

(The information below was provided by representatives of the city of Danville.)

Illinois Community College Infrastructure Fund

Background on Downstate License

For the last 3 years, the Illinois General Assembly has considered several bills which would expand the number of gaming licenses in the state. The City of Danville has approached legislative leaders and key gaming negotiators, requesting that a license for Danville be included in these gaming bills. East Central is one of the few areas of the state which is not served by a gaming facility. According to an economic impact study authored by Crowe Chizek & Company, a Danville gaming license would create 1500 to 1750 new jobs, generate \$11,000,000 to \$14,000,000 in new local tax revenue, and generate an estimated \$29,000,000 to \$47,000,000 in new, unobligated state tax revenue. Crowe Chizek estimates that 1/2 to 2/3 of this revenue would be derived from Indiana residents.

Infrastructure Program for Community Colleges

We have drafted an amendment to the current gaming statutes to incorporate a Danville license and to appropriate the majority of the attendant new state tax revenue to a community college capital program. Based on Crowe Chizek's projections, the tax revenue from a Danville gaming license could support \$350,000,000 to \$400,000,000 in bonding capacity for community college capital projects.

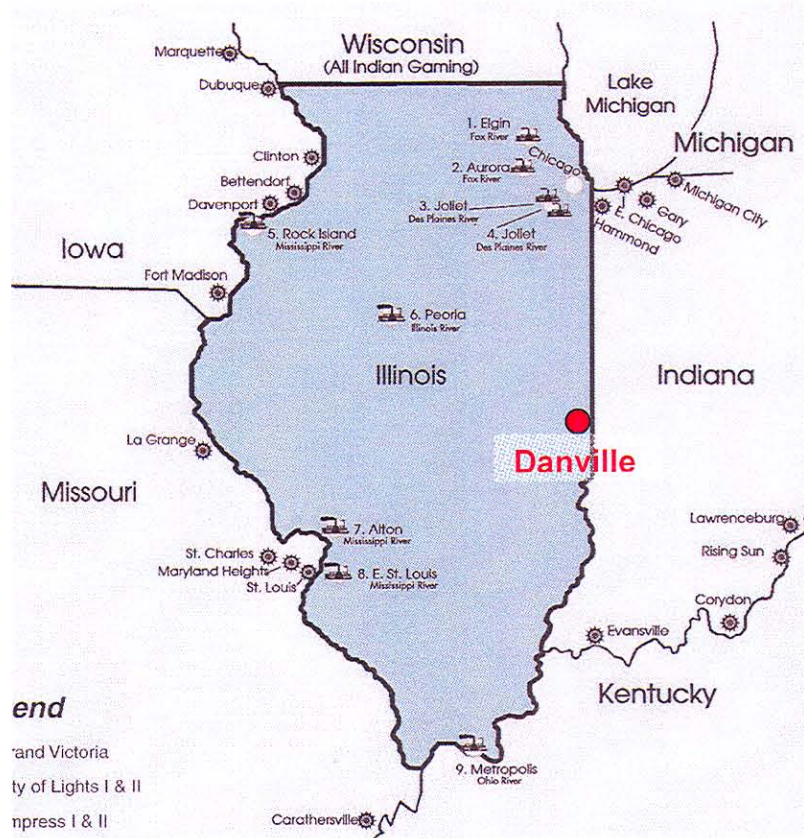
As drafted, the program is modeled after the school construction program for elementary and secondary education. The program will be administered by the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and Capital Development Board (CDB), which will promulgate rules and regulations. Grants will be awarded in accordance with priorities set by the ICCB and state law. For construction projects, community colleges will be required to contribute 25% of the funds from local sources. For maintenance projects (up to \$50,000), community colleges will be required to contribute 50% from local sources. All of these parameters are subject to review and modification.

Legislative Support

Advocacy from community colleges throughout the state will be essential to securing support for this program. The City of Danville has made numerous overtures to the Illinois General Assembly, and it has received a positive response. To date, however, a Danville license has not been codified in either the House or Senate gaming bills. Thus, once an amendment is drafted, support from the community college presidents and trustees will determine the success of this effort.

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Danville Gaming License



East Central Illinois is one of the few areas of the state that lacks a proximate gaming facility. Crowe Chizek & Company, one of the nation's largest accounting firms, projects that a Danville gaming license would result in the following:

- \$29,000,000 to \$47,000,000 annually in new state tax revenues.
- 1500 – 1750 new full-time jobs for the region, translating to an annual payroll of \$57,000,000 to \$65,000,000.
- 1,100 construction jobs and approximately \$350,000,000 in new construction.
- \$11,000,000 to \$14,000,000 in new local tax revenues.

One half to two thirds of the new revenue would be derived from Indiana residents. Further, as shown above, a Danville gaming facility would cannibalize very little business from other Illinois riverboats.

Business and community leaders throughout Danville have endorsed the concept of a riverboat license, and Danville Mayor Scott Eisenhauer is urging the Illinois General Assembly to include a Danville license in a gaming expansion package.