

Tourism experienced record appropriations the last few years from Iowa's legislature. iTIP has pledged to ensure those dollars are deployed appropriately and maintained in the FY25 tourism budgets.

## Communities / Projects in Lakes & Lands receiving support:

### Destination Iowa

- City of Dubuque: open-air amphitheater on Schmitt Island
- City of Dyersville: This is Iowa Ballpark
- Clayton County Conservation Board: Osborne Welcome Center & Campgrounds
- Dubuque Art Museum: construction of new museum

#### Meet In Iowa

- Bellevue
- Epworth
- Cedar FallsJesup
- Dubuque
- Waterloo

# • Community Attraction & **Tourism**

- Buchanan County: campground
- Cascade: library expansion
- Cedar Falls: Community Natatorium
- Clayton County Conservation: trail extension
- Janesville: library renovation
- lesup: splash pad
- New Hampton: trail project
- o Oelwein: Oelwein Event Corporation building renovation
- Waterloo: Gates & Byrnes Parks lowa Great Places project
- Waverly: public library expansion

## • Regional Sports Authority **District**

- Cedar Valley Sports Commission
- Travel Dubuque

## • Tourism Marketing Grant

- Cedar Falls
- Osage
- Decorah
- o Postville
- Dubuque
- Waterloo
- Manchester
- Waukon
- Marquette

 Turkey River Recreational Corridor: Motor Mill Inn Historic Site

#### iTIP's Additional 2024 Legislative Priorities:

- Enforce Iowa's current earliest school start date of August 23. In 2022, tourism generated \$1.1 billion in state & local tax revenues which support the state's education system. Visitors spend \$22.36 million per day in Iowa in August.
- · Maintain funding & continued enhancements of Regional Sports Authority Districts.
- · Support alternative funding sources of tourism: including the enactment of IWILL & water quality initiatives that include funding for tourism and quality of life components.

