

***Keno Request Forms Available Now  
2024-2025 Fiscal Year***

Request forms for Bridgeport's Keno funds will be available starting April 22, 2025 at the City Office at 809 Main Street or online at <http://www.bridgeportne.gov>. These request forms are due back to the City Office by Friday, May 30, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. **“ABSOLUTELY NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE.”**

The Nebraska County and City Lottery Act requires cities to spend their Keno proceeds for “community betterment.” This term, as defined by the State of Nebraska's Charitable Gaming Regulations, has many definitions. These definitions include, among other things, enhancing a person's opportunity for educational advancement, contributing to the physical well-being of individuals, and fostering public works and buildings. Interested organizations can apply for Keno funds.

On June 9-10, 2025, the Keno Board will schedule a five-minute presentation time for all Keno applicants to present their proposed projects. After the presentations, the Board will forward its recommendations to the Bridgeport City Council for the City Council's Regular Meeting on June 12, 2025. At that meeting, the City Council will review the recommendations and authorize the disbursement of Keno funds. The Bridgeport City Council will ultimately decide what projects are funded.

Those with questions can contact the Bridgeport City Office at 308-262-1623.

## **City of Bridgeport Guidelines for Keno Funding Requests**

1. Keno Funding Requests will be accepted any time during the fiscal year. The fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30.
2. Keno funds will be awarded annually and will be awarded when the amount of funds in the Keno account exceeds \$75,000.00
3. Applications will be prioritized in the following manner:
  - The project, capital expenditure, or service is located within the city limits of Bridgeport, within one mile of city limits, or on city-owned property.
  - The request for funding is for a project, capital expenditure, or service, and the request for funding is not to supplement an operating budget.
  - The project, capital expenditure, or service will provide community betterment.
  - If the request for funding does not meet the priorities set forth above, the application may still be considered if excess funds are available.
4. If Keno funds are awarded, a copy of an invoice or proof of purchase must be submitted indicating the project, capital expenditure, or service was completed before funds are released to the Keno applicant.
  - Keno funds must be spent within six months of the date they are approved by City Council.
  - City Council will determine if funds can be extended but must be within the current budget cycle.
  - If not used in the designated time, you may apply again for the next budget cycle.
5. Applications must be submitted two weeks prior to a Keno Distributions Board meeting.
6. Applicants for Keno funds will be required to give a five-minute presentation about the proposed project, capital expenditure, or service. Applicants will be contacted to schedule a presentation time.

*Quality of Life*

**Gail Beyer**  
Mayor

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**APPLICATION FOR KENO FUNDS**

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Your Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Has your Organization used Keno Funds before? Yes / No

What other funding resources are available for the project? \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe how this will be used? \_\_\_\_\_

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How does this program contribute to Community Betterment? (See definition on back of page.)

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How many people will this program affect? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Doretta J Huck, City Clerk/Treasurer  
Fay Scarrow, Deputy Clerk  
Travis R Rodak., City Attorney



Mark Wickard, Council President  
Tony McGrath, Council Member  
Jeff Nichols, Council Member  
Carrie Harless, Council Member

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Community Betterment means:

1. Enhancing a person's opportunity for educational advancement, such as contributing to the operation of a school or establishing or contributing to a scholarship fund;
2. Relieving or protecting individuals from disease, suffering, or distress, such as purchasing food or clothing for the needy or helping to provide medical care for individuals in need;
3. Contributing to the physical well-being of individuals, such as donations to foster athletic activities. A county, city, or village may use its proceeds from the conduct of a lottery to build, improve, or maintain parks or recreation facilities or to sponsor amateur athletic leagues or programs;
4. Assisting individuals in establishing themselves as worthy and useful citizens by providing educational or business opportunities, such as contributions to training programs designed to provide individuals with job skills or to aid handicapped people in making contributions to the community;
5. Providing individuals with opportunities to contribute to the betterment of the community, such as initiating cleanup or beautification projects;
6. Increasing the comprehension and devotion to the principles upon which this nation was founded, such as sponsoring civic events to make individuals more aware of the history of the United States, State of Nebraska, or other civic institutions or principles;
7. Initiating, performing, or fostering worthy public works or enabling or furthering the erection or maintenance of public structures, such as contributing to a county, city, or village building fund or donations to fund parks or recreation areas;
8. Lessening the burdens borne by government or voluntarily supporting, augmenting, or supplementing services which government would normally render to the people, such as paying for housing, food, or medical services for needy people or aiding the elderly or contributing to the general fund of a county, city, or village; and
9. Providing tax relief for the community, such as using funds raised from county, city, or village lottery to fund any programs or needs which would normally be paid for by taxes imposed upon the community.

