemetery Chapel would be renovated both on the interior and exterior. On the interior, a chapel would be set up in a church setting as it was years ago with period antiques.

Explain the specific role of your city in this project:
The city has always owned the American Gothic Style Cemetery Chapel and the Victorian house (Eeten Museum) was purchased by a private person who donated it to the city. The city has contributed funds towards the preservation of the buildings, managed the project with the advice and assistance of the local Hartley Historical Preservation Committee and promoted tourism of the properties.

In a few sentences, what future impact will this project have on your community?
This project will protect and preserve the structures, will reflect elements of local architectural history, assist to stabilize property values, foster civic enjoyment and community pride, promote tourism, contribute to economic development and preserve the appreciation of our local, state and national history.

Total cost of project: 277,101

List where funding came from. (grants, donations, city funds, etc):
Grants $2,500, city funds $62,957 & donations $211,644
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):

June 2012 to June 2016

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

www.hartleyiowa.com