

SEIRPC

MISSION STATEMENT:

... To provide quality direct and technical services, to promote intergovernmental cooperation and to effect a strengthening of the governmental units of the region...

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HISTORY:

SEIRPC was incorporated in 1973 by local governments in Southeast Iowa and is recognized in Chapter 28H of the Iowa Code.

SERVICES:

- Transportation Planning
- Special Studies and Plans
- Land Use Planning
- Land Use Administration
- Project Management
- Community Development
- Ordinance Codification
- Grant writing & administration
- GIS Mapping and analysis
- Revolving loans for business
- Public transportation, van pools, employee transportation
- Housing development & rehabilitation
- Program management
- Economic Development Services

Multifamily New Construction Project creates living units in historic Masonic Temple Theatre



In 2013, two projects in the region were awarded funds to create living units in historic, commercial or under utilized buildings. The former Masonic Temple in Mt. Pleasant and the former Ft. Madison Middle School were awarded funds to create comfortable apartments targeted at mostly low to moderate income tenants. Both projects will help meet the needs for affordable rental units in these communities.

The former Masonic Temple of Mount Pleasant was constructed in the late 1800's to provide a community space for Masons in Henry County. Main Street Cinema now occupies this space on the main floor. The theatre has the capacity to seat over 250 people in 2 different theatres. The upstairs of the building was developed by Scott Lowe and constructed by Hummell's Construction of Mt. Pleasant. It now contains seven 2-bedroom apartments which will provide much needed housing to the community for years to come. The before and after pictures below show the remarkable difference. SEIRPC is proud to have been part of this development in Mount Pleasant.



Hall Towing in Fort Madison awarded LIFTS Grant

In early February, the Iowa Transportation commission approved more than \$2.6 million in grant funding for six transportation infrastructure related development projects under the Linking Iowa's Freight Transportation System (LIFTS) program, with one of the projects in Southeast Iowa. The LIFTS program is a new grant funding opportunity to improve Iowa's freight transportation system. The L program seeks to address gaps in multimodal funding to assist in bolstering the freight transportation system – be that by truck, train, barge, airplane, or several modes. After learning about this program in August of 2015, SEIRPC staff reached out to several cities and private entities that may have potential projects that fit the LIFTS program. From this outreach came a \$479,000 grant application for Hall Towing in Fort Madison, written by SEIRPC staff.

The funded application will allow Hall Towing to construct a 12,800 square foot warehouse and transload dock at its facility adjacent to the Mississippi River for a barge to truck transload project (see map below). The project will provide a dedicated warehouse and dock for steel transloading and storage where such a facility does not currently exist on the Upper Mississippi River. Steel will be unloaded from barge and stored in the warehouse, where it will be re-loaded on trucks for final delivery in southeast Iowa. Initially, the project will transload 10,000 tons with an identified customer, with an additional 10,000 tons anticipated to come online in the same year from other customers. Congratulations to Hall Towing for their grant award and bringing new freight improvements to Southeast Iowa!



Donnellson Library receives \$233,249 CAT grant

The Donnellson Library was informed last week that it has received \$233,249 grant from the Community Attraction and Tourism program for the construction of a 5,000 square foot public library. This project includes the construction of a 5,000-square-foot public library with expanded circulation, separate area for programming and genealogy, as well as more computer workstation space.

The Vision Iowa Program provides financial incentives to communities for the construction of recreational, cultural, educational or entertainment facilities that enhance the quality of life in Iowa. Currently, 414 CAT awards have been granted by the board, totaling \$153,967,674.

A unique feature of this new facility will be a room dedicated to preserving the artifacts and information about Richard Proennecke. Mr. Proennecke was born in rural Primrose, north and west of Donnellson in 1916. Following his service to country in World War II, he retired to Alaska where he built by hand an 11X14 feet cabin that was his home for the next 30 years. Richard documented his life in the Alaskan wild and can be considered an early conservationist. He foraged and hunted his food, and lived without the modern amenities of electricity and running water. His life and adventures are an inspiration to all who learn about him. A bequest from his family has been instrumental in making the dream of a new public library in Donnellson a reality.



Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission staff assisted the Donnellson Library Board with project development and with the CAT application. CAT is accepting applications for qualifying projects quarterly. If you have a project that might meet the criteria for this program and financial assistance to complete the project is needed please contact Tracey Lamm, Regional Development Coordinator, at 319-753-4306; tlamm@seirpc.com.

SEIBUS Works through Medicaid Transition Process

SEIBUS is southeast Iowa's leading Medicaid transportation provider. In fact, SEIBUS provided over 49,000 individual Medicaid rides in FY2015 to southeast Iowa clients.

Previously working through county central points of coordination (now mental health region SEI LINK) and Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, SEIBUS will now provide rides through Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and their transportation brokers.

MCOs are private, for-profit entities, that provide managed care services through government-sponsored care programs, like Medicaid. SEIBUS is working to sign contracts with the three MCOs contracted with the State of Iowa to manage nearly all Medicaid care in the state.

In order to fit in with the new system, SEIBUS will make changes to ensure its service delivery to Medicaid recipients is not disrupted. Utilizing four separate contracts now, SEIBUS will need additional staff to handle the increased cost of service delivery with the MCOs.

MCOs will require an additional 30,000 plus data points monthly from SEIBUS and this data is entered through three, maybe four separate online billing portals.

In addition to different contracts with different requirements and enforcement provisions, SEIBUS along with many other providers are quickly adjusting to ensure service delivery starting March 1st. Unfortunately, this will increase costs for Medicaid providers, but hopefully all adjustments will be made and services will continue for our clients.



Available Funding Sources

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SOURCE/PROGRAM	USES	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	DUE DATE
CDBG Funds, IEDA	Downtown Revitalization/Façade program	Local gov/non profits	1/1/2016
Water Recreation Access Grant, IDNR	IDNR funding for docks, boat ramps, shoreline projects, etc.	Local governments	1/1/2016
Iowa Great Places, IEDA	Funding for cultural initiatives and major projects that make an area unique.	Local governments	1/1/2016
Alliant Energy Foundation	Community Enhancement Projects.	Local governments, non-profits	1/1/2016
Derelict Buildings Program, IDNR	For cities under 5,000. Provides assistance for cleanup and reuse of derelict buildings. Contact SEIRPC for more information.	Local governments	2/1/2016
Historic Resource Development Program, HIS	Funding for historic preservation projects.	Local governments, non-profits	4/1/2016
Iowa Arts Council Project Grants, IAC	Funds public arts projects and programs	Artists, local governments, schools, non-profits	5/1/2016
Affordable Housing Program, FHLB	Grant program through Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of Des Moines that funds rental and home ownership projects	Cities, counties, non-profits with a partnership through local banks.	5/1/2016
Wildlife Habitat Promotion with Local Entities Program, IDNR	Cost share funding for wildlife projects, including land acquisition, forestry work, fencing, etc.	County conservation boards	5/1/2016
Matching Assets to Community Health, Wellmark	Supports projects at a \$1:1 ratio which promote active living in built environments, increase acces to and consumption of nutritious foods.	501c3 organizations	5/15/2016
REAP Roadside Vegetation	Research and demonstration projects, education programs and materials, roadside inventories, purchase of special equipment to implement roadside vegetation management.	Local governments, non-profits, individuals, private entities	6/1/2016
Community Attraction and Tourism, IEDA	Tourism, recreation, entertainment capital projects	Local governments, non-profits	7/1/2016
State Rec Trail Grant, IDOT	Grants for recreational trails	Local governments	7/1/2016
Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP), IDNR	Recreational and conservation projects, including: land and easement acquisition, park development and multipurpose recreational projects.	Local governments	8/1/2016

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CDBG Funds, IEDA	Water/Sewer applications	Local Governments	11/15/2016
CDBG Funds, IEDA	Community Facility applications	Local Governments/non profits/daycares/ senior living	12/1/2016
Solid Waste Management Grant, IDNR	Funds to help with various solid waste projects including studies and implementation.	Local governments	12/1/2016
Solid Waste Alternatives Program, IDNR	Programs to encourage landfill alternatives - recycling, diversion, etc.	Local governments	12/1/2016
Regional Surface Transportation Program (STP)	Applications are submitted to SEIRPC for primarily road projects. Competitive awards are made to cities and counties separately. Contact SEIRPC for additional information.	Local governments	12/31/2016
Regional Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Program	Applications are submitted to SEIRPC for alternative transportation projects like trails, and trail bridges, roadway beautification and other uses. Contact SEIRPC for more information.	Local governments	12/31/2016
CDBG Sustainable Community Demonstration	Innovative and creative projects to support community sustainability. Projects might include green energy and streetscape or stormwater projects.	Local governments	12/31/2016
CDBG Funds, IEDA	Housing Applications	Local Governments	1/15/2016
State Revolving Fund (IFA)	Assist in financing design and construction of wastewater facilities, clean water infrastructure, drinking water infrastructure, soil and erosion control and storm water projects.	Local Governments	Ongoing
CDBG Economic Development Set Aside, IEDA	Grants and loans to businesses expanding or starting up. Contingent on businesses giving hiring preference or effort to LMI individuals.	Local Governments	Ongoing
Brownfields Tax Credits, IEDA	Assist in redevelopment of brownfield or grayfield sites, including vacant, industrial, commercial or downtown properties.	Local governments, non-profits, private business	Ongoing

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Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP), Iowa DOT	Provides 100 hours of engineering assistance for operations and traffic safety issues.	Local governments	Ongoing
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Iowa DOT	Provides grants for low-cost, systemic safety improvements in the \$10,000/mile range, focusing on lane departure crashes.	County governments	Ongoing
CDBG Public Facilities Set Aside, IEDA	Grants and loans to local governments for infrastructure supporting job creation for low to moderate income workers	Local Governments	Ongoing

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