## Section 1 - Introduction to Kane County Riverboat Fund Program

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1. The Kane County Riverboat Fund Program was created through a 1997 agreement between Kane County and the Elgin Riverboat Resort (Grand Victoria Foundation) authorized by Resolution 97-100 (and as amended 7/14/1998 - Res. 98-176; 4/10/2001 - Res. 01-101; 10/11/2005 - Res. 05-345).

2. This agreement provides for an annual contribution to Kane County of 7.5% of the net operating income from the Grand Victoria riverboat. The amount the County receives varies from year to year and is used to support the Riverboat Fund Program. The County sincerely thanks the Grand Victoria Foundation for their contribution that makes this program possible.

3. The funds collected are used for projects in the areas of Education, Environment, and Economic Development and are designed to serve as a financial aid to strengthen Kane County communities and government agencies with emphasis on addressing Kane County problems and providing long-term solutions.

4. Project funding is generally expected to be for capital purposes and not for ongoing operating expenses.

5. This is a reimbursement program. After a project has been approved, invoices are submitted for reimbursement.

6. Applications along with supporting documentation are submitted during an Open Enrollment Period. The next scheduled Open Enrollment Period begins November 2, 2009 and ends on January 8, 2010. Applications are available at the County website www.countyofkane.org under Community Investment Initiatives or by calling the Riverboat Fund Administrator.

7. A Riverboat Fund Subcommittee comprised of selected County Board members review the applications and make a list of recommended projects for consideration by the Kane County Board. The County Board approves the final list of projects.

8. After approval by the County Board applicants award grant funds must sign an Agreement, and will be required to submit requests for reimbursement forms and reports to the County during the course of the project.

9. The Riverboat Fund Subcommittee has initiated a $100,000 ceiling for each project.

10. Projects generally must be completed within one year. Construction projects generally must be completed within two years. Extension of time may be granted upon approval.

11. For questions about issues specific to your project, please contact the Riverboat Fund Administrator.

## Section 2 - Kane County Riverboat Fund Program Guidelines

### MISSION

The mission of the Kane County Riverboat Fund Program is to serve as a financial aid for projects and programs that strengthen Kane County communities and government through efforts in education, environment, and economic development with emphasis on addressing Kane County problems to provide long-term solutions. (In general, projects shall be for capital purposes only, and not for ongoing operating expenses.)

### GOALS

The goals of the Kane County Riverboat Fund Program are:

a. To promote creative solutions to problems and encourage cooperation among organizations within Kane County by supporting linkages and resources throughout the County.

b. To support communities' efforts to develop and implement strategies that are aimed at achieving long-term, positive results that assure successful participation in a civil society.

c. To encourage multi-disciplinary approaches that address critical issues.

## PRIORITIES

*EDUCATION: Kane County seeks to promote or enhance educational and training programs and initiatives that address community and government improvement issues.*

*ENVIRONMENT: Kane County encourages programs and projects that address a broad spectrum of environmental issues.*

*ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Kane County supports initiatives that promote economic and community development.*

## STRATEGIES

Projects should:

a. Promote cooperation among organizations without duplicating services
b. Demonstrate practical approaches to current County issues
c. Enhance or improve organization self-sufficiency and effectiveness
d. Emphasize prevention

Favorable consideration will be given to projects that:

a. Affect a broad segment of the Kane County population
b. Are relevant to overall County needs and available resources
c. Are pilot programs clearly replicable in their design
d. Have reasonable prospects for future support
e. Have brought together a wide variety of funding partners

Kane County will not consider requests from or for:

a. Organizations that discriminate on the basis or race, religion, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin
b. Political organization, candidates for public office, and organizations whose primary purpose is to influence legislation
c. Religious organizations that submit projects with a denominational or sectarian purpose
d. Research funding
e. Organizations benefitting only a few people
f. Special occasions, goodwill, program advertising, and/or special interest magazines
g. Individuals
h. Travel expenses for tours, expeditions or trips by individuals or groups
i. Deficit spending or payment of interest or taxes
j. Annual fund campaigns
k. Projects outside of Kane County
l. Underwriting for fundraising events and performances
m. Loans

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications must be completely filled out, signed, and submitted along with all supporting documentation by the due date. All applications must be typed. Applications may be submitted by delivery, mail or shipping addressed to:

Kane County Board Office
Attention: Riverboat Fund Administrator
719 Batavia Avenue, Building A
Geneva, IL 60134

Signed applications and all supporting documentation may also be submitted via e-mail addressed to:

RahdenBarbara@co.kane.il.us

Applications may not be faxed.