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MRHD ‘Fall Grants’ workshop June 27 at Encounter Center

SIoux CITY, Iowa (June 6, 2018) – Missouri River Historical Development, inc. (MRHD) will host a free “Fall Grants” workshop from 5 to 6:30 p.m. June 27 at the Betty Strong Encounter Center. All non-profits and governmental entities are invited to attend. Registration is not required.

Participants will learn about eligibility and application requirements for MRHD’s “Fall Grants” of \$25,000 to \$250,000.

Requests for “Fall Grants” online application forms will be accepted July 2 through July 27. Completed applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. Aug. 15. “Fall Grants” will be awarded Sept. 26 at the Betty Strong Encounter Center.

MRHD’s “Fall Grants” program is open to Woodbury, Plymouth, Ida, Cherokee, Crawford and Monona County-based, non-profit organizations and public entities. Counties outside Woodbury County must show a benefit to Woodbury County residents. Nebraska and South Dakota applicants are not eligible for MRHD grants.

Applicants must qualify in one of five categories: Economic Development, Community Improvement and Tourism; Human Services and Health Services; Civic, Public, Patriotic, Charitable & Religious; Leisure, Cultural and Historical; and Education.

Organizations that received a MRHD grant in the past 12 months, excluding MRHD Holiday Gifts, are not eligible for a 2018 “Fall Grant.” Likewise, organizations that have not closed a past MRHD grant may not apply for a 2018 “Fall Grant.”

A non-profit organization, MRHD has the license to conduct gaming in Woodbury County. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sioux City has the license to operate gaming in Woodbury County.

Since its grant programs began in 1994, MRHD's total contributions to non-profit organizations and governmental entities that serve Woodbury County have added up to more than \$32 million. Additionally, MRHD has pledged \$2.25 million to Woodbury County recreational, cultural and arts projects.

MRHD was formed in 1989 when Woodbury County voters approved a referendum that sanctioned riverboat gaming. A second referendum passed by 75 percent in 2002. A third passed by more than 75 percent in 2010.