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## Black Hawk County Gaming Association Awards \$7,335,113

WATERLOO – The Black Hawk County Gaming Association is pleased to announce the award of \$7,335,113 to 3 government entities and 7 nonprofit organizations in Black Hawk County this fall.

This includes the largest single grant made by the organization to date; \$6.5 million to support the City of Waterloo’s massive renovations to Gates and Byrnes Park. The project is set to begin April 2023, with the grant being paid out over the next five years.

“The City of Waterloo has spent significant time developing plans to improve neighborhoods and create spaces for everyone to enjoy,” said Executive Director, Emily Hanson. “We are proud to partner on this innovative project that will help instill a new sense of community pride.”

Additionally, Black Hawk County Gaming Association Board of Directors elected to fund the following projects on April 18, 2022:

Organization Name	Project Name	Awarded
City of Waterloo	Transforming Gates and Byrnes Parks	\$6,500,000
Hawkeye Community College	Smart Automation Certification Alliance Training Center	\$500,000
Black Hawk County Sheriff’s Office	Evidence Processing Facility	\$200,000
One City United	OCU Classroom	\$34,000
Back 2 Basics Inc.	Back 2 Basics Youth Empowerment Program	\$25,000
Cedar Valley Soccer	Mission Playground: Cedar Valley Soccer Club	\$24,000
UrbanDevelopers	UrbanDevelopers Coding Clubs	\$20,000
EMBARC	Community-Based Support for Refugee/Immigrant Students	\$20,000
Cedar Valley Makers	CV Laser Cutter	\$9,773
Waterloo Rowing Club	Oars and Monitors Project	\$2,340
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,335,113</b>

Revenue for the Black Hawk County Gaming Association comes from the contracted fees received from the Isle Casino Hotel. Since its inception in 2007, the Black Hawk County Gaming Association has gifted over \$68 million to 637 different projects in seven counties and 51 cities in Northeast Iowa.

Next week, the organization will begin it’s out of county grant cycle which will conclude in August. The next Black Hawk County Grant Cycle opens September 1, 2022. Visit [bhcgga.org](http://bhcgga.org) for further details on funding guidelines or contact staff at 319-433-1153 to address any additional questions.

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