

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

TO: Washington County Area Media

FROM: Jim Logan, Administrative Assistant  
Washington County Riverboat Foundation

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RE: WCRF Announces \$1,703,141 in Competitive Grant Awards

RIVERSIDE, IA. The Washington County Riverboat Foundation (WCRF) is pleased to announce 38 grants totaling **\$1,703,141** in Fall 2014 awards through its **Competitive Grant** program. Applications were due October 8, 2014 for this round of grants.

The WCRF Board of Directors made the decision on grant awards at its November 19th Board meeting. WCRF Board President, Patty Koller, congratulated the award winners and commented that the “grant awards were for excellent projects around the area that will serve diverse and important needs”. The Foundation Board is pleased to assist area nonprofit organizations and local governments to complete projects that might not happen without our financial support.”

Ms. Koller announced the following Competitive Grant awards at the November 19th meeting:

	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Grant</u>
1	Highland Community Schools	Highland Robotics	\$2,200
2	St James Elementary	Interactive Mimios	\$6,258
3	City of Ainsworth	City Sign	\$6,140
4	House of Heroes	Home Improvement	\$10,000
5	Riverside Fire Department	Ladder Truck	\$125,000
6	YMCA of Washington County	Soccer Field Final Touches	\$14,807
7	United Way of Johnson & Washington Counties	Summerships	\$4,200
8	Columbus Jct. Community Schools	Giving Youth A Voice	\$2,500
9	Washington Parks Department	Park Bench Replacement	\$8,176
10	City of Wellman	Parkside Hall Partitions	\$9,000
11	Lord's Cupboard	Holiday Meal Boxes	\$7,400
12	Sunrise Child Care	Gym and Playground Equipment	\$1,304
13	Washington County Communication	Text Messaging Program	\$2,000

14	Mid Prairie School Foundation	Athletic Complex	\$200,000
15	City of Keota	Cemetery Stone Repairs	\$7,680
16	Washington County Coalition	Shelter Meals Program	\$5,000
17	Iowa Public Television	Darling is Back	\$40,000
18	Wash County Pheasants Forever	Banquet Supplies	\$4,000
19	Washington Community Theater	Auditorium and Stage Roof	\$66,000
20	Columbus Softball Association	Youth Sports Expansion	\$8,406
21	WACO Music Boosters	Drum Line Equipment	\$5,000
22	Keota VFW Post 4716	Veterans Memorial	\$50,000
23	City of Wellman	Community Beautification	\$7,000
24	Friends of Center Point Library	Library Furnishings	\$7,000
25	City of Kalona	Community Center Renovation	\$90,000
26	City of Keota	Paperless Tough Pad	\$2,398
27	Wilson Library	Computers for the Library	\$8,910
28	Keota Community Schools	Senior Lounge Laptops	\$3,000
29	WCDC, Inc.	Window Replacement	\$7,000
30	Systems Unlimited	Mental Health Services	\$5,000
31	Midwest Central Railroad	Engine 2 Restoration	\$30,000
32	Highland Community Schools	Playground Improvement	\$45,322
33	City of Washington	Business Park	\$125,000
34	Community Foundation Wash County	Banquet Supplies	\$1,794
35	Riverside Area Community Club	Tourism Signage	\$2,600
36	Take A Kid Outdoors, Inc.	Take a Kid Outdoors	\$22,546
37	Mid-Prairie Community Schools	Soccer Field Lights	\$10,500
38	Wesley Retirement Services	Dementia and Health Center	\$750,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,703,141</b>

Ms. Koller encouraged area non-profit organizations and local governments to submit applications for upcoming grant cycles.

The WCRF is the nonprofit license holder for the Riverside Casino & Golf Resort, which provides all of its funding.

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