



CHARITABLE GAMBLING ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20,
2025**

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order/ Approve Agenda
2. Approval of the Minutes of the May 28, 2025 Charitable Gambling Meeting
 - A. Minutes of the May 28, 2025 Charitable Gambling Meeting
3. Funding Requests
 - A. Falcon Educational Enrichment Program - FEED
 - B. River Bend Nature Center - RBNC
4. 2025 Expense and Revenue Report
5. Next Meeting Date: November 19, 2025
6. Adjournment



CHARITABLE GAMBLING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025

6:00 PM

Call to Order/ Approve Agenda

The meeting of the Charitable Gambling Advisory Board was called to order by Chairperson Rick Caron at 6:00 pm. Board members Councilor John Rowan, Peter Dodge, Knights of Columbus, Chad Koepke, Faribault Youth Rotary, Mike Donkers, Elks, Ed Little, American Legion, Jason Tobin, Faribault Wrestling Club, Terry Meschke, Morristown Fire Relief Association and Jessica Kinser, City Administrator were also in attendance.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Rowan, seconded by Dodge to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2025 Charitable Gambling Board meeting minutes and carried unanimously.

Funding Requests

Community Action Center

Becky Ford on behalf of the Community Action Center requested \$15,000 to contribute to the construction of Ridgeview Heights at 21 1st Street NW which will include two units of emergency shelter for homeless families and six affordable rental units for Faribault's workforce. This will be a net-zero energy build. This will keep utilities low for tenants and will be financially sustainable into the future. Community Action Center has a goal of raising \$300,000 from the Faribault community and has secured \$35,000 so far.

Ford stated that they are planning to break ground in summer of 2025 and if they do not receive a donation from the Gambling Board, they would need to look at modifying their secured mortgage.

Motion by Rowan, seconded by Dodge to recommend to the Council a donation of \$10,000 to the Community Action Center and carried 6-2 with Little and Caron voting Nay.

Faribault Youth Empowerment Center

Ibrahim Khalf on behalf of Faribault Youth Empowerment Center requested \$3,200 to be used to fund for both previous and upcoming events.

When asked if other fundraisers have occurred since their last request, Khalf stated that they have not had any.

Motion by Dodge, seconded by Koepke to recommend to the Council a donation of \$1,000 to the Faribault Youth Empowerment Center and carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be on August 20, 2025.

Adjournment

Motion by Little, seconded by Dodge to adjourn the Charitable Gambling Commission meeting and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Slechta
City Clerk



CHARITABLE GAMBLING REQUEST FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Applicant Name: <i>Ken Butzow - FEED Board Chair</i>		Today's Date: <i>August 6, 2025</i>	
ORGANIZATION INFORMATION			
Name of Organization: <i>Falcon Educational Enrichment Program - FEED</i>			
Organization Address: <i>710 - 17th St. SW</i>		City: <i>Faribault</i>	State: Zip: <i>MN 55021</i>
Organization Phone: <i>507-330-4035 (Ken's cell)</i>		Email Address: <i>butzie68@gmail.com (Ken's email)</i>	
PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OR MORE FROM BELOW THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR ORGANIZATION			
☒ Activities and facilities for youth		☐ To relieve effects of poverty, homelessness, or disability	
☒ To a 501(c)(3) organization or a 501(c)(4) festival organization		☒ To a public or private nonprofit school	
☐ To a scholarship fund		☐ Program for education, prevention, or treatment of problem gambling	
☐ For recognition of military service (open to the public) or support for active military personnel and their immediate family members in need			
☐ To a church		☐ For community arts organizations, or sponsorship of community arts programs	
☐ With Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA) approval, citizen monitoring of surface water quality by individuals. Requires submission of data to PCA			
☐ Expenditures for police, fire, and other emergency or public safety-related services, equipment, and training. Not allowed: Contribution to pension or retirement fund			
☐ For nutritional programs, food shelves, and congregate dining programs primarily for persons age 62 or older or disabled			
☐ For humanitarian service, recognizing volunteerism or philanthropy			
☐ With DNR approval, wildlife management projects or activities that benefit the public-at-large; grooming or maintaining snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle trails, or other trails open to public use; supplies and materials for DNR-coordinated safety training and education programs			
FUNDING REQUEST INFORMATION			
Amount Requested: \$ <i>\$3,000</i>		Is this a one-time request or annual request? ☒ One-time Request ☐ Annual Request	
How will funds be used? <i>Faribault Public School staff submit grant requests for innovative classroom or schoolwide materials that are outside of the school budget to FEED. After review by the FEED education committee, grants that meet the criteria are partially or fully funded based on the amount of money available. The City of Faribault Charitable Gambling donation will help fund as many of the requested grants as possible.</i>			



ADDITIONAL DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM LICENSE ORGANIZATIONS-CONTACT LIST ATTACHED	
Licensed Organization:	Amount Received:
Morristown Fire Relief	\$500
	\$
Funds received at the time	\$
this list was prepared for	\$
the FEOP Revenue Discovery	\$
committee on August 4, 2025	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES AND DONATIONS FOR PROJECT	
Additional Funding Source and Donations:	Amount Received:
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total Amount of Funding:	\$
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Charitable Gambling Meeting Date:	City Council Date:
Amount Funded: \$	Is this a one-time request or annual request?
	☐ One-time Request ☐ Annual Request
Resolution to Finance Department:	Payment Date:



Falcon Educational Enrichment Program (FEEP)

The Falcon Educational Enrichment Program is a non-profit organization committed to enriching the education of Faribault Public School students. FEEP promotes excellence in education by providing funds for innovative projects and educational opportunities that would not otherwise be available via district resources.

Budget prepared by Treasurer Adam Mensing as follows:

Income Goal		
Donations		\$25,000
Expenses		
Grant awards to teachers		\$23,500
Advertising, PR		\$ 1,500

The income goal was determined by the amount of grant requests from teachers. With this amount most projects would be able to be funded at the total request rather than partially funded.

June 3, 2025

The Falcon Educational Enrichment Program, **FEEP**, is requesting a Charitable Gambling donation from your organization. You are listed as the contact person for your organization in the material provided by Heather Slechta. FEEP is preparing a request for the City of Faribault Charitable Gambling Board in August.

FEEP is a subsidiary of Faribault Area Public Schools Educational Trust Association, FAPSETA. FAPSETA/FEEP is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status that is separate from Faribault Public Schools (ISD 656).

As the FEEP Board we are committed to enriching the education of Faribault Public School students and supporting teachers. Our mission is to promote excellence in education by providing funds for innovative projects and educational opportunities that would not otherwise be available via district resources. The charitable gambling donation from your organization will help support Preschool through High School students, teachers and programming.

For the 2024 – 2025 school year FEEP –
Partially or fully funded 10 grant requests from teachers
Grants ranged from \$161 to \$3,749
Total grant awards that have been paid are just over \$13,300
Examples of the grant projects can be seen at the end of this request.

This year not all grant requests were able to be funded. Our current fundraising goal is \$25,000 which would allow FEEP to award grants to as many teachers as possible that meet the grant criteria when requesting funds. Your generous contribution to FEEP would allow continued support for students and teachers in the Faribault Public Schools.

Please let us know if you have any questions about this request or about FEEP. The persons submitting this letter and request are Deb Scheil (debscheil7@gmail.com), Nanci Fielitz (nmfielitz@gmail.com) and Mark Sybilrud (marksybilrud@gmail.com) on behalf of the FEEP Board whose names are also listed below.

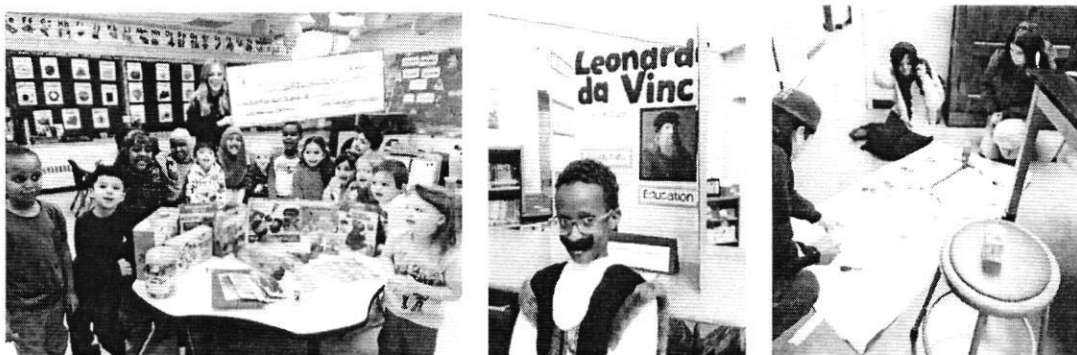
FEEP Board Members: Ken Butzow, Nanci Fielitz, Kelly Jensen, Mark Johnson, Sarah Lockerby, Lori Jo Markman, Adam Mensing, Deb Scheil, Mark Sybilrud, Courtney Wolff



FEEP
710 17th Street SW
Box 718
Faribault, MN 55021



A cash register was added to The Coffee Shop at the High School giving 11th and 12th grade work experience students an additional opportunity to interact with their customers, practice math skills, and build confidence. Students in 3rd through 5th grade at the three elementaries will use the electronic bundle kits that go with the VEX IQ robot construction kits during their STEM&M time. The portable welder that will be used in the High School automotive courses provides opportunities to work on a basic skill used in the industry. All grant materials stay with the District and will be used for future students.



Preschool students at Jefferson had new science materials for centers. These will go with the classroom during the transition to the preschool/kindergarten center at Roosevelt. With additional books for research, students in fourth grade became the characters they read about during a Wax Museum. The Area Learning Center grant recipient Katherine Forsberg wrote: *"Students were studying the circulatory system, constructing life size circulatory systems, learning how to take blood pressure and heart rate then interpret the computer graphic data with the digital tools I was able to get from Venier with this grant. In addition, students took surface temperature readings to see how blood vessels respond to various temperature differentials. Thank you so much for helping me give students relevant, hands-on digital tools to learn anatomy and physiology."*

Your generosity benefits students today as well as in future years. The donations made today also encourage teaching staff to continue to enhance student learning. Excited students and staff who can access grant money make for great partners in great education.



CHARITABLE GAMBLING REQUEST FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Applicant Name: Brittany Smith		Today's Date: 7-15-25	
ORGANIZATION INFORMATION			
Name of Organization: River Bend Nature Center			
Organization Address: 1000 Rustad Rd PO Box 186		City: Faribault	State: Zip: MN 55057
Organization Phone: 507-332-7151		Email Address: smith@rbnc.org	
PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OR MORE FROM BELOW THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR ORGANIZATION			
☒ Activities and facilities for youth		☐ To relieve effects of poverty, homelessness, or disability	
☒ To a 501(c)(3) organization or a 501(c)(4) festival organization		☐ To a public or private nonprofit school	
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☐ For nutritional programs, food shelves, and congregate dining programs primarily for persons age 62 or older or disabled			
☐ For humanitarian service, recognizing volunteerism or philanthropy			
☐ With DNR approval, wildlife management projects or activities that benefit the public-at-large; grooming or maintaining snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle trails, or other trails open to public use; supplies and materials for DNR-coordinated safety training and education programs			
FUNDING REQUEST INFORMATION			
Amount Requested: \$ \$5,000		Is this a one-time request or annual request? ☒ One-time Request ☐ Annual Request	
How will funds be used? Funds will be used to continue offering River Bend's Little Sprouts Program for the 2025/2026 school year. The program is geared for children ages birth through five years and their parent/caregiver. River Bend Nature Center's Little Sprouts program is growing to be able to help close the early childhood education gap in our community through providing STEAM based early childhood learning opportunities for children and caregivers at the Nature Center. Children that are exposed to and immersed in nature are better able to understand and care for it and grow into healthier adults.			



ADDITIONAL DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM LICENSE ORGANIZATIONS-CONTACT LIST ATTACHED

Licensed Organization:	Amount Received:
Youth Rotary	\$ _____
American Legion	\$ _____
Faribault Wrestling Club	\$ 0
Morristown Fire Relief	\$ _____
Eagles	\$ _____
Elks	\$ _____
Divine Mercy Catholic Schools	\$ _____
Knights of Columbus	\$ _____
Faribault Hockey Association	\$ _____
Faribault BA	\$ _____

ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES AND DONATIONS FOR PROJECT

Additional Funding Source and Donations:	Amount Received:
River Bend Nature Center	\$ 6,000
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total Amount of Funding:	\$

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Resolution to Finance Department:		Payment Date:	



2025/2026 Little Sprouts Program Budget

Program capacity is 15 early childhood learners and caretaker per participant

Personel Expenses

Staff	Wage & Fringe	Hours	Total
RBNC Naturalist-1			
-prepare and lead 36 sessions			
-4 hours per session = 144 hours	\$23.54	144	\$3,389.76
RBNC Naturalist-2			
-prepare and lead 36 sessions			
-4 hours per session = 144 hours	\$23.54	144	\$3,389.76
RBNC Associate Director of Programs & Engagement			
-coordinates and promotes programs			
-curriculum development			
-4.5% salary and fringe			\$2,781.00
RBNC Executive Director			
-Ensure budget compliance and reporting			
-1.25% salary and fringe			\$1,284.00

Program Expenses

Budget Item	Budget/Session	# Sessions	Total
Supplies			
-snacks			
-sensory items			
-project items	\$80	36	\$2,880.00
Project Total			\$13,724.52

2025 CHARITABLE GAMBLING FUND REPORT

Revenue Report													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
American Legion	435.43	106.33	88.99	0.00	17.36	315.63	198.39						1,162.13
Divine Mercy School	0.00	267.13	353.63	390.32	322.23	0.00							1,333.31
Eagles	0.00	486.86	319.03	112.10									917.99
Elks Lodge	213.93	62.68	246.91	0.00	123.02	10.52							657.06
Fbo BA	2,153.39	531.85	920.08	1,279.39	1,357.73	224.45							6,466.89
Fbo Hockey Assn	535.17	234.52	798.52	79.31	296.56	538.40							2,482.48
Fblt Wrestling Assoc	199.81	424.50	230.05	86.10	521.22	170.09							1,631.77
KC's	62.42	134.40	24.44	136.13		151.33							508.72
Moose Lodge	237.94	290.83	498.92	711.90	187.08	161.32	182.34						2,270.33
Mrstwn Fire Rel	101.22	387.46	844.66	112.29	296.07	163.79							1,905.49
Faribault Youth Rotary	332.08	101.63	649.40	0.00	659.31	0.00							1,742.42
Interest													21,078.59
Subtotal													0.00
Interest													0.00
Monthly Totals	4,271.39	3,028.19	4,974.63	2,907.54	3,780.58	1,735.53	380.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,078.59
2024 Monthly Receipts	4,271.39	3,028.19	4,974.63	2,907.54	3,780.58	1,735.53	380.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,078.59

Expense Report													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Canine Service Partners		\$3,000.00											\$3,000.00
Faribault Foundation		\$5,000.00											\$5,000.00
Buckham West		\$1,304.00											\$1,304.00
Grace and Glory		\$10,000.00											\$10,000.00
Fireworks							\$20,000.00						\$20,000.00
Community Action Center					\$10,000.00								\$10,000.00
Faribault Youth Empowerment Center					\$1,000.00								\$1,000.00
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Monthly Expenses	0.00	19,304.00	0.00	0.00	11,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,304.00

2025 BEGINNING BALANCE												2025 ENDING BALANCE	
\$49,205.18												\$19,979.77	
Running Balance	53,476.57	37,200.76	42,175.39	45,082.93	37,863.51	39,599.04	19,979.77	19,979.77	19,979.77	19,979.77	19,979.77	19,979.77	