City: Northwood

Title of Project: Worth Brewing Company - Million Dollar Expansion in Northwood, Iowa

City's Population: 1,989

In a few sentences, give a summary of the project and why it was needed:
Worth Brewing Company was looking to expand their business and was in need of more square footage to meet their demands and bottling desires. They were also being lured and enticed to relocate to bigger communities. Small towns can not afford to lose any businesses, but especially a successful growing business like Worth Brewing Company.

Explain the specific role of your city in this project:
City Administrator Amber Julseth worked with the Northwood Economic Development Corporation, and with the financial support of WCDA the parties came up with a plan and found two buildings on Main Street with adequate space. The City of Northwood was able to offer grants and loans to help keep Worth Brewing Company in town. The owners have a passion for preservation and have restored the buildings keeping the historic character inside and out.

In a few sentences, what future impact will this project have on your community?
The clean-up and beautification of our business district is already present. The owners were able to buy two empty dilapidated buildings on our Main Street and turn them into a Brewery, Tap Room, and a second floor Historic Ballroom. Worth Brewing Company plays a huge role in Northwood's economic success. They also support other businesses by allowing patrons to have food delivered in from locals restaurants. The Brewery brings people from all over the world to visit Northwood. They have helped make Northwood a popular destination stop.

Total cost of project: Over 1 million dollars

List where funding came from. (grants, donations, city funds, etc):
Primarily the owners with assistance from City Grant & Loan Funds, Northwood Economic Development, and WCDA.
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 - Opening date February 27, 2016

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

www.worthbrewingcompany.com  https://savingplaces.org