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MRHD Awards \$500,000 to 31 Siouxland Organizations

SIOUX CITY – Missouri River Historical Development (MRHD) distributed \$500,000 in grant funds to 31 local Siouxland organizations as part of their annual Target Grant awards ceremony and reception yesterday at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center. Nearly 100 people representing various nonprofit organizations and local governments attended.

MRHD's Target Grant program offers funding awards up to \$25,000 for 1-year to support a variety of projects or programs in 5 categories: 1.) Civic, Public, Charitable, Patriotic, Religious; 2.) Economic Development, Community Improvement, Tourism; 3.) Education; 4.) Human Services, Health Services; and 5.) Leisure, Cultural, Historical.

The Target Grant is intended to address short-term projects or capacity building items. Matching funds are not required, and it is not renewable.

"The Target grants we distributed today ranged from \$2,075 to \$25,000," said Steve Huisenga, MRHD Board President. "They are the direct result of MRHD's ongoing mission of enhancing the quality of life for all people who live in Woodbury County," said Huisenga. "Of course, none of this would be possible if it weren't for our great partners at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sioux City."

MRHD is the non-profit organization that holds the license for gaming in Woodbury County. Its funding is generated from an agreement between MRHD and Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sioux City which allows Hard Rock to run a gaming operation in Woodbury County using MRHD's gaming license.

Since MRHD and Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sioux City formed their partnership in 2014, MRHD has invested over \$30 million in the community. MRHD has provided more than \$49 million in local grant funding for projects that improve the quality of life for people in Woodbury County since their grants program began in 1994.

MRHD Board Members Chris Groves and Dave Bernstein announced the awards by category type and MRHD President, Steve Huisenga handed out the grant payment checks.

In total, 31 local Siouxland organizations received \$500,000 in total for projects within the 5 categories below.

1. Civic, Public, Charitable, Patriotic, Religious = \$201,310
2. Economic Development, Community Improvement, Tourism = \$42,128
3. Education = \$90,384
4. Human Services, Health Services = \$82,865
5. Leisure, Cultural, Historical = \$83,313

Of the 31 awarded organizations, 26 were from Woodbury County, 3 were from Plymouth County, and 2 from Dakota County, NE. Listed below is the complete listing of the MRHD 2023 Target Grant Award Recipients, along with a short description of their project and the amount they received.

Civic, Public, Charitable, Patriotic, Religious	Economic Development, Community Improvement, Tourism	Education	Human Services, Health Services	Leisure, Cultural, Historical
<p>Bronson Volunteer Fire Dept. New Pumper/Tanker and Equipment \$25,000</p> <p>Hope Redemption Services Redeeming Can Trailers \$14,541</p> <p>Housing American Heroes Utility Trailer \$16,500</p> <p>Knights of Columbus #5660 Troop Trailer and Gear Replacement \$20,950</p> <p>Lawton Firefighters Association New Brush Truck and Equipment \$25,000</p> <p>Mary's Choice Security Updates \$16,000 (Continue to next page)</p>	<p>Downtown Partners Downtown Alley Lighting \$25,000</p> <p>Mid America Museum of Aviation & Transportation Grading and Earthwork \$17,128</p>	<p>Angel House Child Care at Villa Maria Replacement of Windows \$10,000</p> <p>Hinton Community School Band Instrument Replacement \$25,000</p> <p>Kingsley Pierson Community Schools Art Kiln and Pug Mill \$10,384</p> <p>Northwest Area Education Agency Furniture \$10,000</p> <p>Sergeant Bluff-Luton Community School District Digital Anatomy Table \$10,000</p> <p>(Continue to next page)</p>	<p>Center for Siouxland HVAC and Security Upgrades \$21,704</p> <p>Heartland Counseling Services Furniture & Storage \$20,718</p> <p>Lutheran Services in Iowa Handrail & Baby Changing Station \$2,705</p> <p>Rosecrance Foundation Therapeutic Recreation Equipment \$10,000</p> <p>Siouxland Community Health Center Irrigation and Landscape Improvements \$8,838 (Continue to next page)</p>	<p>City of Pierson Park Story Book Trail \$7,500</p> <p>City of Sioux City Cone Mountain Bike Trail Development Project \$25,000</p> <p>Diablos Football Club Soccer Equipment \$20,813</p> <p>Sioux City Museum & Historical Association Peirce Mansion Tuckpointing Project \$25,000</p> <p>Siouxland African Association Annual Siouxland African Festival \$5,000</p>

<p>Moville Firefighters Association 500 gal. Skid Unit to Build New Brush Truck \$24,000</p> <p>Siouxland Cyclists Bike Storage Container, Shelving and Repair Equipment \$8,224</p> <p>Siouxland Foster Closet Interior and Exterior Improvements \$10,000</p> <p>Sloan Community Fire & Ambulance Dept. Advanced Monitor/Defibrillator \$25,000</p> <p>Woodbury County Sheriff's Office SWAT Equipment \$16,095</p>		<p>Sioux City East High School Band High School Marching Band Uniforms \$25,000</p>	<p>St. John's Lutheran Church Food Pantry Freezer and Storage Shelves \$8,900</p> <p>Sunrise Retirement Community Fall Prevention Therapy Equipment \$10,000</p>	
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Once the awards ceremony concluded, attendees enjoyed a reception in the next room where light refreshments were provided, while networking and taking photos.

For more information regarding MRHD's Target Grant program, please contact MRHD Executive Director, David Gleiser at: (712) 899-6631, or execdir@mrhdiowa.org.

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