



# Bloomington Veterans Memorial

## Bonding Request Summary



### **Bloomington Remembers Veterans, Inc. :**

A 501(c)3 established in 2018 for the purpose of raising funds for a veterans memorial to be constructed in the City of Bloomington. We are an all volunteer organization made up of Vietnam Veterans and veteran supporters. As Vietnam Veterans, we remember what it feels like to be forgotten and do not want other veterans to ever feel that way.

### **A Valuable Community Resource:**

This Memorial will be the only memorial in the State of MN that preserves the firsthand stories and accounts of veterans and families. A living history for learning and to hear the stories and perspectives of service professionals in a new light – beyond what's listed in the standard history book. A sample story can be viewed here at [bloomingtonveteransmemorial.org/profile](http://bloomingtonveteransmemorial.org/profile).

The memorial placed in a prominent location in our City and just miles from the largest tourist attraction in MN makes this the perfect site and project to share these stories with members of our state and beyond.

We recognize the mental health challenges that veterans face each day and are committed to including a mental health component in its design. We will ensure that veterans, families and others are given the messages of: “you are not alone” and “there’s hope to get through dark times” as well as highlighting the straightforward and accessible resources for support and help available in our community.

## Budget Summary – Year to Date:

Funding Source	Amount
Symbolic Dog Tag Sales	\$11,550
Foundation Grants	\$5,000
Military Service Club Donations	\$57,210
Business Donations	\$56,400
Individual Donations	\$8,587
Fundraising & Public Relations Events	\$9,059
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$142,906</b>

### Community Partners and Support:

The Bloomington City Council passed a resolution of support on January 9, 2023. We have established partnerships with American Legion Post 550, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon-Bloomington Chapter, Mall of America, Donaldson Company, and Health Partners.

We are continuing to develop and grow relationships with local businesses, service clubs, and individual community members.

We are grateful for the support of our Minnesota Legislative Delegation members for bringing this bill forward and for the continued support from Congressman Dean Phillips.

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