



District/Governor's/Rotaract Grant Final Report 2020-2021

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District Grant # (from matchinggrants.org) P-3149

Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Casper

Project Title: Restore Historic WW II Firetruck

Project Description:

1. Is this a scholarship governor's grant report? Yes No (If yes, go directly to line 16)
2. Briefly describe the project. What was done and where did the project activities take place?
Explain how the beneficiaries and other community members were involved?
Restoration of the original 1942 Chevrolet Firetruck that was "appropriated by the United States Government shortly after the attack against Pearl Harbor and the opening of World War II. The truck was re-directed to a company to install the pump and tank to turn it into a firetruck. The truck was then sent to the Casper Army Air Base for duty. Many people do not realize that the bomber aircraft during the start of the war were experimental, high performance and rushed in production. There were many accidents and unfortunately, a large number of fatal accidents at the Casper Army Air Base. The restored truck was used to help safe many of our young airmen as they prepared in earnest for service overseas. Approximately 20% of all crews serving in the European theater of war trained and rotated through the Casper Army Airbase. The restoration took place in a storage building located on the current Casper / Natrona County International Airport and Z's Classics body shop.
3. How many Rotarians participated in this project? 22 or more
4. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.

Rotarians helped with the initial retrieval of the firetruck and transportation back to Casper, finding a home and shop to work out of (Treasurer Glenn Januska), hand work stripping the truck, restoring individual parts, painting and replacement. In-kind donations mounting the tires, disassembling complicated components such as the transfer case and restoration, fund raising, moving the truck from location to location, display during the Christmas Parade and final – reassembly which is almost complete.

5. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? Many

The Firetruck is scheduled to become a rolling exhibit of the State of Wyoming Veterans Museum. The firetruck will be used as a static display as well as a rolling display to take the museum to public events such as the Parade, Fair and Rodeo, memorial events at the Wyoming Veterans Cemetery and other events that will benefit the community and the State.

The truck (in a partially restored state) was displayed during the unveiling of the Leonard L. Robinson bridge over Center Street. The event was attended by Governor Gordon, the Wyoming Adjutant General, Veterans Groups, Veterans, elected officials, friends and relatives of the Robinsons as well as members of the public. It was a wonderful event and just the beginning of a long string of events in which we hope to showcase the truck and bring history to the people.

6. Who are the beneficiaries and what is the expected long-term community impact of this project?

We expect to use the truck to bring history to the citizens of central Wyoming as well as continue to fundraise for the benefit of the State of Wyoming Veterans Museum.

7. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was their role?

Many Casper businesses contributed time, money and parts toward the restoration including Z's Classic Car Restoration, Casper Tire, Peterbuilt of Wyoming (owned by two Rotarians) NAPA and other local businesses.

8. Income:

Income Source	Amount
Rotary Grant	\$3,600
Donations and Fund Raising and In-Kind	\$20,000
Total Project Income	

9. Expenditures: (number receipts starting with 1 and indicate a receipt # (s) for each expenditure) (Do not include travel expenses)

If international project convert amounts to US dollars	Receipt # (s)	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount
Tires	37593	\$2,018	\$2,018
Parts Classy Chevy	095074	\$125.42	\$125.42
Western Radiator Boil Radiator	35315	\$80.00	\$80.00
Yesterday Parts	YZ20924	\$48.00	\$48.00
Yesterday Parts	YZ20814	\$1,096	\$1,096
NAPA	3516	\$93.25	\$93.25
Total project expenditures			+ \$20,000

10. Please explain any variance of more than 5% between the budgeted amount and the actual amount including the reason for the variance and why the alternative was chosen.

We completely underestimated the cost and the time to restore the firetruck. As one of the key workers stated many times, "if we knew how much work it would take, and how poor the condition truly was, no one would have taken it on."

11. Project score (5=strongly, 4=agree, 3= neutral, 2=disagree, 1=strongly disagree)

	Project Score	Comments
The overall project was successful	5	Thank You!
The grant process worked well	5	Thank You!
My interaction with partner clubs was good	5	Thank You!
We achieved the results we expected	5	Thank You!

12. Did you upload photos in your project on matchinggrants.org under the Photos tab? (If not, please do so)

13. What worked well on this project and why?

Application for the grant and involving members of the Casper Rotary Club.

14. What did not work well and how would you suggest improving it?

Wonderful – Thank you very much for everything!

15. How was this project publicized?

Article in the newspaper, Power Point to the Rotary Club by Mark Milliken and taking the restoration project to the Leonard L Robinson Bridge dedication and publishing pictures and short video clips in Facebook.

16. Scholarship Governor's grant only

a. Name of scholarship awardee _____

b. Current school _____

c. University of college they will be attending _____

d. Course of study _____

e. Starting date _____

Project Inventory

Please list all items provided in this grant that are over \$500 in value and are not expendable.

Item Purchased	Date of Purchase	Cost	Initial Destination/ Location	Comments
Tires	7/29/2020	\$2,018		Special Order
Paint		\$12,600		\$3,370 Donation

By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures are attached. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights to the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant the District, RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or in the future, through the District and the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or developed. This includes the right to modify the photographs as necessary in the District's and RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of the District, RI, and TRF.

Please attach all receipts or an invoice and a copy of the check used to pay the invoice. Funds over \$100 not used must be returned to the district grants treasurer.

Certifying signature of primary contact



Date: February 7, 2021

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