

**Memorandum**  
**Community & Economic Development Department**



**To:** Thomas Thomas, City Manager  
**Subject:** Recommendations for 2015 Gaming Grant Funds  
**Date:** November 5, 2014

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The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) completed its task of allocating 2015 Gaming Grant monies on October 16, 2014. A public hearing for the Gaming Grant was held on November 3, 2014 to fulfill the City's Citizen Participation Plan. City Council has the authority to make final funding allocation decisions. The Gaming Grant process schedule suggests that Council approve allocations on November 10, 2014.

The attached spreadsheet shows the CAC's recommendations for 2015 Gaming Grant funds. The CAC reviewed and abided by City Council's policies when considering allocations.

In order to assist the Council in its decision-making process, staff has attached a statement from Chairman Lori Roderick and the spreadsheet summarizing the Gaming Grant applications that were considered by the CAC. Individual applications and minutes of the Review and Allocation Meetings are available upon request.

Recommendation: City Council to approve the Gaming Grant allocation amounts as recommended by the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

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Approved: Thomas Thomas, City Manager



October 23, 2014

Mayor Dennis Pauley & City Council Members  
City of Rock Island  
1528 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, IL 61201

Dear Mayor Pauley and City Council Members:

The Citizen's Advisory Committee has completed their review of the Gaming Grant funding requests for the 2015 calendar year. We enjoyed learning more about the programs and services that help our residents thrive and support their health and well-being. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this important process. I plan to present our recommendation for funding allocations to you on Monday, November 3, 2014. The Committee agrees that the budget presented will disburse monies in a way that benefits Rock Island citizens and Rock Island businesses with priority given to businesses within our city limits that provide services to the youth in our community.

The committee budgeted \$50,000 for this round of Gaming Grant allocations, the same amount that has been allocated since the inception of the program. Each committee member reviewed 25 grant applications, heard presentations and had questions answered by all applicants. We utilized an individual scoring mechanism with eight categories that corresponded to the most critical components of the grant application. Scores were tallied for each applicant and committee discussions on funding levels for the top grants were conducted without the name of the applicant revealed. This process ensured a fair and open discussion about the merit of the request with less chance for individual bias and advocacy. The Committee received funding requests totaling \$125,863.60. With a shortfall of \$75,163.60, we recommend awarding funds to 14 organizations. Grant applications scoring below our top 14 also had merit and the committee would have been comfortable funding several additional projects and programs if funding had been available.

Gaming grant funds enable the City and social service providers to offer assistance to those in our City with the greatest needs. The task of allocating these monies in a manner that affects the greatest good is certainly difficult, but fulfilling. As a Rock Island citizen, I am thankful we have the funds, staffing, and the will to deliver these programs to our community. I am happy to answer any questions you may have concerning our allocations at the hearing on November 3rd. Please do not hesitate to contact me in advance, if necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori Roderick', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lori Roderick, Chairman  
Citizens Advisory Committee

## 2015 GAMING - FUNDING REQUESTS

Agency	Program	Proposed Program Accomplishments	Total Program Cost	2015 Request	CAC Recommendation
Community Housing Solutions	Community Policing Program	To pay for one liaison officer for 2015 to support the community policing program to provide public safety needs of persons living in affordable housing communities	\$ 104,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	4,750.00
Spring Forward Learning Center	After School Program	To provide free after school tutoring to approximately 300 at risk youth at five Rock Island school locations.	\$ 63,180.00	\$ 10,000.00	5,872.45
Arrowhead Youth & Family Services (Rock Island Location)	Strategies to Succeed, Conducting Accordingly, Individual and Family Therapy	Of the applied amount, \$1,200 will be utilized to pay for 6 youth to take part in the Strategies to Succeed program for a duration of 16 weeks at 1 hour per session. \$3,750 will be utilized to pay for 5 clients (youth and/or families) who cannot afford individual and family therapy services. \$250 will be utilized to help pay for parents that cannot afford sessions for the Conducting Accordingly program.	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 5,200.00	4,680.00
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois	Rock Island Outreach Program	Provide youth development experiences to 450 disadvantaged girls in Rock Island.	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	4,500.00
Quad Cities Community Broadcasting Group, Inc.	WGVV Educational Outreach Programming	To pay for media and production costs to re-establish the WGVV/RISD #41 "Stay in School" radio programming	\$ 90,920.00	\$ 3,000.00	2,550.00
Youth Service Bureau of Rock Island County	Individual, Family, and Group Counseling	The grant allows YSB staff to provide 53 hours of counseling to low-income families.	\$ 354,321.00	\$ 5,000.00	4,250.00
Community Health Care	Vaccine Thermometers	Purchase of two vaccine thermometers to monitor temperatures in vaccine refrigerators and freezers	\$ 2,941.00	\$ 1,483.00	1,260.55
Genesius Foundation	Theatre Internships	Provide technical internships which offer a \$250 stipend to two students for four summer productions	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	1,600.00
SAL Family and Community Services	Open Door	Assist Rock Island families and individuals in crisis situations with one-time subsidies. This can benefit approximately 5-750 individuals depending on what type of assistance is requested on a first come, first serve basis.	\$ 26,280.00	\$ 5,000.00	4,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters	One-to-One Youth Mentoring	Create 70 new mentor relationships	\$ 203,600.00	\$ 4,000.00	3,200.00
Christian Care	Mental Health Care for the Homeless and the Abused	To help pay for salaries for case management/advocacy for both men and women clientele.	\$ 166,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	4,000.00
Prairie State Legal Services	Legal Services	To hire one law student intern during the summer to provide legal services for eligible clients	\$ 5,616.00	\$ 4,116.00	3,087.00
Figge Art Museum	The Big Picture Outreach Program	To help pay for outreach educators for the Big Picture outreach program. This program typically serves about 7,100 students in the Rock Island/Milan school system.	\$ 116,250.00	\$ 6,000.00	2,500.00
Bethany for Children & Families	Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth	Provide temporary housing, monthly living expenses, case management and other services to 12-14 homeless youth (ages 16-21, male and female).	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	3,750.00
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley	Outreach to Rock Island Schools	Fund MetroLink bus passes for 25 students at Washington and Edison Middle Schools and Rock Island High school to travel to the Boys & Girls Club in Moline	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	-
Supplemental Emergency Assistance Program, Inc. (SEAP)	Emergency Financial Assistance	Emergency assistance for approximately 10 households with an average of \$150 of financial assistance per household.	\$ 307,524.00	\$ 1,500.00	-