

Tourism is a powerful economic engine for Iowa, generating over \$1.1 billion in state and local tax revenue in 2023 alone. To sustain and build on this momentum, continued investment by the Iowa Legislature in key tourism programs is essential.

Communities / Projects in Loess Hills & Beyond receiving support:

- <u>Art Project Grant</u>
 - Council Bluffs
 - Creston
 - Elk Horn
- <u>Regional Sports Authority</u>
 <u>District</u>
 - Council Bluffs Convention & Visitors Bureau

• Tourism Marketing Grant

- Clarinda
- Council Bluffs
- Elk Horn
- Manning

- <u>Community Attraction & Tourism</u>
 - Atlantic: aquatic feature
 - Denison: Crawford Co Recreation & Wellness Center
 - Mt. Ayr: pool replacement
- Meet In Iowa
 - Council Bluffs
 - Osceola
- Inspire Iowa
 - Elk Horn

2025 Legislative Priorities for Iowa's tourism industry:

- Promote Tourism Through User-Funded Enhancements: Tourism Improvement Districts (TIDs) allow
 for a local mechanism for funding tourism initiatives
- Maintain Consistent Tourism Funding: funding for projects such as Regional Sports Authority Districts, Destination Iowa, CAT, Meet in Iowa, Iowa Tourism Office (IEDA)
- Maintain Iowa's Summer Tourism Season: protect August 23 as the earliest school start date
- Fund the Major Tourism Attraction Fund

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