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MRHD to Announce Recipients of its Impact Match Grant Awards, \$1.2 Million in Total

SIoux CITY – Missouri River Historical Development (MRHD) will announce the recipients of their 2023 Impact Match Grant at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center on Wednesday, October 25th, at 10AM. In total, \$1.2 million will be awarded to 15 local organizations. This event is open to the public and media.

MRHD's Impact Match Grant is a competitive grant opportunity that provides qualified applicants up to \$250,000 for one year to support larger-scale proposals that create significant impact in addressing needs of the community and the organization's work. It requires a 25% match and MRHD reimburses the grant award after the project has been completed.

Grants will be awarded in 5 categories:

- Economic Development, Community Improvement and Tourism,
- Human Services and Health Services,
- Civic, Public, Patriotic, Charitable & Religious,
- Leisure, Cultural and Historical, and
- Education.

Steve Huisenga, MRHD Board President, will make the opening and closing remarks. Angie Schrunk, Chair of the Impact Match Grant Committee, will announce the grant recipients during the awards ceremony. Refreshments, photos, and networking will take place during the reception following the awards ceremony.

"MRHD is pleased to announce this year's Impact Match Grant awards," says Steve Huisenga, MRHD President. "This year 15 non-profits and local governmental agencies will be awarded a cumulative total of \$1.2 million. We're thankful for our partnership with Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sioux City, which allows us to distribute these funds, and know that the grants are going to have a huge impact in the Siouxland Community" says Huisenga.

MRHD has invested more than \$30 million into Woodbury County and the Siouxland Community since its partnership with the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino - Sioux City was formed in 2014, and the organization has invested more than \$50 million since its inception in 1989.

Iowa law requires casino operators to partner with a nonprofit charitable organization within the county where the casino is located to serve as its Qualified Sponsoring Organization (QSO) for gaming licensing purposes. MRHD is the QSO that holds the license for gaming in Woodbury County. In exchange for use of MRHD's gaming license, the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino provides MRHD funding to distribute into the community for charitable purposes.

For more information about MRHD, or the 2023 Impact Match Grant awards ceremony and reception, contact MRHD Executive Director, David Gleiser at: (712) 899-6631, or execdir@mrhdiowa.org.

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