



Important Guidelines

- Applicants must be located in Scott County, IA or Rock Island County, IL and the grant must be used to provide services in or to residents of Scott County, IA.
- Grant awards must be used for the specific purpose outlined in the grant application. Any variance from this original purpose must be approved by RDA or the grant award must be returned to the RDA.
- The organization must have available for review upon request: 1) the organization's budget for the current year for which the grant is sought; 2) a copy of its most recent IRS Form 990, and 3) a financial statement for the previous fiscal year prepared by an independent accountant.
- Multi-cycle grants are occasionally awarded to make larger grant awards possible. These awards are payable based on the success of Rhythm City Casino Resort. While the intent of the RDA is to fully fund all multi-cycle grant awards, the written grant award agreement is not a legally binding document to pay the full amount. Each grant cycle payment is approved by the Board based on revenues available for that cycle.
- Requests for operational or personnel expenses are considered, but limited to one-time capacity building, transitional, or collaborative needs.
- For educational institutions: All public school grant applications must be submitted through a Principal and forwarded to a District Review Committee which prioritizes all District grant applications for each grant cycle. All applications must be approved by a Principal and the District Superintendent.
- Authorizations or certifications: If an applicant is applying for funds for any program/project which involves property that is not owned/operated by the applicant, authorization from the owner/operator of the facility (such as the school administration or the city), must accompany the application. This would include city properties or properties or facilities owned/operated by other agencies. It would also include any documentation certifying an agency to perform any activity granted by another agency or unit of government.
- No distribution to any organization that has an employee, officer or director who is a member or affiliate of the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission.
- No support of individuals, including scholarships or fellowships.
- No support for political causes and candidates or lobbying activities.
- No support for religious sectarian missions or programming.
- No support to fund operating deficits.