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City of Gretna Awarded Civic and Community Center Financing Fund Grant

Gretna, Nebraska, April 15th, 2025 – The City of Gretna is proud to announce it has been awarded a \$562,000 grant from the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCCF), administered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. This funding will support the construction of the Gretna Community Complex and Public Library - a project aimed at enhancing civic, recreational, and educational opportunities for residents.

The CCCFF program is designed to assist Nebraska communities in developing civic, community, and recreation centers that promote a high quality of life and foster strong, vibrant communities. The City of Gretna will match the \$562,000 grant, further demonstrating its commitment to investing in the community's future.

"I am very thankful for the state's commitment to offer financial resources to cities across Nebraska to assist in providing the quality of life we all are known for," said Mayor Mike Evans. "It's been 90 years since we built our original City Hall and Community Center. While it has served us well, it's crucial that our organization, facilities, and amenities grow with our city. This is going to be the heart of our community. We're not just building a building - we're planting the seed for the next generation."

This latest grant builds upon the work initiated through the 2022 CCCFF Planning Grant previously awarded to Gretna. That initial funding helped launch the "Writing Our Story" Capital Campaign to support the development of the new Library.

The Gretna Community Complex is a transformative investment in the city's future, reflecting a vision for sustainable, scalable growth. The facility will provide a vibrant, multi-functional space evolving alongside the needs of the growing Gretna community.

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The City of Gretna is a vibrant community located in Nebraska, known for its rich history, exceptional quality of life, and commitment to progress. With a thriving economy, excellent schools, and a strong sense of community, Gretna offers residents and visitors alike a welcoming environment to live, work, and play.