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Northwest Iowa Community College Receives Five Mini Grants from the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation

Northwest Iowa Community College received five mini grants from the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation (LCRF) on Tuesday, July 21st. The LCRF is the non-profit license holder for the Grand Falls Casino near Larchwood.

The mini grants NCC received were for:

- \$2,000 - Detroit Diagnostic Link Software Annual Update. This project will purchase necessary software for students to run diagnostics of Detroit or Mercedes engines. All students in the Diesel Technology program at Northwest Iowa Community College will use it.
- \$2,000 - Aluminum Utility Trailer. The Aluminum Utility Trailer will be used by Northwest Iowa Community College's Heavy Equipment & Maintenance program and will be used for transporting oil drums, large parts, hauling the gator, and other items that need to be hauled when a semi-truck/trailer or car trailer would be gross overkill.
- \$1,100 - Conference Room TV. This project will replace the large TVs used in conference rooms at Northwest Iowa Community College and will provide better support for media and video conferencing. This equipment is open for institutional wide use.
- \$2,000 - J-PRO Software Update. This project will purchase necessary software to conduct diagnostics and repair of trucks, engines, transmission and brakes. This software will be used on a daily basis in Northwest Iowa Community College's Diesel Technology program. .
- \$1,900 - Atech Electrical Training Board 1. The purchase of an Atech Electrical Training Board will be used by all students in the automotive electricity and electronics classes offered at Northwest Iowa Community College. The purchase will allow more students to work independently and improve individual learning experiences.

The LCRF received 213 applications and awarded 50 grants in and around northwest Iowa. The grants were selected by a lottery system and could be awarded in amounts up to \$2,000. There were applicants from three states, and seven counties that border Lyon County. This is the first time the LCRF has awarded funds outside of Lyon County. Since the Grand Falls Casino has opened, the LCRF has given away \$8 million in funds to community organizations.

NCC President Alethea Stubbe commented, "I would like to thank the LCRF for their generosity and support of the area and education. Due to a reduction in state general aid the College is actively seeking external resources to financially support projects across campus that will improve student learning. We work hard to keep our tuition affordable to our students, and this is one way we hope to accomplish that."

All of the mini grants NCC received were being paired with NCC matching funds.