

Regional Development Authority awards grants totaling almost \$2 million

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The Regional Development Authority (RDA) Board met at Rhythm City Casino Resort on May 7 to approve 54 grant awards totaling \$1,975,156. These grants support a wide range of community development efforts in the Quad Cities region for economic development, arts & culture, human services, and education. The awards include payments for three Transformational Initiatives (2025 awards), four multicycle payments for past commitments and 47 new general community grants.

RDA began a new grants program in 2025 called ‘Transformational Initiatives’ to address larger community challenges by providing larger grants paid over three years. These grants are awarded to proposals that address RDA’s strategic priority areas of affordable housing, childcare, mental health, economic development, life skills, safety net or violence prevention.

[RDA Grants for Spring 2026](#)

For Transformational Initiatives, RDA approved second payments to:

- Quad Cities Housing Council (Collaborative Signature Housing initiative);
- Project Potential (nonprofit sector partnership to develop an innovative human services campus); and
- River Bend Food Bank (accelerate fulfillment of three strategic objectives to increase their ability to respond to the region’s hunger challenges).

This new grant opportunity is offered once a year and will be opened again on June 1 for 2026 awards. Click [here](#) for more information.