

Funding Guidelines & Procedures

Black Hawk County Gaming Association (BHC GA) is the corporation that holds and maintains the license to conduct gambling games in accordance with the Iowa Excursion Boat Gambling Act.

Contact us
before applying
to confirm
eligibility &
discuss project
timeline!

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Staff tip:

Unlike other Cedar Valley funders, we're a Qualified Sponsored Organization (QSO). This designation allows us to receive a contractual percentage of the Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo's gaming revenue, which we reinvest in the communities we serve each year.

Eligibility Requirements*:

To qualify for funding, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be a government entity or a nonprofit with a verifiable 501(c)3 status.
- Be located in, or have a project based in, one of our service counties.
- Not begin the project before the grant award date—only expenses incurred after the award date are eligible for reimbursement.

*For a complete list of guidelines and eligibility requirements, visit www.bhcg.org.

How Funds are Allocated Through Competitive Grants

90%

Black Hawk County
BHC GA primarily funds Black Hawk County projects, awarding **90%** of funds there.

<10%

Bremer, Butler & Grundy
Up to **10%** of annual revenue can fund projects outside of Black Hawk County.



FY26 Funding Calendar

Grant Cycle	Letters of Intent Due	Applications Due	Grants Awarded
1 <i>Summer</i> May - Aug 2025	May 21	June 18	Late Aug
2 <i>Fall</i> Sept - Dec 2025	Sept 22	Oct 20	Late Dec
3 <i>Spring</i> Jan - April 2026	Jan 26	Feb 19	Late Apr



Strong proposals focus on a clear community **need**, regional **impact**, & project **feasibility**—key priorities for our Board.

Include a **detailed** project budget that demonstrates **shared funding**, strong **organizational commitment**, & **itemized** project-specific expenses.

Demonstrate that your project has a **solid plan**, a **realistic timeline**, and can launch shortly **after** the award date.

For projects **outside Black Hawk County**, include **proof of application** to the local community foundation for the **same project** within the same calendar year.

Questions? Contact staff at 319-433-1153