



Quad-City Labyrinth Project



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RDA gives nearly \$1.5M in local grants

By Dawn Feddersen | Tuesday, November 14, 2006 Quad City Times

The Riverboat Development Authority announced Monday that nearly \$1.5 million in grants have been awarded to fund 69 different Quad-City area programs.

The announcement marks 15 years during which the Riverboat Development Authority, or RDA, has given the funds that represent a portion of riverboat gambling revenues, bringing the total to more than \$42 million. The RDA is a nonprofit agency that holds the gambling license for the Rhythm City Casino in Davenport.

The Family Museum in Bettendorf also is celebrating a milestone. The museum will use its grant to help fund programs and exhibits during 2007, its 10th anniversary.

Jeff Reiter, business development manager at the museum, said RDA grants have played an important part in the success there over the past decade.

"We've been able to bring in cool traveling exhibits, including the very successful Grossology. We've done excellent programming for the children of the Quad-City community. We've been able to provide tuition and access assistance for kids to have the opportunity to experience the museum who might not otherwise have been able to," he said.

The amounts of the grants varied, with some organizations receiving as much as \$125,000 and others as little as \$2,000, based upon the needs of their project request.

"We have a lot of big projects here. But even the smallest of grants can have a really big impact on the community," said Mary Ellen Chamberlin, president of the RDA board.

She reminded the crowd attending the announcement ceremonies at the Figge Art Museum of the sandhill crane sculpture at Vander Veer Botanical Park in Davenport that was fashioned in 1997 by artist Thom Gleich from a 120-year-old sycamore tree that had been struck by lightning. With a modest grant from the RDA and some hard work on Gleich's part, the sculpture is a widely recognized symbol. Gleich created a second version of the crane that was dedicated in October after his original work of art rotted.

Many recipients of RDA grants over the past several years have been involved in changing the face of downtown Davenport, including the Figge, the German American Heritage Center, the River Music Experience and DavenportOne.

Reiter said he and his family benefit from all of those improvements to the downtown area.

"I have a 3-year-old son, and he loves to go to John O'Donnell (Stadium), the (Quad-City) Sports Center, the Adler (Theatre). His favorite thing is to pack a lunch and go sit on the skybridge and wave at cars," he added.

Lori Roderick of Quad-City Arts said the grant money helps her organization gain much-needed exposure.

"Greater exposure helps people view the arts as a crucial component of a healthy society," she added.



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2006 GRANTS

Here are the Riverboat Development Authority grant awards for November 2006 that were announced Monday by the nonprofit agency that holds the riverboat gambling license for the Rhythm City Casino in Davenport. The total granted was \$1,469,935. The applicant is listed first, followed by the project and then the amount of the grant:

Ballet Quad-Cities, world premiere at the Adler Theatre, \$25,000

Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Society, 36th annual Bix Jazz Fest, \$25,000

Boy Scouts of America/Illowa Council Inc. No. 133, replace telephone system, \$11,000

Buffalo Bill Museum, LeClaire, Iowa, Save The Lone Star Steamer project, \$10,000

Center For Active Seniors Inc (CASI), Blarney Ball, \$25,000

Child Abuse Prevention and Services Council, 2007 Lifesaver Campaign lead sponsorship, \$15,000

Churches United, Quad-City Hunger Ministries, \$10,000

Community Foundation of the Great River Bend, Viewpoint, \$25,000

Davenport Schools Foundation, transportation and admissions \$25,000

City of Davenport, * fiber-optic emergency communications, \$34,000

City of Davenport, River Renaissance walkway (8), \$125,000

City of Davenport, fire department fire prevention and education, \$3,000

City of Davenport, Leisure Facilities and Services Junge Park improvements, \$20,000

City of Davenport, Levee Improvement Commission Centennial Park recreation corridor, \$60,000

DavenportOne Partnership, truck purchase, \$10,000

DavenportOne, D1 Initiative, \$40,000

City of Eldridge, park message centers \$2,000

Family Museum of Arts and Science Foundation, 10 Years of Family Fun, \$35,000

Family Resources Inc., renovation of Leslie youth residential building, \$20,000

German-American Heritage Center, elevator tower façade, \$50,000

Gilda's Club Quad-Cities, roof replacement, \$18,000



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Great River Bend Services Inc., community college after-hours transit, \$13,500

Great River Revelry, \$25,000

Hand In Hand, programs for children/special needs adaptive programs, \$7,800

Handicapped Development Center, mechanical lifting devices, \$4,200

Jewish Federation of the Quad-Cities, Jewish music series, \$7,500

Jewish Federation of the Quad-Cities, co-existence exhibit, \$25,000

John Lewis Coffee Shop Inc., shelter campaign, \$25,000

Junior Achievement of the Quad-City Area Inc., Exchange City, \$8,335

Keep Scott County Beautiful, Mississippi River palette, \$25,000

Lutheran Social Services of Iowa, alternative to suspension program, \$6,000

Miss Iowa Scholarship Management Corp., Iowa's Got Talent: statewide talent search, \$10,000

Mississippi Valley Blues Society Festival, community signage, \$8,000

Mississippi Valley Girl Scouts Council, Girl Scouts outreach, \$11,000

Museum Of Art Foundation, * Figge Art Center capital campaign, \$50,000

New Ground Theatre, "Living Here: New Plays From New Ground," \$10,000

Open Cities Film Society, John V. Bloom: Iowa Public Television, \$25,000

Palmer College Foundation, Learning Resource Center, \$25,000

Putnam Museum of History and Natural Science, Engaging Exhibits (2), \$50,000

Quad-Citians Affirming Diversity, office equipment upgrade, \$12,000

Q-C Arts, The Economy of Creativity, \$12,000

Quad-City Botanical Center Foundation, 2007 fundraising partnership, \$13,000

Quad-City Convention & Visitors Bureau, regional radio advertising, \$25,000

Quad-City Graduate Study Center, Bringing the Brain to School (2), \$5,600

Quad-City Interfaith Inc., office relocation and upgrade, \$2,500

Quad-City Jazz Festival Ltd., Polyrhythms: jazz series at RME, \$21,000



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Quad-City Labyrinth Project, Labyrinth as a Path of Peace, \$5,000

Quad-City Senior Olympics Inc., 17th annual Senior Olympics, \$5,000

Quad-City Symphony Orchestra Association, music director/conductor search, \$20,000

River Action Inc., Riverway public education program, \$10,000

River Center for the Performing Arts, Adler Theater renovations (3), \$40,000

River Music Experience, Stomp the Violence: Find Your Peace, \$25,500

Safer Foundation of Iowa, Youth Empowerment Program, \$25,000

Salvation Army of the Quad-Cities, passenger van for The Arc, \$10,000

Scott County Board of Supervisors, Senior Citizens Holiday Light Tour, \$3,500

Scott County Family Y, capital campaign challenge (3), \$50,000

Scott County Housing Council, rehab of single- and multi-family housing (2), \$50,000

Scott County Sheriff's Department, emergency response light truck, \$15,000

Senior Voice, senior housing program, \$3,500

Speedway Fire Rescue, radio communications, \$15,000

Aging Inc., assistance for aging service providers, \$15,000

Supplemental Emergency Assistance Program, client emergency funding, \$40,000

United Neighbors Inc., summer parks employment program, \$40,000

United Neighbors Inc., neighborhood improvement program, \$15,000

Up With Families, Davenport, retreat weekend, \$5,000

Vera French Community Mental Health Center, purchase replacement truck, \$10,000

World Community Institute, visiting fellow lecture series, \$2,000

WQPT-TV, technology upgrade, \$25,000

WVIK-FM, Public Radio Foundation membership leverage, \$25,000

* previously approved project.