Regional Development Authority Annual Report 2024

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RDA Grant Making in Action

Letter from the RDA President/CEO



In 2024, the Regional Development Authority (RDA) completed its 66th grant-making cycle, with the result of investing $4,873,000 into the work of local nonprofit organizations, public school districts, and departments of local government. It's exciting to report that since 1991, RDA has awarded 4,787 grants totaling $93,921,412 towards projects in economic development, arts/culture, human services, and education. Those projects include capital investments, responding to emergencies, providing local match to access larger grants, promoting cultural events, supporting grassroots volunteerism, and investing into innovative efforts. This source of flexible development funding for our region has had many levels of impact! RDA has the privilege to know and support so many local leaders doing great things for our region.

While RDA strives to support a wide range of community building efforts, we are also developing an interest in making more specific impact in the following areas:

- Increasing Access to Affordable/Stable Housing,
- Increasing Access to and Quality of Mental Health Care,
- Increasing Access to High Quality Child Care,
- Making Key Investments that Support Regional Economic Development,
- Understanding and Strengthening our Local Safety Net,
- Improving Community Systems for Violence Prevention, and
- Formalize and Scale-Up "Life Skills" systems to support navigating basic life tasks, develop financial literacy, learn about nutrition, etc.

We have introduced these focus areas over the last couple of years, asking for feedback from many of you, our community partners. We do want to be clear that having these focus areas DOES NOT MEAN that we will only fund requests in those focus areas. We will continue to fund the broad range of requests as we have for the last 30+ years. Having focus areas simply means we want to learn how to focus our impact efforts. This 2024 Annual Report highlights some 2024 grants in each of the focus areas, so you get a sense of what we have funded so far. We look forward to seeing your future ideas.

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 I am always so grateful that these community 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!

Matt Mendenhall

President/CEO Regional Development Authority.

Steve Geifman – Chair



Steve is the 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, Chair – RDA (Regional Development Authority), Director – G.I.F.T. (Geifman Iowa Family Trust), Board of Directors for Visit Quad Cities and Advisory Board Jewish Life Campus. Past Board of Directors – Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, Past Board member Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities, Board of Directors – Crow Valley Country Club, Chairman – Quad Cities Chamber Foundation, Member of the Genesis Health Systems Finance Committee and Board Member – Congregation Beth Israel at The Tri-City Jewish Center. Steve and his wife Joni live in Bettendorf with their two kids.

Katie Selden – Vice Chair



Katie is the principal at Lourdes 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 25 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 3 daughters in Bettendorf.

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 granddaughter.

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.

Stacey Braden



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.

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..

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 is the Senior Director of Social Impact for Royal Neighbors of America, a fraternal life insurance organization headquartered in Rock Island, Illinois, with a mission to empower women and serve communities. She manages corporate citizenship activities generating over $43 million annually in social impact. Amy earned a bachelor's degree in radio/TV broadcasting and journalism from St. Ambrose University and a master's in journalism from the University of Iowa. A lifelong learner, she holds a Corporate Citizenship Leadership Certificate from Boston College and a Diversity and Inclusion certificate from Cornell University. In her spare time, Amy enjoys reading fiction, playing tennis, cooking, and spending time with family and friends. Amy lives in Bettendorf with her husband, Jason, and their two children, Dylan and Olivia.

Erie Johnson, JD, CFP®, Vice President, Senior Wealth Management Officer



Erie provides wealth management services by applying his education and work experience as an attorney, a fiduciary, and a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® to help clients implement financial planning strategies to build and modify their legacies. Erie earned a Juris Doctor from Northern Illinois University College of Law and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Fayetteville State University. He practiced law for almost 11 years before working in the wealth management industry now for over 12 years. Erie is currently a member or board/committee officer of several organizations: Quad City Estate Planning Council (QCEPC), Quad City Symphony Orchestra, The Salvation Army Central Territory Investment Advisory Board, Quad City Planned Giving Council, and Northern Illinois University College of Law Business Law Innovation Clinic Advisory Board. Erie and his wife, Heather, live in Davenport with their daughter, Aerielle.

Dennis Naranjo

Dennis was born in Quito, Ecuador, and came to the USA in 2006. He played semi-professional soccer in Ecuador before coming to the States. He obtained an A.S. Degree from Richland College in Dallas, TX, and a B.S. and M.B.A. Degrees in Finance from The University of Arizona Global Campus 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, and Sister Cities of Davenport. Dennis is an Officer in the Army National Guard and has been serving for 15 years. He is currently the Assistant Operation Officer for HHC 334th BSB located in Cedar Rapids, IA. In addition, he is an entrepreneur owning rental properties, manufacturing, and entertainment businesses. Dennis along with his kids and pets lives in Bettendorf IA, and he enjoys coaching & playing soccer, DJing as a hobby, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.



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 Board Chair of the Center for Alcohol and Drug Services, Board Chair of the Robert Young Center, Board Vice-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 Planning, Customer Service, Business Process Improvement, and Forecasting. Strong General manager and finance professional. Chartered Accountants from the 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 by the QC Regional Business Journal for 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.

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.

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. 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.

Jean Dickson, ex officio, Scott County Board of Supervisors



Jean 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 throughout 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.

The RDA Mission

The RDA funds 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. We look for projects that build new capacities in the Quad Cities, provide financial bridges to a better future, and generate opportunities for people to work together for the greater good. This section describes grants made in 2024 that focus on affordable housing, mental health, child care, economic development, safety net, violence prevention, and life skills development. While our grants continue to cover a wide range of project areas, we are interested in making a greater impact in these seven community issues.





RDA 2024 Grant Highlights:

Affordable/Stable Housing

Humility Homes and Services, Inc. received a grant to enhance housing stability for vulnerable populations by helping them secure stable housing. The funding also helps streamline housing assessments and improve collaboration with community partners, increasing housing placements and reducing homelessness. This project will lead to better housing outcomes and relief for other local systems impacted by homelessness, such as healthcare and emergency services.

This grant was awarded to assist with the creation, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable housing units in the Quad Cities region. The funds enable nonprofit housing providers and developers to address the growing demand for low-income housing by supporting shelters, transitional housing, and affordable rental or ownership opportunities. This initiative plays a critical role in stabilizing vulnerable populations and tackling the region's affordable housing crisis.

This grant supports a partnership with The Salvation Army and Iowa Legal Aid aimed at preventing evictions and addressing housing insecurity. The project provides immediate legal assistance, financial support, and case management to renters at risk of homelessness. Additionally, the initiative lays the groundwork for a coordinated response system to mitigate homelessness, improve resource navigation, and foster long-term housing stability in Scott County.

Mental Health

Support was awarded for the Zero Suicide Initiative, a collaborative effort to prevent suicide in the Quad Cities. The program focuses on implementing evidence-based practices, including risk assessments, safety planning, and training for community members and organizations. Through a 1,000-day awareness campaign and targeted training, the initiative seeks to engage 1,000 individuals and 100 organizations, working toward the ambitious goal of zero suicides in the region by 2025.

Funding supports the expansion of Narratives' outreach efforts to young adults in Scott County, focusing on Scott Community College, the Davenport School District, and the Scott County Probation Office. These programs address the significant mental health and social challenges faced by participants, many of whom experience isolation and lack essential life skills. Through free support groups, social-emotional learning classes, and intensive one-on-one life coaching, participants gain coping mechanisms, build healthy relationships, and develop skills like cooking, budgeting, and job readiness.

Funding was awarded to expand the Vera French Clinic at Central Park, improving accessibility and increasing capacity to serve individuals facing mental illness. Each year, the clinic sees over 10,000 individuals, with many facing significant financial challenges. The expansion includes a welcoming, trauma-informed front entrance to eliminate accessibility barriers for 4,600 annual visitors, improved patient flow, and a modernized workspace to support staff well-being. These enhancements aim to increase daily patient volume by 40% and improve satisfaction for both clients and staff, with completion expected by January 2025.

Child Care

A grant was awarded to SAL Family and Community Services to launch an Early Childhood Education Apprenticeship Pilot at Skip-a-Long Childhood Center in Davenport. This program will train and certify early childhood educators through a paid apprenticeship model, providing hands-on mentorship while addressing the shortage of qualified educators in Scott County. The initiative will improve educational quality for children, create long-term workforce stability, and support the economic well-being of local families.

United Way received a grant to expand the use of the QC Educational Data Exchange (QCEDX) in measuring the impact of early childhood education. By tracking kindergarten readiness and comparing disparities in access to early education, the project will contribute to a deeper understanding of how early education affects academic outcomes in the Quad Cities. The insights gained will shape future educational strategies and ensure every child receives the foundational support they need to succeed.

Hand in Hand was awarded a grant to continue providing specialized, inclusive childcare for children with disabilities in the Quad Cities. By filling a critical gap for families who might otherwise face barriers to accessing quality care, Hand in Hand ensures that children have the opportunity to develop essential skills while supporting parents' ability to work and provide for their families. The program will enhance family stability and contribute to the overall health and well-being of the community.

Life Skills

One Eighty received a grant to enhance its life skills training program by expanding volunteer engagement. Volunteers will be matched with program participants to provide valuable skills training in areas such as cooking, fitness, nutrition, and therapy. A new system will improve the volunteer process, ensuring that each resident receives the support they need. Additionally, the program will offer opportunities for participants to give back to the community, contributing to their own recovery journey.

Azubuike received a grant to strengthen its capacity and expand arts education for underserved youth in the Quad Cities. The initiative will increase access to culturally relevant arts programs, such as the Urban Exposure Film Project and The Strongest Threads Intergenerational Storyquilt Project. The long-term impact of this project will empower youth, foster resilience, and create lasting community engagement.

Iowa College Access Network was awarded a grant to support career and college readiness through its "Empowering Futures" initiative. This program will provide high school students and their families with the resources and personalized advising needed to navigate post-secondary education and career pathways. By integrating career exploration into high school curricula and offering financial aid training, this initiative ensures that students are better prepared for college and career success, strengthening the future workforce and supporting economic development in the region.

Economic Development

A grant was awarded to support the restoration of 45 acres of wetland habitat and the construction of 1.2 miles of accessible trails and boardwalks. This project will improve water quality, restore native ecosystems, and introduce educational opportunities for visitors. As part of a long-term financial strategy, the marsh will also become a certified wetland mitigation bank, generating funds to ensure the center's financial sustainability. The success of the project will be measured by preserved acres, visitor numbers, and financial gains from wetland credits, alongside improvements in biodiversity and water quality.

With the support of this grant, Visit Quad Cities will increase its efforts to attract group business, including conventions, sports events, and reunions. By offering incentives to event organizers, the organization aims to increase the number of group events hosted in the region, thus boosting the local economy through higher attendance, increased tourism spending, and longer-term economic development.

This grant will help fund the creation of a master plan for the Hilltop Campus Village neighborhood in Davenport. The plan will focus on revitalizing the area through community input, professional consultation, and research. It will foster development of new housing and commercial opportunities, and an increase in private and public investment in the area. The completed master plan will serve as a framework for community revitalization efforts over the next 5 to 15 years.

Economic Development

A grant was awarded to the Buffalo Bill Museum to support the renovation of exhibits and improvements to the children's playroom. These enhancements will allow the museum to attract more visitors, increasing awareness of Scott County's early settlers and strengthening its role as an educational hub. The project will measure success through increased attendance and public engagement, revitalizing the museum's offerings for the community.

The Bix Beiderbecke Museum has been awarded a grant to move its collection to a new, more accessible location, reducing the risk of flood damage while increasing visibility and community engagement. This move will ensure the preservation of Davenport's unique cultural history while making the museum more visible to a new generation of visitors. By relocating to the ground floor of a building in a prime area of the city, the museum anticipates a boost in local and tourist engagement, as well as a significant reduction in flood risks

A grant was awarded to the City of Long Grove to develop new restroom and concession stand facilities at the North Park Prairie Ball Diamonds and Playground. This project will provide much-needed public amenities to enhance the recreational experience for local residents and visitors. With ADA accessibility, paved paths, and upgraded facilities, the project will improve community satisfaction and increase the attractiveness of the park as a venue for events.

Violence Prevention

SAFER FOUNDATION™

A ROAD TO A BETTER FUTURE

Supporting Regional Access of YEP Life Skills Services for Students in Need Safer Foundation received funding to expand its Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) which helps at-risk youth impacted by poverty and the criminal justice system. YEP provides critical life skills, education support, and workforce readiness. This expansion aims to prevent cycles of violence and criminal involvement by offering youth the tools to complete their education and successfully reintegrate into society.

Augustana COLLEGE

Operations Support for Higher Education in Prison Augustana College received funding to support the Augustana Prison Education Program (APEP). The program provides incarcerated individuals with the opportunity to pursue higher education, fostering successful reentry into society and reducing recidivism. With this support, APEP can continue offering education, improve community partnerships, and ensure that students have the resources they need to transition to stable employment upon release.

Safety Net

River Bend Food Bank received a grant to continue feeding Scott County residents in need while developing a more sustainable food distribution model. The grant supports the food bank's strategic plan to gather community data, research best practices, and implement a more equitable food distribution system. Funding will also help increase the distribution of healthy food and integrate time-saving technology. This initiative aims to reduce hunger and promote health by improving access to nutritious meals.

A grant was awarded to Humble Dwellings to continue providing new beds to individuals in need across the Quad Cities. This funding will help provide new beds to individuals who are experiencing housing insecurity, allowing them a more comfortable place to sleep. The program supports the community by assisting diverse, financially disadvantaged clients, ensuring they have access to basic household furnishings.

Café on Vine offers free, nutritious meals to those in need in the Quad Cities 365 days per year. A grant was awarded to Café On Vine to purchase equipment that will allow staff and volunteers to maintain the facility to meet health and sanitation guidelines, providing a safe environment for those who rely on the café for daily meals. The project will streamline the cleaning process, reducing manual labor and ensuring a more efficient service.

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100 Black Men Quad Cities, Inc	$10,000
Argrows House	$1,000
Association of Fundraising Professionals	$2,500
ASWAS, Inc (A System Within a System) (2)	$22,500
Augustana College	$10,000
Azubuike African American Council for The Arts (2)	$65,000
Ballet Quad Cities (2)	$12,000
Beaux Arts Fund Committee	$3,000
Bettendorf Public Library Foundation	$30,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Vallley	$1,000
Bix Beiderbecke Museum and World Archives Ltd	$25,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley	$15,156
Buffalo Bill Museum	$20,000
Cafe On Vine	$5,606
Center for Actitve Seniors, Inc	$75,000
Child Protection Response Center	$45,000
City of Bettendor (2)	$200,000
City of Blue Grass	$12,500
City of Davenport (2)	$150,000
Common Chord (2)	$45,000
Community Health Care, Inc. (2)	$126,759
Davenport Central Band Orchestra Parents Association (DCBOPA)	$20,997
Davenport Central Vocal Music Boosters	$7,500
Davenport Civil Rights Commission	$2,500
Donahue Volunteer Fire Department	$34,000
Dress for Success Quad Cities	$10,000
Empower House	$20,000
Empowering Abilities (2)	$27,030
EveryChild (2)	$27,000
Family Resources, Inc.	$25,000
Friendly House (2)	$26,830
Friends of Bettendorf Parks Foundation	$10,000
Friends of the Quad Cities (2)	$100,000
Genesis Health Services Foundation	$24,637
German American Heritage Center (2)	$28,200
GiGi's Playhouse Quad Cities	$5,000
Figge Art Museum (2)	$200,000
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois	$20,000
Freight House Farmers Market	$3,600
Hand In Hand (2)	$40,000
Hilltop Campus Village Corporation	$20,000
Humble Dwellings (2)	$40,000
Humility Homes and Services, Inc.	$60,000
Illowa Council, Boy Scouts of America	$12,100
Iowa Black Doula Collective	$43,410
Iowa College Access Network	$20,000
Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates	$25,000
Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities	$4,500
Junior Achievement of the Heartland (2)	$40,000
Keep Scott County Beautiful	$4,000
King's Harvest Pet Rescue	$20,000
Kinnas House Of Love Inc.	$12,000
Lead(h)er	$7,750
LeClaire Fire Department	$22,598
Living Lands & Waters	$15,000
LivWell CARES	$12,500
Long Grove Community Center	$4,500
Lonnie Rays Academy	$5,000
Martin Luther King Jr Center	$10,000
Midwest Writing Center	$3,750
Mississippi Bend AEA Special Events Committee	$10,000
Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency	$13,175
Mississippi Valley Blues Society	$10,000
Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board	$30,000

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Nahant Marsh Education Center (2)	$90,000
Narratives (2)	$21,000
NEST (Nourish Everyone Sustainably Together)	$15,000
New Kingdom Trailriders (2)	$13,458
Normaleah Ovarian Cancer Initiative	$16,000
North-Central After Prom	$5,000
One Eighty (2)	$79,890
Opera Quad Cities	$5,000
Pleasant Valley Community School District	$10,000
Putnam Museum and Science Center (2)	$60,000
QC Communty Foundation (RDA Fund)	$900,000
QC Community Foundation	$125,000
QC Interfaith	$15,000
Quad Cities Chamber Foundation - Iowa (2)	$75,000
Quad Cities Community Broadcasting Group, Inc. (2)	$37,500
Quad Cities Housing Council (2)	$125,000
Quad Cities Latino Foundation	$5,000
Quad Cities Open Network (2)	$300,000
Quad Cities Open Network (Zero Suicide)	$25,000
Quad Cities Sports Initiative	$5,000
Quad City Alliance for Immigrants and Refuges	$12,996
Quad City Arts	$25,000
Quad City Botanical Center	$15,000
Quad City Symphony Orchestra	$45,000
Quad City Veterans Outreach Center	$5,000
River Action, Inc.	$6,000
River Bend Food Bank (2)	$100,000
Safer Foundation	$20,000
SAL Family and Community Services	$49,920
SBC Outreach Music & Arts Academy	$5,000
Schuetzenpark Gilde	$3,800
Scott Community College Foundation	$22,00
Soles for Children Inc	$13,000
St. Ambrose University	$25,000
St. Anthony Catholic Church (2)	$22,500
St. John Vianney Church	$5,000
STEAM on Wheels (2)	$55,000
Tapestry Farms	$40,000
The Center	$20,000
The First Tee of the Quad Cities	$12,500
The Friends of Donahue	$8,000
TMBC - Together Making A Better Community (2)	$80,000
Treasure Box U-S	$20,000
Underwear Because We Care	$7,000
United Way of the Quad Cities Area	$12,325
Up With Families	$5,000
Vera French Foundation (4)	$262,500
West End Alano Club	$6,673
Western Illinois University Foundation	$12,500
WVIK Public Radio Foundation (2)	$61.250

Total: $4,873,000

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 2024, in addition to the $4.8 million in direct community grants, RDA's contract with Rhythm City Casino also secured an additional $1.4 million for the City of Davenport and $280,000 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.



Boys Girls Club



Iowa Swarm



Kids Against Hunger



QC Veterans Outreach Center

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 Casino Resort employs 450+ with an annual payroll and benefits of $19.0 million per year. This scale of economic activity creates ripple effects for the entire region.

2024 Grants Distributed

Type of Category	Grants	Awarded	% Awarded
Economic Development	38	$2,488,998	51%
Arts/Culture/Education	54	$934,198	19%
Human Services	59	$1,449,804	30%

Total Number of Grants Awarded

4,787

Total $ of Grants Awarded Since 1991

$93,921,412