

**S. 1941 Historical Aircraft Group Museum – Welcome Center Facility Upgrade (W568)**  
September 14, 2010

**Grantee:** «Orgn\_Name\_Client» (the “Museum”)

**ESD Investment:** A grant of up to «Grant\_Amt» to be used for a portion of the cost of upgrading a basic facility into a welcome center.

**Project Location:** 3489 Big Tree Lane, «Project\_Town», «Project\_County» County

**NYS Empire Zone (or equivalent):** N/A

**Project Completion:** June 2011

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**Project Team:** «Originator»Project Management «Project\_Manager» «Attorney»  
Affirmative Action «Affirmative\_Action» «DC»  
Environmental «Environmental»

**Project Description:**

Background

The 1941 Historical Aircraft Group Museum is a not-for-profit corporation founded in 1994 and has a provisional museum charter issued by the New York State Board of Regents. The Museum is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and operation of vintage and historical aircraft, particularly from the World War II and the Korean War eras. As part of its mission, the Museum promotes the appreciation of military aviation, aeronautics and aviation history. It sponsors flying events, museum displays, social functions, and educational opportunities and maintains, displays and operates a fleet of vintage aircraft, including the B-17 used in the movie “Memphis Belle” and the D-Day veteran C-47. In addition to a 5,000-foot grass runway, the Museum has facilities for display, fleet maintenance and restoration. Tourists on day trips come to the Museum from western New York and southern Ontario, Canada, and the Museum has the potential for visitor growth, as 50% of the U.S. population resides within a 500-mile radius of the Museum.

In 2008, the Museum needed a building for meetings and conferences so that it could expand its offerings. Waste Management Corporation donated a “pole barn” structure for that purpose, which was assembled on the Museum’s grounds; however the rudimentary building needs to be upgraded into a modern, attractive Visitor Welcome Center (the “Center”) in order for the Museum to market itself to large groups.

The Project

The existing 2,800-square-foot building will be upgraded into a Welcome Center that will

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support the Museum by providing self and guided tours for visitors as well as special theme weekends with local flights of the Museum’s rare aircraft. The Museum anticipates additional revenue resulting from admissions, store and restaurant income, and memberships, as well as enhanced tourism and elevation of the Museum to a national attraction. The project includes architectural design, installation of air conditioning, construction of a 100-seat theater and a restaurant, interactive displays for children, cabinets for artifacts, an improved visitor entrance area, and expanded parking for cars and buses.

Upon completion of the project, the Grantee will furnish a final report describing the impact and effectiveness of the project.

Financing Uses	Amount	Financing Sources	Amount	Percent
Architect	\$4,000	ESD Grant	\$100,000	78%
Building Renovations/Displays	99,000	Operating Revenues	20,000	16%
Parking Area Construction	25,000	Private Donations	8,000	6%
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$128,000</b>	<b>Total Project Financing</b>	<b>\$128,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Statutory Basis – Community Capital Assistance Program:**

The project was authorized in accordance with Chapter 84 of the Laws of 2002 and reappropriated in the 2010-2011 New York State budget.

**Disclosure and Accountability Certifications:**

The Grantee has provided ESD with the required Disclosure and Accountability Certifications. Grantee’s certifications indicate that Grantee has no conflict of interest or good standing violations and, therefore, staff recommends that the Corporation authorize the grant to the Grantee as described in these materials.