

MEDIA RELEASE

TO: Washington County Area Media

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RE: WCRF Announces \$747,511 in Competitive Grant Awards

RIVERSIDE, IA. The Washington County Riverboat Foundation (WCRF) is pleased to announce 32 grants totaling **\$747,511** in Spring 2015 awards through its **Competitive Grant** program. Applications were due April 8, 2015 for this round of grants.

The WCRF Board of Directors made the decision on grant awards at its May 6th Board meeting. WCRF Board President, Mike Driscoll, 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.”

Mr. Driscoll announced the following Competitive Grant awards at the May 6th meeting:

#	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Grant</u>
1	Eastern Iowa Honor Flight	Honor Flight	\$10,000
2	Washington Parks Department	Ballfield Improvements	\$31,650
3	Highland Community Schools	1 to the World	\$30,000
4	Ss. Peter & Paul Heritage Assoc	Roof Replacement	\$10,000
5	City of West Chester	Storm Pipe Installation	\$17,416
6	St James Elementary	Additional Classroom Space	\$10,582
7	Keota Fire Department	Fire Engine	\$25,000
8	YMCA of Washington County	Pool Repairs	\$13,430
9	Washington Community Schools	Middle School Band Instruments	\$10,000
10	Washington County Sheriff	K-9 Fundraiser	\$21,000
11	Ainsworth Community Together	Cabinets & Tables	\$8,525
12	Washington County Historical Society	Archival Storage	\$2,900
13	City of Kalona	City Park Amenities	\$20,000
14	United Church of Crawfordsville	Facility Update	\$35,635
15	Main Street Washington	Washington Incentive Fund	\$30,000
16	Highland Community Schools	Gym Floor Replacement	\$35,000
17	Holy Trinity Catholic Church	Sound System Update	\$4,208
18	Ainsworth Fire Department	Emergency Vehicle	\$23,200

19	GIVE Foundation	Golf Tournament	\$10,000
20	Mid-Prairie Community Schools	Elementary MacBook's	\$60,500
21	The Vocational Training Council	CCA STEM Center	\$28,600
22	Kalona Chamber of Commerce	Electronics Upgrade	\$5,000
23	WEDG	2015 Laborshed Analysis	\$9,000
24	Mid-Prairie School Foundation	Feed The Kids	\$15,000
25	Washington Fire Department	Fire Truck Replacement	\$25,000
26	City of Crawfordsville	Water Tower Painting	\$14,400
27	City of West Chester	Water Plant Improvements	\$3,600
28	Lake Darling Youth Center	Activity Room Upgrade	\$6,500
29	Washington Community Schools	Case Field Bleachers	\$68,365
30	City of Wellman	Ballfield Improvements	\$13,000
31	Wayland Fire Department	Fire Truck	\$50,000
32	University of Iowa Foundation	Childrens Hospital Furnishings	\$100,000
Total			\$747,511

Mr. Driscoll 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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