

# Grand Victoria Riverboat Fund Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024



*Environment - Forest Preserve District of Kane County*



*Education - University of Illinois Extension, Kane County*



*Economic Development - Food for Greater Elgin*



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The Grand Victoria Riverboat Fund was established by the Kane County Board in 1997 under an agreement with the Elgin Riverboat Resort (Grand Victoria Riverboat). The agreement provides for an annual contribution to the county equal to 7.5% of the riverboat's annual net operating income. The Kane County Board utilizes Grand Victoria Riverboat funds to support a variety of projects and programs aimed at strengthening Kane County communities, promoting collaboration among area organizations, and providing long-term solutions to current problems facing Kane County residents. Each year, the County Board's Riverboat Committee oversees two application cycles; one for area non-profits and units of local government, and a second for Kane County Offices and Departments. This report summarizes the funding awards made from the Grand Victoria Riverboat Fund during Fiscal Year 2024, including project sponsors, award amounts, and a general description of the project or activity. In all, 32 external and 15 internal projects were supported through this important program. Kane County recognizes the tremendous contribution the Grand Victoria Riverboat has made to the greater Kane County community and expresses its continued appreciation for its twenty-seven year partnership.

<b>EXTERNAL PROJECTS 2024</b>	<b>Environment</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Economic Development</b>
APS Training Institute		X	
Aurora Metropolitan Exposition			X
Big Rock Historical Society		X	
Big Rock Plowing Match Association, Inc.	X		
Boys & Girls Clubs of Elgin			X
CASA Kane County		X	
Community Crisis Center	X		
Dundee Township Historical Society		X	
Ecker Center for Behavioral Health			X
Ecker Center for Behavioral Health		X	
Elgin Area Historical Society		X	
Farmworker & Landscaper Advocacy Project-FLAP			X
Food for Greater Elgin Inc.			X
Forest Preserve District of Kane County	X		
Fox Valley Food for Health		X	
Fox Valley Music Foundation			X
Fox Valley Older Adult (Community) Services			X
Fox Valley United Way		X	
Friends of the Fox River		X	
Geneva Historical Society			X
Kane DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District			X
Kane Forest Preserve Foundation		X	
Lazarus House		X	
Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley		X	
Marklund Children's Home (Marklund)		X	
Northern Illinois Food Bank			X
RITAS Ministry		X	
The Literacy Connection		X	
Tri-Cities Little League Inc			X
TriCity Family Services			X
University of IL Extension, Kane County		X	
YWCA Elgin		X	

<b>INTERNAL PROJECTS 2024</b>			
Human Resources - Tuition Reimbursement		X	
State's Attorney - Title IV-D			X
State's Attorney - Drug Prosecution			X
State's Attorney - Victim Coordinator Services		X	
State's Attorney - Domestic Violence		X	
State's Attorney - Child Advocacy Center		X	
Health - Kane Kares		X	X
IT - Web Technical Services		X	
Development - Economic Development			X
Water Resources - Cost Share Drainage	X		
Water Resources - Stormwater Management	X		
Development - Quality of Kane Grants		X	X
County Board - Farmland Preservation	X		X
Building Management - Geneva Creek Stabilization	X		
Environmental Management - Recycling	X	X	

## 2024 Grand Victoria Riverboat Fund

### External Projects

#### APS Training Institute

**Awarded:** \$47,000

**Project Description:** Technology upgrade.

#### Aurora Metropolitan Exposition

**Awarded:** \$21,600

**Project Description:** Accessibility initiative/Vehicle or equipment purchase.

#### Big Rock Historical Society

**Awarded:** \$24,000

**Project Description:** Restore 1860's one room schoolhouse.

#### Big Rock Plowing Match Association

**Awarded:** \$19,000

**Project Description:** Plowman's Park tree planting project.

#### Boys and Girls Club of Elgin

**Awarded:** \$68,000

**Project Description:** Workforce Development programming.

#### Community Crisis Center

**Awarded:** \$44,000

**Project Description:** Shelter upgrades.

#### Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

**Awarded:** \$45,000

**Project Description:** Operating expenses associated with training and supervising new CASA/GAL volunteers.

#### Dundee Township Historical Society

**Awarded:** \$13,000

**Project Description:** Furnaces replacement.

#### Ecker Center for Behavioral Health (Project 1)

**Awarded:** \$38,000

**Project Description:** Roof replacement.

#### Ecker Center for Behavioral Health (Project 2)

**Awarded:** \$22,000

**Project Description:** Staff development.

#### Elgin Area Historical Society

**Awarded:** \$26,000

**Project Description:** Hispanic Heritage project.

**Farmer & Landscaper Advocacy Program (FLAP)**

**Awarded:** \$53,000

**Project Description:** Distance Learning materials.

**Food for Greater Elgin**

**Awarded:** \$29,000

**Project Description:** Facility renovation.

**Forest Preserve District of Kane County**

**Awarded:** \$50,500

**Project Description:** New facility at Johnson's Mound.

**Fox Valley Food for Health**

**Awarded:** \$70,800

**Project Description:** Operating expenses – Healthy Meals Program.

**Fox Valley Music Foundation**

**Awarded:** \$31,000

**Project Description:** The Venue – capacity expansion.

**Fox Valley Older Adult Services**

**Awarded:** \$5,000

**Project Description:** ADA compliant drinking station.

**Fox Valley United Way**

**Awarded:** \$51,000

**Project Description:** SPARK mobile learning project.

**Friends of the Fox River**

**Awarded:** \$16,400

**Project Description:** Schweitzer Center facility updates.

**Geneva Historical Society**

**Awarded:** \$14,500

**Project Description:** Accessibility projects.

**Kane DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District**

**Awarded:** \$3,500

**Project Description:** Technology upgrades.

**Kane Forest Preserve Foundation**

**Awarded:** \$22,800

**Project Description:** New facility at Leroy Oakes.

**Lazarus House**

**Awarded:** \$17,000

**Project Description:** Operating expenses – partial salary/benefits for Guest Development Coordinator.

**Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley**

**Awarded:** \$12,000

**Project Description:** Operating expenses associated with one-to-one English tutoring for adults.

**Marklund Children's Home**

**Awarded:** \$12,400

**Project Description:** Continuing education for Day School staff.

**Northern Illinois Food Bank**

**Awarded:** \$44,900

**Project Description:** Warehouse racking upgrades.

**RITAS Ministry**

**Awarded:** \$54,000

**Project Description:** Prisoner Re-entry program.

**The Literacy Connection**

**Awarded:** \$25,000

**Project Description:** Salaries and supplies associated with the Feel Fluent Program.

**Tri-Cities Little League**

**Awarded:** \$25,000

**Project Description:** Field lighting upgrades.

**TriCity Family Services**

**Awarded:** \$22,500

**Project Description:** Technology upgrades.

**University of Illinois Extension Kane County**

**Awarded:** \$73,900

**Project Description:** Operating expenses (salaries/fringe benefits) associated with providing various educational programs.

**YWCA Elgin**

**Awarded:** \$18,000

**Project Description:** Salary/benefits and training materials for the Family Literacy Program.

## 2024 Grand Victoria Riverboat Fund

### Internal Projects

#### 120 Human Resources – Tuition Reimbursement

**Awarded:** \$50,000

**Project Description:** The program provides a portion of tuition reimbursement to employees who complete classes related to their area of expertise.

#### 220 State’s Attorney – Title IV-D

**Awarded:** \$173,969\*

**Project Description:** The program facilitates the Child Support Enforcement Division that seeks to locate absent parents and require them to pay child support.

#### 221 State’s Attorney – Drug Prosecution

**Awarded:** \$383,251\*

**Project Description:** The County’s drug unit prosecutes both users and sellers of illegal drugs.

#### 222 State’s Attorney – Victim Coordinator Services

**Awarded:** \$265,261\*

**Project Description:** Services include education, information and support of victims of violent crimes in Kane County.

#### 223 State’s Attorney – Domestic Violence

**Awarded:** \$523,780\*

**Project Description:** The project has a two-fold aim: to prosecute and incarcerate domestic abusers and to provide aid and direction for victims of abuse.

#### 230 State’s Attorney – Child Advocacy Center

**Awarded:** \$1,138,103\*

**Project Description:** The Center helps victims of child sexual abuse and aids in the navigation of the judicial process.

#### 351 Health – Kane Kares

**Awarded:** \$213,229

**Project Description:** The project provides in-house visits and education between nurse practitioners and mothers, mothers-to-be and children.

#### 390 IT – Web Technical Services

**Awarded:** \$297,500

**Project Description:** Funding is used to maintain and/or enhance the county’s website services.

#### 400 Development – Economic Development

**Awarded:** \$284,179\*

**Project Description:** The replenishment of funds to the existing Economic Development fund.

#### 405.715 Water Resources – Cost Share Drainage

**Awarded:** \$70,000\*

**Project Description:** The appropriation of and construction of County-wide drainage projects.

**405.732 Water Resources – Stormwater Management (NPDES and Gages)**

**Awarded:** \$4,555

**Project Description:** The project monitor rain and stream levels during storm events (Gages) as well as implementing measures to improve water quality (NPDES).

**407 Development – Quality of Kane Grants**

**Awarded:** \$20,000

**Project Description:** The Kane County Leaders Summit promotes coordinated County wide planning integrating health, transportation and land use.

**430 County Board – Farmland Preservation**

**Awarded:** \$3,561,153\*

**Project Description:** The program purchases development rights for the purpose of farmland protection.

**500 Building Management – Geneva Creek Stabilization**

**Awarded:** \$250,000

**Project Description:** Phase 2 – Tree and debris removal, reconstruction of pedestrian bridges, and restoration of channel.

**650 Environmental Management - Recycling**

**Awarded:** \$88,825\*

**Project Description:** The program involves various recycling programs as well as sustainability programs and the Kane County Green Guide.

*\* Includes funding from previous years*