

Regional Development Authority Annual Report 2023

Vision for a vibrant, inclusive, and growing community



Letter from the RDA President/CEO

After completing our 64th grant-making cycle in 2023, the Regional Development Authority (RDA) passed the \$90 million mark for grants awarded! Over this last 32 years (since 1991), RDA Board members have evaluated 6,363 grant applications. We have fully or partially funded 4,649 – or 73% of the applications we received. The 2024 RDA Annual Report recognizes just a few of those community partners who, year after year, make such a big difference in our community. The cover displays many, but certainly not all of the organizations, that we count as partners in our community. Every year, RDA supports between 100 and 150 organizations that work to make our community better. We can be grateful that there are so many people who care deeply and put that caring into action.

This milestone calls for a moment of reflection about the impact of those funds... and we can celebrate so many types of community impact:

- helping build new physical structures and renovate existing buildings;
- responding to emergency situations;
- supporting local cultural and entertainment events;
- purchasing equipment and supplies for essential programs;
- supporting the work of grassroots volunteer groups to promote civic engagement;
- providing operational funds to cover temporary funding gaps;
- providing funds to help expand an organization’s capacity;
- supporting innovative approaches to community challenges; and
- providing local matching dollars for national and federal grants to bring new money into our regional economy.

This significant funding stream for Scott County, Iowa is made possible by Iowa’s gaming legislation that establishes a local nonprofit organization as a gaming license holder with a casino operating partner. In this arrangement, RDA is the Qualified Sponsoring Organization (QSO) – or license holder – with Rhythm City Casino Resort in Davenport, Iowa (owned by an Iowa based company, Elite Casinos Resorts). By contract, RDA receives a share of the gaming profits generated at Rhythm City Casino Resort. In 2023, through this arrangement, RDA was able to invest \$4,778,910 of this shared profit into the community. RDA’s contract with Rhythm City Casino also secured an additional \$1.9 million in 2023 for the City of Davenport and the Downtown Davenport Partnership.

RDA is led by an 18-member volunteer Board of Directors who oversees our operations, reviews all grant applications each year, and does the difficult task of deciding how to allocate funds to make the biggest impact. It’s not a small task, and so I am always grateful that our Board members take on that work. In this report, you can learn about the RDA’s broad community impact, as well as about the members of RDA’s Board who quietly make such a big difference!

Respectfully,
Matt Mendenhall, PhD, MSW
President/CEO
Regional Development Authority



Steve Geifman, Chair of the Board



Steven R. Geifman, President and Managing Partner of Geifman First Equity. Steve, a native of Bettendorf, graduated from Bettendorf High School and Indiana University with a degree in Public Affairs and Finance. Steve serves on various boards and volunteer positions; Board of Directors – Quad City Bank And Trust Company, Chairman – Quad Cities Chamber Foundation, Board Member – Congregation Beth Israel at The Tri City Jewish Center, Chair – RDA (Regional Development Authority), Board of Directors – Crow Valley Country Club, Member of the Genesis Health Systems Finance Committee, Director – G.I.F.T. (Geifman Iowa Family Trust), Past Board of Directors – Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, Past Board member Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities, and 2012 Quad City 40 under 40 recipients. Steve and his wife Joni live in Bettendorf with their two kids, Ethan and Stella.

Katie Selden, Vice Chair of the Board

Katie Selden is a Lecturer at St. Ambrose University in the Teacher Education Program where she has worked for 10 years. Prior to her current role she was Principal at Lourdes Catholic School, Dean of Students at Assumption High School, and taught elementary and middle school in Minnesota. She graduated from Bettendorf High School and returned to Bettendorf after 10 years in St. Paul, MN. Her passion for the community has offered opportunities to volunteer as a Client Advocate at Women's Choice Center, to participate as a member of the Family Museum Board of Trustees, plus help with ministry at St. John Vianney and Lourdes Catholic Church. She resides with her husband and 3 daughters in Bettendorf. Former committee member at the Quad Cities Community Foundation: current member of the Piranhas Swim Team Board and an active USA Swimming Official.



Nancy Chapman, Secretary of the Board

As a resident of the Quad Cities for over 30 years, I am excited to join 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 Y for about two years while the Y 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.



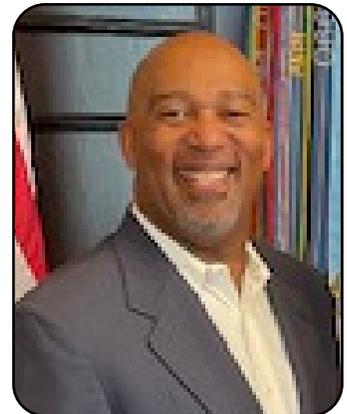
Sue Daley, Treasurer of the Board



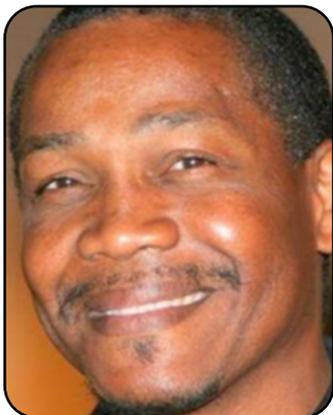
Sue is a lifelong resident of the Quad Cities. She retired in 2020, after 40 years in the banking industry, including 6 years as CEO of Walcott Trust and Savings Bank. She served as a Board member for the Mississippi Valley Bankers Association, an Advisory Council member to the Superintendent of Banking 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 granddaughter.

Stacey B. Braden

Stacey Braden is the Director of Operations for Sivyer Steel in Bettendorf, Iowa. Since starting with Sivyer as a Cleaning Room Superintendent in 2013, Stacey refined his talents in business management and leadership, steadily increasing his accountabilities until being named Director of Operations in 2021. Stacey came to Sivyer with over twenty years of experience at Magotteaux International. Magotteaux is a Belgian-based foundry company with a plant in Tennessee near to Stacey's original family home. Stacey was a principal contributor to five consecutive years of improved financial performance at Sivyer. He led Sivyer through the pandemic challenges, working directly with ownership to advance aggressive safety, productivity, and plant modernization objectives. Stacey was challenged with an aged workforce, reorganizing as necessary to implement a pull-type production system, markedly improving lead time and quality. He developed relationships with Davenport and Bettendorf schools to grow the workforce, among the first Quad City companies to offer new apprenticeships to prepare younger workers for careers in plant maintenance.



Michael Cole



Michael 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 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. Micheal and his wife have been married for over 43 years and have 9 children and many grandchildren.

Danielle Hines

Danielle Hines is a Financial Advisor with an 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 and as the club Secretary for the Moline Pilot Club. 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 serves as the Senior Director of Social Impact at Royal Neighbors of America, a fraternal life insurance organization headquartered in Rock Island, Illinois. Committed to empowering women and serving communities, Amy oversees the organization's corporate citizenship initiatives, generating an annual social impact of over \$30 million. Amy holds a bachelor's degree in radio/TV broadcasting and journalism from St. Ambrose University, as well as a master's degree in journalism from the University of Iowa. A dedicated lifelong learner, she has earned a Certificate of Corporate Citizenship Leadership from Boston College, a Diversity and Inclusion certificate from Cornell University, and most recently, an Accreditation in Public Relations from the Public Relations Society of America. Amy also imparts her knowledge as an adjunct instructor, teaching visual communication at St. Ambrose University.

Dennis Naranjo

Dennis Naranjo was born in Quito, Ecuador and came to USA in 2006. He played professional soccer in Ecuador before coming to the states, but he was injured so he focused on his career. He obtained an A.S. Degree from Richland College in Dallas, TX, and a B.S. and M.B.A. Degrees in Finance from Ashford University in Clinton, IA. He is currently a Commercial Lending Officer with DuTrac Community Credit Union. He has served in various BODs and committees such as RDA, QC Community Foundation, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Sister Cities of Davenport. Dennis is an Officer in Army National Guard and has been serving for 13 years. He is currently the commander of HHC 334th BSB located in Cedar Rapids, IA. In addition, he is an entrepreneur owning rental properties, manufacturing, and entertainment businesses. Dennis has 3 kids, and he enjoys coaching and playing soccer and spending time with family and friends.



Rickey Peer



Rickey is a retired Senior Manager and career US Army Civilian for the Joint Munitions Command at Rock Island Arsenal. He retired in 2018 after 40 years of service and continues work as a Minority Recruitment Consultant for the Business Staffing of America. Having resided in the Quad City area for over forty years, Rickey is committed to this community, serving multiple organizations across Scott County. He currently serves as a BIG mentor and Board member for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley. Rickey is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Mu Chi Lambda Alumni Chapter and previously served on Davenport's Section 8 Housing Commission. Rickey has a passion for working with youth and developing young leaders. He serves on the University of Arkansas Youth Motivation Task Force (YMTF) preparing college students for the workforce. Rickey and his wife, Lisa, reside in Davenport, Iowa. They have three children, Ryshawn, Andrea, and Darian.

Sherwin Robinson

Sherwin is a Davenport native, father of four, and grandfather of 15. He has been a Barber for over 25 years and owner of 4 Sher Cut & Style Barbershop for 20 years. As a Barber, he founded "Medicine In the Barbershop" that provides information and focus groups about health and wellness, in partnership with UnityPoint Health Trinity Hospital. He also founded, in partnership with Davenport Community School District an organization called ASWAS Inc. (A System Within A System) that covers topics such as economics, education, financial literacy, health and wellness, justice system, and real estate. Sherwin serves as a Deacon at his church, on the African American Leadership Society, Scott County Board Of Health Department, and Local School Improvement Advisory Committee in Davenport. He enjoys embracing his spirituality, meditating, singing, running and working out. I love being a father, grandfather, and family gatherings. To top it all off, I love giving back by serving others.



Sam Skorepa



Samuel J. Skorepa 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 Board Chair of the Center for Alcohol and Drug Services, Board Chair of the Robert Young Center, Board Secretary of the Figge Art Museum, Board Member of the Regional Development Authority, a United Way Young Leader, a Past President of the Quad Cities Estate Planning Council, and 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 Planning, Customer Service, Business Process Improvement, and Forecasting. Strong General manager and finance professional. Chartered Accountant from Institute Of Chartered Accountants Of India.



Beth Tinsman



After a decade at IBM, Beth established Twin State Technical Services in 1992 to provide useful and welcoming technology engineering and services. Today, the company has 60 engineers and programmers serving approximately 400 commercial and non-profit organizations. Beth was recognized in 2018 as one of the top ten women in technology in Iowa.

Twin State also received the 2020 Business of the Year award from the QC Chamber of Commerce and in 2022 was recognized as Best of Region from the QC Regional Business Journal in best IT Support and Website /App Development. Beth is a committed community member and currently serves on boards for Northwest Bank and Trust, the QC Chamber of Commerce, the Regional Development Authority, and the YMCA of the Mississippi Valley. An active CEO, Beth is also an adjunct educator at St. Ambrose University in the Computer Science Department.

Maria Waterman

Maria and her husband, Thomas Waterman, reside in Pleasant Valley, Iowa. Maria Waterman has been an attorney practicing in the Quad Cities for over 30 years. She and her husband have four daughters. Maria has been a member of numerous charitable boards throughout the community including and she presently serves on the board of Café on the Vine and Operation Empower. Maria is and has been actively engaged in the community assisting those in need on a one on one basis as people cross her path that she can help personally.



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; John Deere Classic; Putnam Museum & Science Center; YMCA of the Iowa Mississippi Valley; Iowa State University College of Design Advancement Council; RDA; Trinity Regional Health System; 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 5 amazing and wonderful grandchildren.

LaDrina Wilson

Dr. LaDrina Wilson, founder and CEO of Iman Consulting, is a Leadership Trainer and Coach, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Consultant, Professional Development Speaker, and a highly sought-after community leader and advisor. She is deeply committed to inspiring true inclusive leadership and was recently named, Quad Cities Regional Business Journal's 2022 Most Influential Leader in the Region. She has a true passion for fostering authentic conversations and has led the development of Iman's approach to creating tailored DEI strategies and initiatives that effect change. Her service and her executive leadership have prepared her to meet the needs of diverse industries that seek to grow their leadership pipeline and improve their inclusion practices. LaDrina currently holds executive leadership roles with the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce as its CEO, Quad Cities Community Foundation as its Vice Board Chair, and the Regional Development Authority as a Board Member.



Jean Dickson, *ex officio*

Jean Dickson is an ex officio RDA Board member from Scott County Board of Supervisors. She is a partner at the law firm of Betty, Neuman & McMahon in Davenport. Jean specializes in workers' compensation defense and appeals. Jean has been active in community service through her career, having served on numerous boards including Camp Shalom, CASI, Catholic Endowment of Bettendorf, Iowa, Inc., and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council. She is a former president of both the Scott County Bar Association and the Iowa Association of Workers' Compensation Lawyers, Inc. She served on the Pleasant Valley Community School District Board of Directors. She currently sits on the Bettendorf Civil Service Commission and is a member of the Bettendorf Rotary. Jean is married to Greg Vens, and together they have six children. They reside in Bettendorf. Greg is a senior engineer for Parr Instrument Company in Moline, Illinois.



Kyle Gripp, *ex officio*

Kyle Gripp is the Director of Quality Assurance at the Rock Island Arsenal-JMTC. 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 liaison to the Davenport Riverfront Improvement Commission, and is on the board member of the Davenport Central Hall of Honor. Kyle volunteers his time teaching a government class at the 180 Zone, 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.



Grant Highlights 2023

The RDA aims to fund a wide range of grant requests, from physical structures to grassroots volunteer efforts. We support economic development, human services, and our community's capacities for education, arts, and culture. Our mission is to strategically fund initiatives that create a vibrant, inclusive, and growing community. We look for projects that build new capacities in the Quad Cities, provide a financial bridge to a better future, and generate opportunities for people to work together for the greater good. This part of the report provides examples for many of the types of grants we are proud of.

Hilltop Campus Village

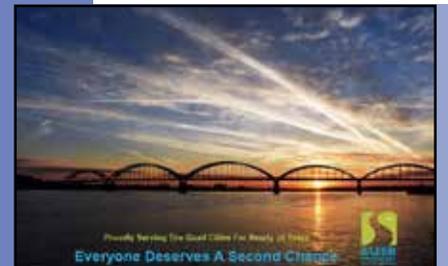


The Hilltop Campus Village is excited to move forward with its offices in Davenport. Acquired in 2021, the HCV will be moving forward this winter with their remodeling project to upgrade their offices to provide affordable office space to local nonprofits and entrepreneurs. This project will also include the creation of upgraded meeting space to host community and business meetings.



Safer Foundation

Filling the financial gap created by the change in State-funded eligibility will allow Safer Foundation's Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) to continue offering services, and hope, to students by introducing very real opportunities that exist through education and training.



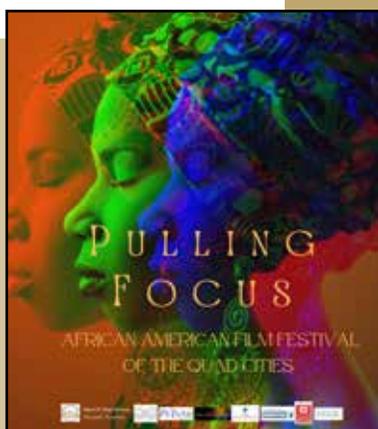
EveryChild

EveryChild's Community Doulas provide prenatal & postnatal education and labor and delivery support for expectant families with a focus on attachment & bonding. Starting at the beginning of the third trimester, our doulas teach new parent skills, familial health support, building of advocacy skills, early attachment and bonding, & acclimating to home life to give families their best start!



Doulas are trained to provide emotional and informational support to women during pregnancy, labor, birth, and in the immediate postpartum period.

EveryChild's Community Doulas work with families to reduce stress during pregnancy, labor and birth - leading to better birth outcomes and stronger family bonding and attachment.



Azubuiké African American Council for The Arts

In June of 2023, Azubuiké African American Council for the Arts launched the inaugural year of the Pulling Focus Film Festival, an annual celebration of film and culture that focuses on enriching the lives of Quad Cities residents by presenting unique film-watching experiences framed through the lens of African American and Black Diasporic voices.



100 Black Men Quad Cities

100 Black Men Quad Cities, Inc is committed to empowering individuals to meet challenging society needs and developing life skills to all youth to bridge the gaps to success on an educational playing field!



City of Blue Grass

Black Bear Park family restroom (with baby changing stations) and storm-shelter facility” mission to encourage more families to enjoy the outdoors by visiting our City Park that is equipped with a play-station playground unit, shelter with picnic tables and volleyball court that is adjacent to Liberty Trail for easy access.



Family Resources

With RDA funding, Family Resources was able to provide services to 530 survivors, which amounted to approximately 12,142 shelter nights. Services that were provided to survivors in the program included trauma informed care to assist survivors heal, collaboration with other programs to meet the individual needs of each survivor, advocacy, housing assistance, employment assistance, and financial assistance.



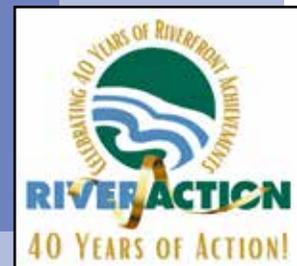
STEAM on Wheels

STEAM on Wheels introduces Quad Cities students to robotics with scholarships available for Scott County residents. Our 2024 sessions offer hands-on learning, mentorship from industry experts, and endless possibilities in robotics and STEM.



River Action

River Action is exploring new avenues of revenue, funding, memberships, leadership development and succession—all parts of capacity building—as it continues its mission of fostering the environmental, economic, and cultural vitality of the Mississippi River and its riverfront in the Quad City Region.



Quad Cities Veterans Outreach Center

The funding provided by the RDA helped purchase a refrigerated van that has significantly enhanced support for Veterans. QC Veteran Outreach can now acquire larger quantities of food, including refrigerated items, and offer a more extensive variety of food. Their services now reach over 3,000 Veterans, and the newly acquired van has proven to be indispensable, operating continuously to meet the growing demand.



TMBC at the Lincoln Center



The RDA grant helped to bridge TMBC's start-up operational costs, allowing us to expand and enhance our services for the Black community. This grant played a pivotal role in sustaining and advancing our mission, enabling us to reach more individuals and address pressing issues within the community. RDA has empowered us to make a more substantial and lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.



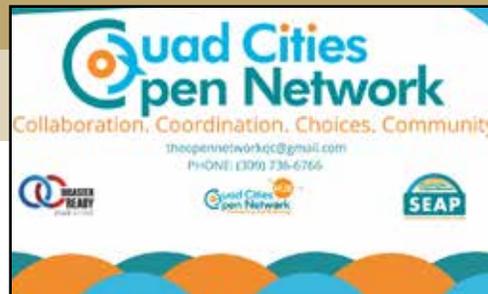
Iowa Legal Aid

Preventing homelessness by providing no-cost legal services to approximately 1,500 low-income Scott County renters at risk of eviction.



Quad Cities Open Network

The Quad Cities Open Network is working to address community gaps together with partner organizations. This year they have used data collected through the shared emergency assistance program offered to its members to identify root causes for the requests received. Priorities identified were housing and behavioral health. Together the partner agencies are working on ways to effectively collaborate and deploy main-stream eviction diversion dollars.



Freight House Farmers Market

Music at the Market allows local youth and professional musicians to perform regularly in front of a diverse audience at the Freight House Farmers Market. The funding for additional sound equipment enabled the stage to host various musical events, from solo artists to large bands.



Common Chord

In the InTune Music Mentoring Program, mentors explore students' musical passions while building mentoring relationships. The second year of a three-year pilot phase saw the program expand to new locations and reach more students.



Kinna's House of Love

Kinna's House of Love promotes love and inclusiveness to empower women and children. They offer a safe place for healing and support through community gatherings and programs for children and teens that may be at risk for physical or sexual abuse. Kinna's Corner is expecting to expand to be able to serve 700 people per year and keep kids as safe as possible.



2023 Regional Development Authority Grants

(#) Number of grants made to the organization in 2023

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| 100 Black Men Quad Cities, Inc | \$31,500 | Figue Art Museum (\$1 million commitment over 5 years - 4 of 100 payments complete) | \$200,000 |
| American Red Cross | \$7,500 | Freight House Farmers Market (2) | \$42,000 |
| Association of Fundraising Professionals | \$6,000 | Fresh Films | \$25,000 |
| Azubuikwe African American Council for The Arts | \$12,700 | Friends of Bettendorf Parks Foundation | \$5,000 |
| Ballet Quad Cities (2) | \$30,000 | Friends of the Quad Cities (2) | \$150,000 |
| Batting for Kids | \$10,000 | Genesis Health Services Foundation | \$22,500 |
| Beasley's Downtown Boxing Club | \$14,100 | German American Heritage Center | \$20,000 |
| Bettendorf Christian Church | \$3,750 | GiGi's Playhouse Quad Cities | \$5,000 |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mississippi Valley (2) | \$62,000 | Girl Scouts of E. IA and W. IL | \$25,000 |
| Birdies for Charity | \$20,000 | Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities | \$15,000 |
| Black Resources Inc. | \$10,300 | Hand In Hand (2) | \$79,500 |
| Blue Devil Drama Boosters | \$11,000 | Hilltop Campus Village Corporation | \$30,000 |
| Cafe On Vine | \$660 | Hot Glass Inc. | \$20,000 |
| Center for Active Seniors, Inc. (\$225,00 award paid over 3 years) | \$75,000 | Humane Society of Scott County | \$8,750 |
| City of Bettendorf, Iowa (\$1 million commitment over 5 years - 3 of payments complete) | \$200,000 | Humble Dwellings (2) | \$70,273 |
| City of Blue Grass (2) | \$40,000 | Humility Homes and Services, Inc. | \$45,000 |
| City of Davenport | \$75,000 | Illowa Council, Boy Scouts of America | \$25,000 |
| City of Eldridge | \$25,000 | Inspire Next | \$20,000 |
| City of Eldridge Police Department (2) | \$20,874 | Iowa College Access Network | \$10,000 |
| City of Long Grove | \$6,345 | Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates | \$20,000 |
| Clock, Inc (2) | \$9,750 | Iowa Legal Aid | \$50,000 |
| Common Chord (2) | \$26,750 | Keep Scott County Beautiful | \$4,000 |
| Community Health Care, Inc. (2) | \$103,095 | Kinnas House Of Love Inc. (2) | \$6,000 |
| Davenport Fire Department | \$23,000 | Le Claire Fire Association | \$25,000 |
| Davenport North Little League | \$50,000 | Living Proof Exhibit | \$2,500 |
| Dixon Volunteer Fire Department | \$20,102 | Martin Luther King Jr. Center | \$7,500 |
| Dress for Success Quad Cities | \$10,000 | Mississippi Bend AEA Special Events Committee | \$17,660 |
| Edwards Congregational United Church of Christ | \$3,580 | Mississippi Valley Blues Society | \$27,350 |
| Empowering Abilities (HDC) | \$20,505 | Mississippi Valley Track Club | \$15,069 |
| EveryChild (2) | \$25,000 | Nahant Marsh Education Center | \$40,000 |
| Family Museum | \$17,720 | Narratives | \$20,000 |
| Family Resources, Inc. | \$50,000 | NEST (Nourish Everyone Sustainably Together) | \$15,000 |
| | | New Kingdom Trailriders | \$8,450 |
| | | North Scott Community School District | \$100,000 |
| | | One Eighty | \$15,000 |

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| Quad Cities Astronomical Society | \$17,750 |
| Quad Cities Chamber Foundation - Iowa | \$50,000 |
| QC Community Broadcasting Group, Inc. (2) | \$37,500 |
| Quad Cities Community Foundation (RDA Legacy Fund) | \$10,250 |
| Quad Cities Community Foundation (\$375,000 award paid over 3 years) | \$850,000 |
| Quad Cities Housing Council (5) | \$1,000 |
| Quad Cities Jazz Festival, LTD (2) | \$15,000 |
| Quad Cities Open Network (3) | \$50,500 |
| QC Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees - QCAIR | \$25,000 |
| Quad City Arts | \$23,000 |
| Quad City Sailing School | \$28,170 |
| Quad City Symphony Orchestra(2) | \$32,500 |
| Quad City Veterans Outreach Center | \$45,000 |
| River Action, Inc. | \$52,500 |
| River Bend Foodbank (2) | \$76,000 |
| River Bend Transit | \$50,000 |
| Safe Families for Children Alliance | \$5,000 |
| Safer Foundation | \$41,971 |
| SALVATION ARMY FAMILY SERVICES | \$100,000 |
| SBC Outreach Music & Arts Academy | \$10,000 |
| Scott County Sheriff's Office | \$17,500 |
| St. Alphonsus ECEC | \$22,000 |
| ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY | \$27,500 |
| St. Anthony Catholic Church | \$98,982 |
| STEAM on Wheels (2) | \$50,576 |
| Tapestry Farms | \$12,000 |
| Testimonies of Hope, Inc/Argrow's House of Healing and Hope (2) | \$17,500 |
| The Project of the Quad Cities | \$40,000 |
| TMBC - Together Making A Better Community (2) | \$47,000 |
| Treasure Box U-S | \$25,000 |
| Underwear Because We Care | \$6,000 |
| United Way of the Quad Cities Area | \$21,000 |
| Unity House of Davenport | \$7,700 |
| Up With Families | \$6,000 |

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| Vera French Foundation (2) (\$300,000 awarded over 3 cycles) | \$75,000 |
| Western Illinois University Foundation on behalf of WQPT Quad Cities PBS | \$12,500 |
| World Relief Quad Cities | \$25,238 |
| WVIK PUBLIC RADIO FOUNDATION (Aug. College) (\$97,500 award paid over 2 years) | \$48,750 |

TOTAL \$4,778,910

RDA and Rhythm City Casino Resort Partnership

Beyond the benefits of the benefits of the revenue sharing contract between RDA and the Casino, Rhythm City Casino Resort has an even larger impact on the Quad Cities economy. Rhythm City Casino Resort employs 450+ with an annual payroll and benefits of \$19.0 million per year. During 2023, Rhythm City Casino Resort had a total annual economic impact on our region of \$88.3 million. In addition to dollars paid to the RDA, Rhythm City Casino Resort also contributes to other causes that support veterans, at-risk children, schools, seniors, food banks, community events, animal welfare and many more. *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.*



2023 Grants Distributed

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| Economic Development | \$2,261,767 | 47% | 39 |
| Arts/Culture/Education | \$882,405 | 18% | 44 |
| Human Services | \$1,634,738 | 34% | 62 |
| Totals | \$4,778,910 | 100% | 145 |

All-Time Grants Distributed

Total Granting since 1991:

\$ 90,012,242

Total Grants:

4649