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MRHD to Announce Recipients of 2024 Community Event Grant

SIOUX CITY – Missouri River Historical Development (MRHD) will announce the recipients of their 2024 Community Event Grant at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center on Thursday, March 28th, at 10 AM. In total, \$50,000 will be awarded to 18 local organizations. This event is open to the public and media.

The MRHD Community Event Grant is a competitive grant opportunity that provides qualified applicants up to \$10,000 for eighteen months to support a variety of events in Woodbury County.

Grant funds may be used to develop, market, and implement new or existing events that improve the quality of life for Woodbury County residents and have the potential to attract visitors to the community or enhance a participant's experience.

Eligible events must be open to the public and provide general admission for free, or charge a nominal fee, and they must align with at least one of MRHD's grant focus areas:

- 1. Economic Development, Community Improvement, Tourism
- 2. Human Services, Health Services
- 3. Civic, Public, Charitable, Patriotic, Religious
- 4. Leisure, Cultural, Historical
- 5. Education

MRHD is the non-profit Qualified Sponsoring Organization that holds the license for casino gaming in Woodbury County and receives funding from an agreement with Hard Rock Hotel & Casino – Sioux City. Under Iowa law, a percentage of the casino's gaming revenues is allocated to MRHD for community development.

Since 1989, MRHD has invested more than \$52 Million into Woodbury County and the Siouxland community through grants funded by casino gaming revenue.

For more information about MRHD, or the 2024 Community Event Grant program, contact MRHD Executive Director, David Gleiser at: (712) 899-6631, or: <u>execdir@mrhdiowa.org</u>.