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MRHD to open application process for 'Fall Grants' totaling \$1 million

SIOUX CITY, Iowa (May 28, 2019) - Missouri River Historical Development, Inc. (MRHD) will open its "Fall Grants" program July 1 using an online application process at www.mrhdiowa.org.

"Fall Grants" of \$25,000 to \$250,000 will be awarded for a total distribution of \$1 million. Recipients must have a 25-percent match. In-kind contributions may be used for half the match. Funds must be used by the group awarded the grant.

MRHD's "Fall Grants" program is open to Woodbury, Plymouth, Ida, Cherokee, Crawford and Monona County-based, non-profit organizations and public entities. Counties outside Woodbury County must show a benefit to Woodbury County residents. Nebraska and South Dakota applicants are not eligible for MRHD grants.

Applicants must qualify in one of five categories: Economic Development, Community Improvement and Tourism; Human Services and Health Services; Civic, Public, Patriotic, Charitable & Religious; Leisure, Cultural and Historical; and Education.

Organizations that received a MRHD grant in the past 12 months, excluding MRHD Holiday Gifts, are not eligible for a 2019 "Fall Grant." Likewise, organizations that have not closed a past MRHD grant may not apply for a 2019 "Fall Grant."

Each application must include the project's line-item budget; a written bid, invoice or documentation per budget line-item cost; and a drawing, photograph, rough draft, illustration or detailed description of the completed project. Each application must describe how MRHD will be recognized upon completion of the project.

Organizations that cannot submit an online application request for a 2019 "Fall Grant" may call MRHD Executive Director Mark Monson for assistance at 712-204-1015. The application-

request deadline is August 1. Completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted online by 4:30 p.m. Aug. 15. Grants will be awarded Sept. 18 at the Betty Strong Encounter Center.

Non-profit verification required

To begin the “Fall Grants” process, applicants must submit verification of their non-profit status to mark@mudflap.com July 1 through Aug. 1st. Non-profit (501.c3) organizations may obtain their Certificate of Existence from the Iowa Secretary of State website:

<https://sos.iowa.gov/>

Governmental agencies/entities (federal, state, county, city, schools, divisions or departments thereof) must submit a letter of authorization to mark@mudflap.com from their operating officer (superintendent, mayor, chair) stating that the governmental entity has approval to apply for and receive grant funds. The “Fall Grants” application must be made in the name of the governing board; the project must be for the division or department applying for the grant.

Upon verification of required status, a password for the online application form will be sent to the applicant.

Grants *will not* be awarded if funds go to: other non-profit grant programs; general funds; endowments; foundations; scholarships; capital campaigns or as replacement for monies already allocated; individuals; political action committees; lobbyists; lobbying efforts; payroll; taxes; insurance; salaries; special salaries; volunteer incentives; reimbursements; office supplies (paper, pens, pencils, envelopes, stamps, phones); general operating expenses; or any entity, organization, group or agency which uses an established non-profit entity as a vehicle to obtain grant funds.

MRHD Grants benefit many organizations

A non-profit organization, MRHD has the license to conduct gaming in Woodbury County. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sioux City has the license to operate gaming in Woodbury County.

Since its grant programs began in 1994, MRHD’s total contributions to non-profit organizations and governmental entities that serve Woodbury County have added up to more than \$35 million. Additionally, MRHD has pledged \$2 million to Woodbury County recreational, cultural and arts projects.

MRHD was formed in 1989 when Woodbury County voters approved a referendum that sanctioned riverboat gaming. A second referendum passed by 75 percent in 2002. A third passed by more than 75 percent in 2010.

