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Area agencies in line for riverboat funds

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GENEVA — The Kane County Riverboat Subcommittee is recommending \$1.1 million in grants be allocated to several area non-profits.

The subcommittee makes recommendations on how to distribute riverboat funds from Elgin's Grand Victoria Casino. That money is decreasing as casino gambling has become more prevalent in Illinois. Last year, the account had \$6.5 million, and this year it had \$5.7 million.

Among the area non-profits receiving grants are: the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry in Aurora, \$50,000; Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva, \$40,000; the Joseph Corporation in Aurora, \$50,000; and Marklund Charities in Geneva, \$55,000.

In total there were 58 applications made seeking a total of \$2.4 million. The subcommittee is recommending grants be given to 43 recipients for \$1.1 million.

The subcommittee tries to direct funds to capital projects, rather than operational costs, so that the grants are not responsible for keeping non-profits afloat, Chairman John Hoscheit said.

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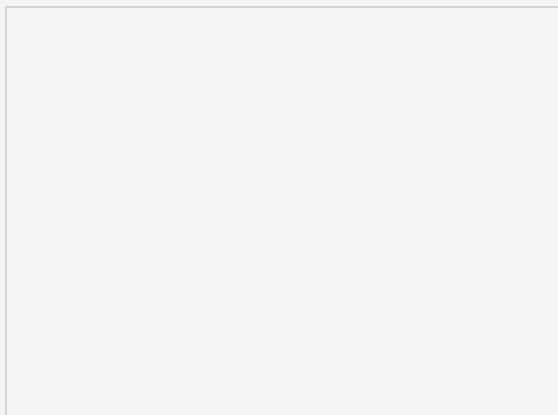
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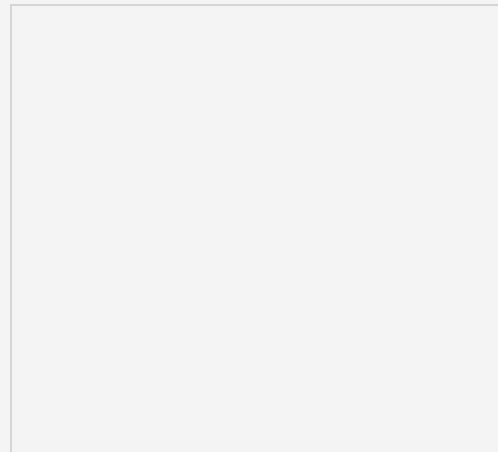


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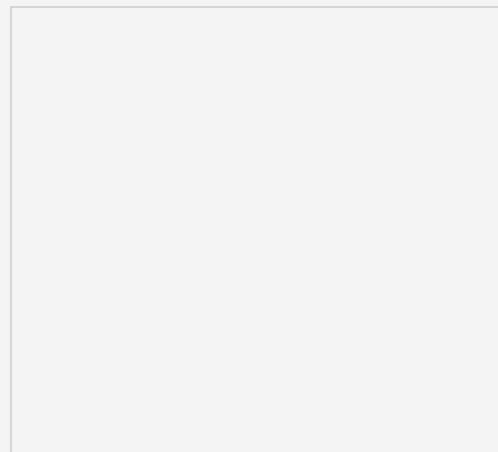
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