

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 Loess Hills & Beyond receiving support:

Destination Iowa

- City of Council Bluffs & SW IA Nonprofit for Collaborative Impact: Iowa Riverfront Development project
- City of Denison: Crawford Co Wellness & Recreation Center
- City of Treynor: park and recreation project
- Jefferson County: Jefferson Co Prairie Ridge Campground
- Stanton Community Foundation & Montgomery County: Stanton Area Trail Project

• Regional Sports Authority District

 Council Bluffs Convention & Visitors Bureau

• Sports Tourism Fund

• City of Carroll: youth soccer tournament

• Community Attraction & Tourism

- Audubon: Audubon Recreation Foundation Gymnasium Expansion
- Atlantic: aquatic feature
- Denison: Crawford Co Recreation & Wellness Center
- Mt. Ayr: pool replacement

Meet In Iowa

- Council Bluffs
- Denison
- Mount Ayr
- Panama

• Tourism Marketing Grant

- Clarinda
- Manning
- Council Bluffs
- Oakland
- Elk Horn
- Shenandoah

iTIP's Additional 2024 Legislative Priorities:

- Enforce lowa'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.

