

Tourism Attractions and Festivals Grants – Recipients

Grantee	Location of Festival/Attraction	Funding Amount	Description
Academy of the Arts	Naperville	\$250,000.00	Construction of a theater and performing arts center in Naperville
Anderson Gardens (Rockford)	Rockford	\$150,000.00	Modify a parking facility at the Anderson Japanese Gardens in Rockford
Art on theMART Foundation	Chicago	\$355,000.00	Purchase of art installations for Art on theMART in Chicago
Berwyn Development Corporation	Berwyn	\$175,000.00	Funding to purchase portable bandshells and block party wagons for community events
Blair Thomas & Company	Chicago	\$424,000.00	Funding for the Chicago International Puppet Theater Festival (various locations in Chicago)
Carol Stream Park District	Carol Stream	\$37,637.52	Improving and upgrading McCaslin Park Sports Complex
Castle Ridge, LLC	Centralia	\$271,390.00	Funding for the Centralia Seasonal Music Festivals at Castle Ridge
Champaign-Urbana Adventures in Time and Space, LLC	Urbana	\$318,839.00	Support for a new interactive Critical Hit minigolf attraction to the Champaign-Urbana Adventures in Time and Space (CU Adventures) facility in Urbana
Chicago Architecture Biennial Inc.	Chicago	\$500,000.00	Chicago Architecture Biennial (CAB5)
Chicago Architecture Foundation	Chicago	\$51,545.00	City in a Snow Globe winter holiday exhibition at the Chicago Architecture Center
Chicago Thanksgiving Parade Foundation	Chicago	\$387,800.00	Funding for the Chicago Thanksgiving Parade
Chicago Zoological Society	Brookfield	\$350,000.00	Wings Around the World animal habitat expansion at the Brookfield Zoo
City of Aurora	Aurora	\$192,779.00	Funding for the Aurora Festival of Lights

City of Belleville	Belleville	\$424,850.00	Relocating and expanding Belleville's Old Town Farmer's Market
City of Carbondale	Carbondale	\$500,000.00	Improvements to Superblock, a sports multi-complex owned by the City of Carbondale
City of Centralia	Centralia	\$37,500.00	Install historic plaques and a street lighting canopy for the Historic Centralia Commercial District
City of Champaign	Champaign	\$500,000.00	Construction of the Neil Street Plaza in Champaign
City of Chicago (DCASE)	Chicago	\$500,000.00	Funding for the Taste of Chicago
City of Du Quoin	Du Quoin	\$62,250.00	Funding for the Du Quoin Holiday Lights Fair
City of Elgin	Elgin	\$191,651.00	Funding for Nightmare on Chicago Street in downtown Elgin
City of Geneva	Geneva	\$18,000.00	Funding to support various festivals including Geneva Arts Fair, Festival of the Vine, Christmas Walk and Swedish Days
City of Highland Park	Highland Park	\$142,800.00	Funding for multiple events at The Lot -- the City's dedicated event space
City of Marshall Public Library	Marshall	\$300,000.00	Improvements to the Clark County Genealogy Library in Marshall
City of Rockford	Rockford	\$500,000.00	Construction of a Great Lawn Open Canopy Stage at Davis Park along the Rock River in Rockford
City of Springfield	Springfield	\$499,878.00	Improvements to the North Mansion Block Plaza in Springfield
College of DuPage Foundation	Glen Ellyn	\$160,200.00	Support for Andy Warhol Portfolios: A Life in Pop exhibition at the College of DuPage
Community Education Network	Chicago	\$254,000.00	Funding for Juneteenth Village Fest at the Anna & Frederick Douglass Park on Chicago's West Side
Decatur Park District	Decatur	\$500,000.00	Improvements to the Devon G. Amphitheater in Decatur
DeKalb County History Center	Sycamore	\$500,000.00	Improvements to DeKalb County History Center in Sycamore
Discovery Center Museum of Rockford Inc	Rockford	\$15,000.00	Support for the Interactive Willow Garden Kaleidoscope Sculpture in the Kaleidoscope Corner of the Outdoor Science Park at the Discovery Center Museum in Rockford

Dundee Township Park District	West Dundee	\$200,000.00	Support to design and develop multiple areas as well as purchase and install interpretive signage at the Randall Oaks Zoo and Park in Dundee Township
Edwardsville Children's Museum	Edwardsville	\$90,000.00	Discovery Garden Expansion Project at the Edwardsville Children's Museum in Edwardsville
Elmhurst Art Museum	Elmhurst	\$42,500.00	Funding for the Art in Wilder Park Festival
Equiticity	Chicago	\$100,000.00	Funding for a series of ten Community bike rides/festivals to promote and support local small businesses in Chicago neighborhoods
Evanston History Center	Evanston	\$183,167.00	Restoration of the Charles Gates Dawes House in Evanston
Fox Valley Park District	Montgomery	\$500,000.00	Improvements to four existing dirt ballfield infields at the Fox Valley Park District's Stuart Sports Complex in Montgomery
Freeport Arts Center	Freeport	\$500,000.00	Renovate a historic building in Freeport's historic downtown district to create a new space for the Freeport Art Museum
Friends of Wildlife Prairie Park	Hanna City	\$150,970.00	Improvements to wolf and cougar enclosures and purchase of animals for Wildlife Prairie Park
Fulton Historical Society	Fulton	\$350,000.00	Improvements to the Fidelity-Drives Building in Fulton to expand the authentic full-scale Windmill and Windmill Cultural Center
German American Events LLC	Aurora	\$43,471.00	Funding for the Christkindlmarket Aurora winter festival
Grant Park Orchestral Association	Chicago	\$250,000.00	Funding for Grant Park Music Festival
Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau	Multiple locations	\$184,000.00	Purchase and installation of 10 self-serve kayak kiosks and interpretive panels along the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers in various locations in the region

Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation	Chicago	\$205,500.00	Funding for the 79th Street Renaissance Festival in Auburn Gresham
Greater Metropolis Convention & Visitors Bureau, INC.	Metropolis	\$106,350.00	Funding for the Metropolis Superman Celebration and the Fort Massac Encampment
Greater Waukegan Development Coalition	North Chicago	\$100,000.00	Funding for the inaugural Lake County Juneteenth Festival at Foss Park in North Chicago
GT Partners, LLC	Rockford	\$500,000.00	Restoration of the historic Times Theater in the West Downtown Rockford Historic District
Historic Dixon Theatre Group	Dixon	\$100,000.00	Hosting the 2022-23 season of The Dixon Historic Theatre
Hoogland Center for the Arts	Springfield	\$65,000.00	Support for a new marquee with electronic message boards for the Hoogland Center for the Arts in Springfield
Illinois Amish Information Exhibits Inc	Arthur	\$500,000.00	Construction of a visitor center and museum building at the Illinois Amish Heritage Center in Arthur
Illinois Craft Brewers Guild	Chicago	\$84,800.00	Funding for the Festival of Wood and Barrel Aged Beer (Chicago)
Illinois Restaurant Association	Chicago	\$247,000.00	Funding for the Chicago Gourmet event
Kane County Development and Community Service	Geneva	\$270,000.00	Construction of new canoe and kayak access sites and improvements to existing access sites along the Fox River Trail in Geneva
Lincoln Park Zoo	Chicago	\$450,000.00	Purchase and installation of a new digital and audio/visual platform at the Lincoln Park Zoo
Logan County Tourism Bureau	Lincoln	\$25,187.00	Improvements to the Mill Museum on Route 66 in Lincoln
Macomb Area Convention & Visitors Bureau	Macomb	\$40,000.00	Purchase and installation of the World's Largest Monopoly Game on the grounds of the McDonough County Courthouse in Macomb

Madison County Historical Society Inc	Edwardsville	\$19,600.00	Funding for the Living History Days festival at various locations in Edwardsville
Mercer County Family Young Men's Christian Association of Aledo	Mercer County - Multiple Locations	\$24,550.00	Funding for the Ride 17 Summer Festival in five local communities in Mercer County
Mt. Prospect Park District	Mt. Prospect	\$340,000.00	Improvements to the Friendship Park Conservatory and grounds in Mt. Prospect
Museum of Science and Industry	Chicago	\$136,417.93	Funding for "Pompeii: The Exhibition" exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago
Naper Settlement	Naperville	\$187,003.00	Funding for an event series at Naper Settlement
National Railroad Hall of Fame	Galesburg	\$478,414.00	Construct the National Railroad Hall of Fame in Galesburg
Navy Pier	Chicago	\$500,000.00	Funding for Light Up the Lake at Chicago's Navy Pier
Northlight Theatre, Inc. (Skokie)	Evanston	\$401,075.00	Support for architectural services for a new theatre and community center in Evanston
Oak Lawn Park District	Oak Lawn	\$345,000.00	Construction and enhancements to Centennial Park in the Oak Lawn Park District
Peoria Park District	Peoria	\$114,675.00	Funding for seven cultural festivals at the Peoria Riverfront
Poss Music Works NFP	Effingham	\$32,650.00	Funding for the Moccasin Creek Festival at Larson's Landing in Effingham
Preservation of Egyptian Theatre, Inc.	DeKalb	\$85,400.00	Improvements to the Egyptian Theater in DeKalb
Puerto Rican Cultural Center	Chicago	\$76,200.00	Renovation of an existing building in Chicago to create the Arturo Schomburg Afro Boricua Immersion Center
Quad City Symphony Orchestra Association	Rock Island	\$67,742.80	Funding for Masterworks concert series at Centennial Hall in Rock Island

Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau	Rockford	\$235,000.00	Funding for the Transformational Arts and Culture Festival in Rockford
Route History, Inc.	Springfield	\$500,000.00	Support for the construction of the Imagine Route 66 History building in Springfield
Schaumburg Park District	Schaumburg	\$500,000.00	Enhancements to Olympic Park in Schaumburg
Southern Illinois Airport Authority	Murphysboro	\$142,500.00	Funding for the Cascade of Colors event at the Southern Illinois Airport
Springfield Park District (Washington Park Botanical Garden)	Springfield	\$370,000.00	Replacement of the Washington Park Botanical Garden Conservatory Dome and other upgrades
Stumpy's Spirits Co.	Columbia	\$500,000.00	Construction of a visitor experience center at Stumpy's Sprits Distillery in Columbia
The City of Atlanta	Atlanta	\$37,584.00	Construction of a new Route 66 Land of the Giants Rest Stop on the grounds of the American Giants Museum
The Greater Centralia Chamber of Commerce	Centralia	\$50,000.00	Funding for the Centralia Balloon Fest at Foundation Park
The Magnificent Mile Association	Chicago	\$329,603.00	Funding for the Magnificent Mile Lights Festival
Uprising Theater	Chicago	\$243,811.75	Renovation of the Uprising Theater in Chicago's Avondale neighborhood
Vermilion County Conservation District	Danville	\$50,000.00	Replace the wood and metal dock system with EZ Docks at Lake Vermilion in Danville
Village of Fox Lake	Fox Lake	\$498,968.00	Revitalization of Lakefront Park in Fox Lake
Village of Hoffman Estates	Hoffman Estates	\$500,000.00	Improvements to the Village Green in Hoffman Estates
Village of Peoria Heights	Peoria Heights	\$16,572.00	Funding for the Taste of Peoria Heights, Peoria Heights Fine Arts Fair, and Christmas market

Village of Warrensburg	Warrensburg	\$19,500.00	Funding for the Warrensburg Corn Festival
Visit Champaign County	Champaign	\$475,000.00	Support for the development of the Champaign County African-American Heritage Trail, recreation area at Skelton Park, and interpretive programs
We Live Performing Art Center	Granite City	\$340,669.00	Improvements to the We Live Performing Arts Center in Granite City
Western Illinois Museum	Macomb	\$24,000.00	Upgrade the "Our Front Porch" space in the Western Illinois Museum in Macomb
Wheaton Park District	Wheaton	\$500,000.00	Building a new 250-space parking lot at the Cosley Zoo in Wheaton
World Wide Technology Raceway	Madison	\$500,000.00	Preparation for the 2023 NASCAR Cup Series Race at World Wide Technology Raceway in Madison