

Regional Development Authority Annual Report 2025



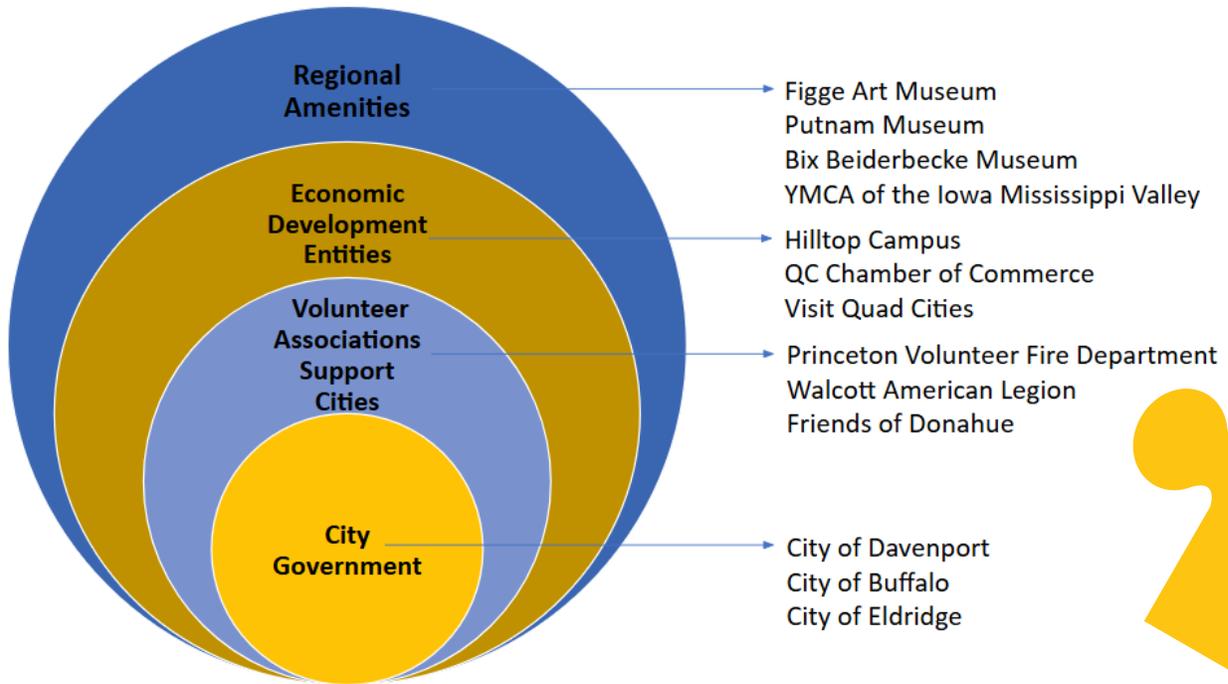
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Regional Development Authority 2025 Annual Report on Community Impact

RDA's 2025 Annual Report highlights our ability to simultaneously impact multiple sectors of our local economy, including: 1) our city governments; 2) volunteer associations that support those cities; 3) professional economic development entities; and 4) amenities that make our region attractive. RDA's flexible business model allows us to strategically support each of these sectors in our economy. Ideally this multi-sector investment practice helps to create effective synergies, where two or more things work together to produce a result that is greater than the sum of their individual efforts.

RDA still funds a wide range of other requests in the arts and culture sector, in human services, and in education. We propose that each of those grants also contributes in different ways to economic vitality in the Quad Cities. We know that housing, child care, mental health, safety net services, life skills development, and violence prevention efforts are all elements of a strong, growing community. By taking a moment to soak in this big picture, we want to celebrate the cumulative impact of these careful investments across all of the sectors. This report features examples of our multi-sector grant making.



This RDA business model is led by 17 members of RDA's Board of Directors, who are local leaders with vested interests in and local knowledge about how these dollars can make the most difference. Since 1991, RDA has awarded 4,920 grants totaling \$99,135,26. For the calendar year 2025, RDA paid out 143 grants, totaling \$4,431,854. The RDA Board has historically encouraged grant seekers to increase collaboration, funding leverage, and clarity of impact – so that the impact of these dollars would be hard to truly name. Over 34 years, this type of community engagement and investment has made a remarkable difference!

Sincerely,

Matt Mendenhall
RDA President/CEO

Grants to Regional Amenities



Leo Villareal (Mexican American, born 1967),
Evanescent Field, 2025, images courtesy of Joshua
Ford, Figge Art Museum, © Leo Villareal

Figge Art Museum | **Evanescent Field: Light sculpture**

The Figge Art Museum was awarded a grant for Evanescence Field, a one-mile-long, four-sided light sculpture that bathes the museum in constantly evolving color, designed by internationally acclaimed artist Leo Villareal. Inspired by the movement of the Mississippi River, Villareal's signature sequencing ensures the patterns never repeat making each viewing a one-of-a-kind experience. The permanent light installation is the largest public art installation in Iowa and will transform the Figge and the Quad Cities skyline into a vibrant new Midwest landmark drawing residents and visitors to experi-

Putnam Museum and Science Center | **Digging into New Opportunities (DiNO)**

Funding supports the Digging into New Opportunities (DiNO) multi-year collaborative project which includes the excavation of a Triceratops and creation of a permanent dinosaur exhibit. Not only will the Triceratops fossils make the Putnam Museum and Science Center the only place in Iowa where visitors can see an actual dinosaur skeleton, it will also serve as a key draw for residents and support further West End development. STEM education programs will support the exhibit, and together they'll impact an anticipated 100,000 visitors annually. Continuing their mission to preserve, educate and connect people to the wonders of science, culture and history, the exhibit is set to open in late 2027.



Bix Beiderbecke Museum | **Relocating our Collection to Preserve a Unique Piece of Davenport History**

The Bix Beiderbecke Museum and World Archives received a grant to relocate the museum and all artifacts to a more prominent, easy to access location in the City Square building. This move not only makes experiencing the life and musical legacy of Bix Beiderbecke, hometown legend and jazz icon easier, but it also protects the priceless artifacts from the risk of flood damage. Funding ensures the museum can continue to educate the public about Bix and his colleagues and their vital contributions to American music. The new location anticipates opening in late 2025.



YMCA of the Iowa Mississippi Valley | **Le Claire Community YMCA - Capital Campaign**

Funding supports the collaborative efforts of the YMCA of the Iowa Mississippi Valley and the city of Le Claire to build a new 45,000 sq. ft YMCA and will serve the growing population in eastern Scott county anticipating 4,000 - 5,000 new members. This grant allows the YMCA to continue its mission through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all for residents of the LeClaire community and surrounding area.



Grants to Economic Development Entities

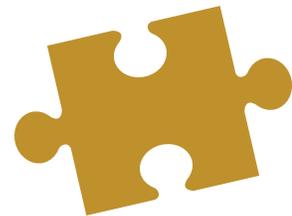
Hilltop Campus | Master Planning for the Hilltop Campus Village Neighborhood and Phase One Implementation



Funds received by Hilltop Campus Village supported the development and initial implementation of a master plan for this National Main Street district in Davenport, Iowa. Rich in history and diversity with distinct residential, commercial, and educational assets the Hilltop Campus Village now has a vision for development over the next 5, 10, and 15-years. An initial phase consisted of improved way-finding and safety measures for both visitors and residents including up-graded banners and signage to identify the distinct assets of the district and painting in the bulb outs and crosswalks providing safer walkability and enhancing visibility to drivers.

QC Chamber of Commerce | QC Forward Initiative and Alternating Currents Quad Cities

Support was awarded for capacity expansion of Alternating Currents, an annual free festival with 200+ performances, 500+ paid artist opportunities, 46 venues and tens of thousands of attendees put on by Downtown Davenport Partnership. Funding also supported the launch of the QC Forward Initiative, a strategic investment in regional marketing, workforce development, and business attraction to strengthen the Quad Cities' economic ecosystem through Grow Quad Cities, bold, full-service regional economic development organization focusing on business development, workforce development and quality of place development. This grant will allow Grow Quad Cities to expand reach beyond local markets with a network that adds national and international interest in the Quad Cities region.



Visit Quad Cities (Quad Cities Destination, Inc.) | Catalyst for Growth: Expanding Meetings, Conventions & Sports Tourism



Visit Quad Cities received a grant to strengthen its ability to compete in attracting high-impact group business for meetings, conventions, and sporting events that generate significant economic returns through visitor spending, hotel occupancy, and increased gaming revenue. This support ensures the region continues to capture events such as the National Farmers Convene, NAIA Men's Golf National Championship, and the Gathering of the Green, which bring diverse participants and deliver broad economic impact.



Grants to Volunteer Associations

Princeton Iowa Volunteer Fire Department | New Wild-land Brush Truck



Support was awarded for the purchase of a new wildland brush truck which has a higher water capacity, more powerful pump, more storage for equipment and meets current safety standards allowing for a better response to emergencies in the Princeton Iowa area. The majority of the 49 square miles of response area is considered agricultural and includes two large state wildlife areas which serve as large economic drivers for the community. The new brush truck will also support waterway rescues by towing rescue boats to Lost Grove Lake as well as the Mississippi and Wapsipinicon Rivers.

Walcott American Legion | Remove & Replace HVAC unit

A grant was awarded to Walcott American Legion Post 548 to replace an outdated HVAC unit for the post's event hall which is the lifeblood of Post 548 and is used to host Veteran's meetings as well as create revenue through community rentals for wedding receptions, social events, birthday parties, community meals and reunions. Ensuring this community events revenue stream remains strong and consistent allows Post 548 to continue its mission to enhance the well-being of America's Veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



The Friends of Donahue | Picnic Tables for City Park



This grant in collaboration with the City of Donahue and the North Scott Chamber of Commerce Moonlight Chase funded the purchase of two wheelchair-accessible thermo-plastic-coated steel picnic tables and two standard thermo-plastic-coated steel picnic tables enhancing Donahue City Park's accessibility and usability, benefiting hundreds of residents and visitors annually. This project supports the Friends of Donahue's mission to enrich Donahue, Iowa through capital improvement projects, community unification, school partnerships, and resident partnerships.

Grants to City Governments

City of Davenport | Main Street Landing | Dynamic LED Lighting



The City of Davenport was awarded a multi-cycle grant to continue improvements to the Main Street Landing project with dynamic LED lighting fixtures to illuminate the internal circulation path and oval shaped multi-use space; two key components of the new park. This enhancement allows the City to program color changes and to project images and patterns onto the surface and works alongside the LED equipment upgrades scheduled to occur within the Skybridge facility. The Main Street Landing project serves as a catalyst for more development, investment, talent attraction, and increased tourism embodying the notion If you build a destination that people want to visit, you will build a place where people want to live, work, belong, invest, learn, play, and experience.

City of Buffalo | Safety Equipment -Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for Fire Department

Funding supports the purchase of updated self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) devices for the Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department ensuring reliable respiratory protection in hazardous environments and enhancing firefighter safety. Safety upgrades allow the fire department to continue serving approximately 3,000 community members with enhanced emergency response capabilities.



City of Eldridge | Crandall Park ADA Compliant Restroom



The City of Eldridge was awarded a grant to build an ADA compliant restroom at Crandall Park, the community's 3rd largest park which serves approximately 3,500 residents and is the only park on the south side of town. Eldridge's total population is approximately 7,000 and many residents and out-of-town visitors stop at this park for its dedicated T-Ball field and for family events. This park also includes a playground and shelter. This project aligns with the City of Eldridge's mission to further promote the well-being of all individuals in the community by providing recreational and social opportunities.

Board of Directors

Katie Selden - Chair



Katie is the principal at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School, a native of Bettendorf who graduated from Bettendorf High School and the University of St. Thomas (B.A in Elementary Education and Catholic Studies) and St. Mary's University of Minnesota (M.A. in Educational Administration). Her 26 years in education have included teaching elementary and middle school students, leading as a Dean of Students at Assumption High School, and as a Lecturer at St. Ambrose University in the Teacher Education Program. Her passion for the community has offered opportunities to volunteer as a Client Advocate at the Women's Choice Center, participate as a member of the Family Museum Board of Trustees, as a committee member at the Quad Cities Community Foundation, as a member of the Piranhas Swim Team Board, as an active USA Swimming Official, plus serve in various ministries at St. John Vianney and Lourdes Catholic Church. She resides with her husband and youngest daughter in Bettendorf; her twins are sophomores at the University of St. Thomas and Saint Mary's College at Notre Dame.

Stacey Braden - Vice Chair

Stacey joined Twin State in July 2024, bringing with him an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Electronics Engineering from ITT Technical College in Nashville, Tennessee. Prior to this role, Stacey developed expertise in business management, operational management, project management, and leadership through his work at a manufacturing company in the Quad Cities. At Twin State, he works closely with the Client Service Delivery and Program Teams, overseeing planning, procurement, and project execution to meet client demands. Stacey and his wife, Adrienne, live in the Quad Cities and enjoy spending time with their granddaughters. They are avid football fans, especially supporting the Tennessee Vols and the Tennessee Titans.



Sue Daley - Treasurer



Sue is a lifelong resident of the Quad Cities. She retired in 2020, after 40 years in the banking industry, including 6 years as CEO of Walcott Trust and Savings Bank. She served as a Board member for the Mississippi Valley Bankers Association, an Advisory Council member to the Superintendent of Banking Board, and a Member of the Scott County Condemnation Jury. Sue has been an active volunteer with Junior Achievement, United Way, Nahant Marsh, and the Scott County Library in Walcott. She currently serves as Board Treasurer for RDA. Sue has a passion for children and animals, adopting her beloved dog from the Scott County Humane Society. In her free time, she loves to travel and spend time with her family, especially her two grandchildren.

Nancy Chapman - Secretary

As a resident of the Quad Cities for over 30 years, I am honored to be a member of the RDA Board, an organization that supports so many initiatives in our community. I worked as a CPA in public accounting and finance department of CBS News in New York City. I joined Lee Enterprises in 1989 and left Lee as the CFO of the Broadcast Group when Lee sold the Group in 2000. I served as Project Manager for the Scott County Family YMCA for about two years while the YMCA added three new branches. Current community service: 1) Board and Finance Committee for the YMCA of the Iowa Mississippi Valley for about 25 years; 2) Finance Committee of CASI for 10 years; and 3) Finance Committee of First Presbyterian Church, Davenport. I've been active in various roles at the church for 30 years.



Cory Bergfeld



Cory has been a professional in the trades and labor industries for over 3 decades. He completed his 5-year electrical apprenticeship in 2007 with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 145 in Rock Island, IL. He is currently the Business Manager of IBEW Local Union 145, which represents 1,200 union members in the electrical industry in 10 counties across Iowa and Illinois. The representation includes inside & outside construction, utility, sign, telecom, and residential. He is responsible for negotiating all the labor contracts. He serves as a Trustee on the NECA IBEW Local 145 Pension Plan and the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC) and an Advisor to the IBEW Local Health & Welfare Plan. Cory also currently serves on 10 other construction trades and community boards at the local, regional, state, and national levels. Cory resides in Park View with his wife and 2 children. In his free time, he enjoys traveling and spending time with his family as well as volunteering in his community and across the Quad City region.

Mike Cole

Mike retired as a Cpl. Police Detective in 2009 after 30 years with the Davenport Police Department, including years as the Davenport Community Schools Police Liaison Officer. He worked as a Security Supervisor at Keystone Academy with at-risk youth. Michael is currently Program Director for the Youth Advocate Program in Davenport. He served on many community boards, including RDA. He served as 3rd Vice President of the Davenport Branch of NAACP. He is President of 100 Black Men Quad Cities, a nonprofit that provides mentoring for future leaders at the middle and high schools in Davenport and Rock Island. He volunteers for community events, particularly involving reducing Gun Violence and Hate Crimes. Michael has been a Diversity Trainer for the City of Davenport. Mike and his wife have been married for over 43 years and have 9 children and many grandchildren.



Brock Earnhardt

Brock retired after a 42-year career with American Water Works Company, the last 23 years as President of Iowa American Water. He has been a leader in the public water supply industry nationally and in Iowa. Brock is a graduate of Brown University. He and his wife Carol live in Bettendorf. He has been active in the Quad Cities community as a board member and board chair of a number of civic, economic development, social service, medical, educational, environmental, and philanthropic not-for-profit organizations.

Steve Frommelt

Steve is the Executive Vice President at Black Hawk College in Moline, Illinois. Steve is a native of DeWitt, Iowa. He earned his undergraduate degrees in accounting and finance from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, and his Master of Business Administration degree from Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas. Steve has been actively involved in higher education since 2011, specifically within the community college sector. Steve has served on the Board of Directors at Vera French since 2016 and on its Executive Committee from 2017 to 2024. He is also a Board Member at the Center for Active Seniors, Inc. (CASI) since 2022 and currently holds the position as Chair. As a member of the Illinois Community College Chief Financial Officer organization, he has held leadership roles, including Past President and Executive Committee member since 2017. Additionally, Steve represents Black Hawk College in the Illinois Community College Risk Management Consortium, where he has served on the Executive Committee since 2018 and is the current Chair. Before joining the community college industry, Steve worked in public accounting and was the chief financial officer for a systems automation company. Beyond his professional endeavours, Steve and his wife Mia live in Bettendorf, and he is a proud father of four young adults. He enjoys spending his free time with friends, family and exploring nature by hiking and biking. As a dedicated community member, Steve is honoured to be a member of the RDA Board.



Danielle Hines, CFP®, AAMS™

Danielle is a Financial Advisor with a Certified Financial Planner and Accredited Asset Management Specialist designation at Edward Jones. Working in the financial industry she holds a Series 7 and Series 66 license and uses her strong understanding and expertise in investments, financial planning, and taxation to help clients and the community. Born and raised in the Quad Cities, Danielle considers it a great opportunity to serve on the Regional Development Authority. She also serves on the North Scott Rotary Board. Additionally, she is an active member at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. In her free time, Danielle enjoys spending time with her husband and two kids, hiking, traveling, working out, and volunteering in the community.



Amy Jones

Amy Jones is the Senior Director of Social Impact for Royal Neighbors of America and the Executive Director of the Lift Women's Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity advancing women's economic empowerment nationwide. Based in Rock Island, Illinois, Royal Neighbors is a fraternal life insurance organization with a mission to empower women and serve communities. In her role, Amy leads the organization's corporate citizenship and philanthropic strategy, overseeing programs that generate more than \$46 million annually in measurable social impact. Through her leadership of the Lift Women's Foundation, she is building national visibility and financial sustainability for programs that provide education, resources, and economic opportunity to women. Amy holds a bachelor's degree in Radio/TV Broadcasting and Journalism from St. Ambrose University and a master's degree in Journalism from the University of Iowa. A dedicated lifelong learner, she has earned a Certificate in Corporate Citizenship Leadership from Boston College, a Diversity and Inclusion Certificate from Cornell University, and an Accreditation in Public Relations (APR) from the Public Relations Society of America. She is passionate about the role of corporate social responsibility (CSR) as a business, public relations, and marketing strategy—believing that CSR can both reflect and reinforce an organization's values while creating tangible community good. In her spare time, Amy enjoys reading fiction, playing tennis, cooking, and spending time with her husband, Jason, and their two children, Dylan and Olivia, in Bettendorf, Iowa.





Erie Johnson, JD, CFP®

Erie is a Vice President Senior Wealth Advisor with Quad City Bank & Trust. He is a financial and business professional applying fiduciary standards to the management of various types of investment accounts. Erie is dedicated to delivering personalized relationship management to affluent and very high net worth clients using an information-gathering approach. He is an attorney and CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ dedicated to helping people accomplish their goals. Erie earned a Juris Doctor from Northern Illinois University College of Law and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Fayetteville State University. Erie is currently a member or board/committee officer of several organizations. Erie and his wife, Heather, live in Davenport with their daughter, Aerielle.



Karen Roebuck

Karen is the visionary behind the non-profit organization Breath of Encouragement. Her motto, “encouraging someone one breath at a time,” encapsulates her mission to uplift both mentally and physically through the transformative power of the performing arts and education. Her unwavering dedication to community service is evident in her ongoing efforts to stay connected with the youth of the Quad Cities, where she serves as a substitute teacher, providing guidance and inspiration. She is a member of the Davenport Noon Optimist Club, Royal Neighbors of America Chapter 20042 and Davenport Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Karen also serves on the board of the Illinois-Iowa Center for Independent Living. She has two wonderful adult children.



Samuel Skorepa

Samuel is a Partner at Lane & Waterman LLP, having started the practice of law in 2010. Sam focuses primarily on estate planning, probate, and trust administration as well as real estate transactions and development. He also assists non-profit and for-profit corporations, limited liability companies, and other entities with formation, structure, and advises on general business, contractual issues, mergers and acquisitions, governance, due diligence, and compliance. Sam is very active in the Quad Cities community, currently serving as Immediate Past Chair of the Center for Alcohol and Drug Services and the Robert Young Center, Board Chair of the Figge Art Museum, Board Member of the Regional Development Authority, a Past President of the Quad Cities Estate Planning Council, and past Tax Preparer for the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. He resides in Bettendorf with his wife, Abbey, and daughters, Ella and Kailani.



Suteesh Tandon

Experienced Top management executive/Chief Financial Officer with a demonstrated history of working in the higher education industry as well as the Corporate world. Skilled in Nonprofit Organizations, Business vPlanning, Customer Service, Business Process Improvement, and Forecasting. Strong General manager and finance professional. Chartered Accountants from the Institute Of Chartered Accountants Of India.



Ami Wells

Ami is a lifelong resident of the Quad Cities with over 30 years of experience in the nonprofit sector. She has held various positions focusing on fundraising, management, strategic planning, budgeting, CRM software, and governance, reflecting her profound commitment to community development. Throughout her career, Ami has served as the Executive Director for several local foundations and has taken on the role of Interim Executive Director for another, demonstrating her adaptability and leadership during transitional periods. Ami holds strong credentials, including the prestigious Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) designation and Certified Fundraising Management (CFRM) from the Lilly School of Philanthropy at Indiana University and in Nonprofit Management from Iowa State University. These qualifications underscore her expertise and commitment to furthering the field of philanthropy. As the owner of Nonprofit Solutions, LLC, Ami is dedicated to encouraging best practices within the nonprofit sector and empowering organizations to achieve their missions effectively. She actively serves on multiple boards, including the First Presbyterian Church Foundation, Davenport Early Learning Project, Genesis Health Services Foundation, and Scott County Master Gardeners, where her contributions significantly impact the community. Ami has significantly contributed to local education through her engagement with Bettendorf and Davenport Schools and involvement with senior communities in the Quad Cities. She and her husband, Doug, travel frequently and prioritize spending cherished time with their adult children and extended family, creating lasting memories together.



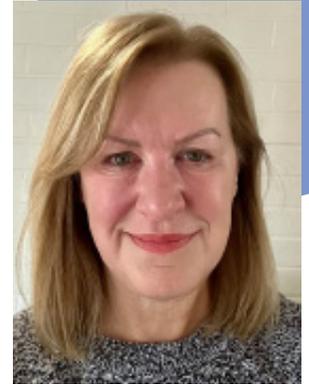
Michael Wiebler

Michael Wiebler is a business strategy consultant, primarily working with clients in the media & entertainment sector. Most recently he was the Director of Content Strategy at the National Football League where he lead strategic planning, distribution & partnerships to help grow the NFL and its 32 clubs' digital content businesses. Prior to this he held positions at Universal Pictures, Illumination Entertainment and Sony Pictures, respectively. Michael has bachelor's degrees in Cinema and Marketing from the University of Iowa, and an MBA from the USC Marshall School of Business. In the community, Michael is a "Big" with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley, and has a passion for the intersection of business, creativity and philanthropy to support the underserved. He is also a founding board member of Steph's Tribe, a Quad Cities based non-profit in honor of his late sister, that supports local families impacted by cancer. Michael grew up in Davenport near Vander Veer Park, attending Grant Elementary, J.B. Young Middle and Assumption High. He moved to Los Angeles after college to pursue a career in entertainment, but moved back home in 2021 to be closer to family and friends while still being able to maintain his career goals. In his free time he likes to spend time with his wife, Kelly, and 7-year-old daughter, Celeste, in addition to reading, watching movies and cooking.



Dana Wilkinson

Dana recently retired from her profession as an interior designer and part owner of Paragon Commercial Interiors, Inc., the business she began 39 years ago in Davenport Iowa. Dana is a lifelong Iowan, growing up in Forest City Iowa, graduating from Iowa State University, and after a few years living in Chicago, returned with her husband Mark to raise their family in the Quad Cities. Dana's current community and board service includes: Figge Art Museum; Downtown Davenport Partnership; Putnam Museum & Science Center; Iowa State University College of Design Advancement Council; RDA; Trinity Regional Health System; and US Bank Advisory Board. In addition to a strong belief in community service, Dana is a devoted mother of two amazing and successful children along with their amazing and successful spouses, and grandmother "Gigi" to 7 amazing and wonderful grandchildren.



Ken Beck, P.E. ex officio, Scott County Board of Supervisors

Ken was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in November 2016 and reelected in 2020 and 2024. After 40 years of experience as a consulting engineer, Ken retired in 2019 from Terracon Consultants, Inc., a national geotechnical and environmental consulting engineering company. He was employed with Terracon for nearly 35 years managing the office for 24 years. He holds a bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University and a master's degree in civil engineering from Northwestern University. Ken has brought his 40 years of experience as a consulting engineer, along with his passion for community involvement to Scott County and RDA.

Ken and his wife Linda relocated to Scott County in 1984 residing in their current Bettendorf home since 1985. Their daughter, son, two grandsons and granddaughter also reside in Bettendorf. Ken joined the Davenport Rotary Club in 1990 and has served on the club's board of directors for 2 terms. For more than 27 years, Ken has been a worship team musician for several churches and is currently volunteering most Sundays at Heritage Church in Bettendorf or Rock Island.



Kyle Gripp, ex officio, Davenport City Council

Kyle works in Quality Management at the Rock Island Arsenal. Kyle has also served as the Alderman At-Large for the city of Davenport since 2016. Kyle also serves on the Greater Davenport Redevelopment Corporation (GDRC), is the liaison to the Davenport Riverfront Improvement Commission, and is a board member of the Davenport Central Hall of Honor and Ridgecrest Retirement Village. Kyle volunteers his time supporting Davenport Central High Booster Club, teaching 3rd graders at Eisenhower Elementary through Junior Achievement, and coaching baseball at Southeast Little League. Kyle and his wife Abby live in Davenport and have four children. Kyle enjoys seeing how the RDA is able to support all of the great nonprofits in Scott County.



RDA Grant Awards 2025

Aerial Promotions Inc. DBA Quad City Air Show	\$ 25,000
Association of Fundraising Professionals	\$ 4,795
Association of Fundraising Professionals (2)	\$ 6,500
ASWAS, Inc (A System Within a System) (2)	\$ 12,500
Autistic & Loved Foundation	\$ 7,500
Azubuikwe African American Council for The Arts	\$ 7,500
Ballet Quad Cities (2)	\$ 12,135
Batting for Kids Inc	\$ 10,000
Bethany for Children & Families	\$ 40,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley (2)	\$ 55,000
Black Resources Inc.	\$ 5,315
Cancer Support Community Iowa & NW Illinois	\$ 48,000
CASI	\$ 75,000
Children's Therapy Center of the Quad Cities, NFP	\$ 5,000
ChildServe Foundation, Inc.	\$ 25,000
City of Bettendorf (2)	\$ 200,000
City of Buffalo	\$ 10,000
City of Davenport (2)	\$ 150,000
City of Davenport Parks & Recreation	\$ 9,851
City of Eldridge	\$ 20,000

Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation	\$ 5,000
Common Chord	\$ 20,000
Community Health Care, Inc.	\$ 100,000
Davenport Central Vocal Music Boosters	\$ 7,500
Davenport Community School District	\$ 50,000
Davenport Southeast Little League	\$ 20,000
Davenport Wildcats Youth Baseball	\$ 14,532
Dixon Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 4,500
Donahue Volunteer Fire Department Inc.	\$ 10,000
Dress for Success Quad Cities	\$ 7,500
Eldridge Volunteer Fire Co. Inc.	\$ 10,000
Empower House	\$ 15,600
Empowering Abilities	\$ 20,000
EveryChild	\$ 7,500
Family Resources, Inc.	\$ 32,500
Figge Art Museum (2)	\$ 200,000
Fresh Films	\$ 15,000
Friendly House	\$ 60,000
Friends of the Quad Cities (3)	\$ 101,000
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois	\$ 20,000

Great Sounds Promotions	\$ 3,750
Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities	\$ 30,000
Hand In Hand	\$ 60,000
Hilltop Campus Village Corporation	\$ 30,000
Humane Society of Scott County	\$ 50,000
Humble Dwellings (2)	\$ 30,000
Humility Homes and Services, Inc. (2)	\$ 125,000
Illowa Council, Boy Scouts of America	\$ 10,000
Iowa College Access Network	\$ 20,000
Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates	\$ 25,000
Iowa Legal Aid	\$ 50,000
Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities	\$ 7,500
Junior Achievement of the Heartland (2)	\$ 16,000
Keep Scott County Beautiful	\$ 4,000
lift Women's Foundation	\$ 10,000
LivWell CARES	\$ 7,500
Lutheran Services in Iowa	\$ 15,000
Martin Luther King Jr Center	\$ 7,500
MEDIC EMS	\$ 15,000
Melody of Hope Advocacy Center	\$ 12,500

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Midwest Writing Center	\$ 3,500
Mississippi Valley Blues Society	\$ 7,500
Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board	\$ 10,000
MyGEAR Outreach	\$ 7,000
Nahant Marsh	\$ 28,385
Nahant Marsh Education Center	\$ 32,500
NAMI Greater Mississippi Valley (3)	\$ 98,500
NEST (Nourish Everyone Sustainably Together)	\$ 15,000
Normaleah Ovarian Cancer Initiative	\$ 18,000
North Scott Community School District	\$ 2,200
One Eighty (2)	\$ 70,826
Partners of Scott County Watersheds	\$ 40,000
Princeton Iowa Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 25,000
Project Potential (Fam Res, Hand-in-Hand, Empower House)	\$ 100,000
Project Renewal	\$ 50,000
Putnam Museum and Science Center	\$ 35,000
QC Community Foundation	\$ 100,000
Quad Cities Chamber Foundation - Iowa (2)	\$ 100,000
Quad Cities Community Broadcasting Group, Inc.	\$ 35,000
Quad Cities Housing Council (3)	\$ 225,000

Tapestry Farms	\$ 36,000
Testimonies of Hope, Inc/Argrow's House of Healing & Hope	\$ 15,000
The Bloom Project	\$ 15,000
The Friends of Donahue	\$ 4,061
The Project of the Quad Cities	\$ 37,500
TMBC - Together Making A Better Community	\$ 37,001
Transitions Mental Health Services (TMHS)	\$ 75,000
Treasure Box U-S	\$ 7,500
Trinity Health Foundation	\$ 40,000
Two Rivers YMCA	\$ 5,000
Underwear Because We Care	\$ 10,000
Vera French Foundation (2)	\$ 46,000
Walcott American Legion Post 548	\$ 18,686
W. Ill. Univ. Foundation on behalf of WQPT Quad Cities PBS	\$ 30,000
WHS Vocal Boosters Inc.	\$ 10,000
World Relief Quad Cities	\$ 41,355
WVIK Public Radio Foundation (Augustana College)	\$ 30,000
YMCA of the Iowa Mississippi Valley	\$ 50,000
Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.	\$ 75,000
YWCA of the Quad Cities	\$ 50,000

Quad Cities Open Network (2)	\$ 150,000
Quad City Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees - QCAIR	\$ 12,000
Quad City Arts	\$ 14,000
Quad City Botanical Center	\$ 35,000
Quad City Symphony Orchestra (2)	\$ 30,000
Quad City Veterans Outreach Center	\$ 5,100
Quad-City Electrical Joint Apprenticeship & Training Program	\$ 10,000
RDA Fund (Future Impact)	\$ 150,000
River Action, Inc.	\$ 15,500
River Bend Food Bank (3)	\$ 225,000
Rivermont Collegiate	\$ 1,000
Safer Foundation	\$ 25,000
Salvation Army Family Services	\$ 75,000
SBC Outreach Music & Arts Academy	\$ 7,500
Scott County Library System	\$ 10,000
Soles for Children Inc	\$ 10,800
Spring Forward Learning Center (Bett)	\$ 7,500
St. Alphonsus ECEC	\$ 9,037
STEAM on Wheels	\$ 21,340
Strength in Mothers	\$ 3,085

RDA and Rhythm City Casino Resort Partnership

Regional Development Authority (RDA) is a nonprofit gaming license holder in the State of Iowa. Our casino operating partner is Rhythm City Casino Resort in Davenport. For 2025 in addition to the \$4.4 million in direct community grants, RDA's contract with Rhythm City Casino also secured an additional \$1.35 million for the City of Davenport and \$271,976 for the Downtown Davenport Partnership.

In addition to dollars paid to the RDA, Rhythm City Casino Resort also supports organizations that serve veterans, at-risk children, schools, seniors, food banks, community events, animal welfare and many others. The Quad Cities Region is fortunate to have Rhythm City Casino Resort in our community, not only as a great partner but also as a responsible and engaged corporate citizen



Kids Against Hunger



Cafe on Vine



Family Resources



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Florece Easter egg event

Beyond the benefits of a gaming revenue sharing contract between RDA and the Casino, Rhythm City Casino Resort has an even larger impact on the Quad Cities economy. Rhythm City Resort employs 450+ with an annual payroll and benefits of \$19 million per year. This scale of economic activity creates ripple effects for the entire region.

2025 Grants Distributed

Type of Category	Grants	Awarded	% Awarded
Economic Development	62	\$2,484,920	56%
Art/Culture/Education	35	\$520,494	12%
Human Services	45	\$1,426,440	32%

Total Number of Grants Awarded

4,920

Total \$ of Grants Awarded Since 1991

\$99,135,266