

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

SEIRPC gets started on Mount Pleasant Comprehensive Plan

Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission planning department staff has begun an update to the City of Mount Pleasant's comprehensive plan. The last time the plan for Mount Pleasant was updated was 2002 and the new plan, titled Mount Pleasant 2030: Your City! Your Future! will be created over the next few months. A comprehensive plan is a document which outlines a community's vision for itself in the future. The Comprehensive Plan will provide direction for the future development of Mount Pleasant, focusing on important community topics such as land use, transportation, parks and recreations, urban design, quality of life, development, and utilities.

Brent Schleisman, City Administrator emphasized the importance of this process for the future of Mount Pleasant "The Comprehensive Plan will give us a road map to help guide future development of the community," he said. "It will really help us make sure Mount Pleasant reaches its full potential."

Creating a Comprehensive Plan requires significant involvement from citizens of the community. SEIRPC staff is employing a number of techniques to engage the public as part of this process, starting with a website to provide updates on the planning process (www.mp2030.com). Other methods include:

- A survey available online at <http://bit.ly/MP2030>, with the link being sent to local community groups, large employers, schools, and Iowa Wesleyan University (IWU). Paper copies are available at community buildings, IWU, restaurants, hospital, and non-profits.
- Interviews are being scheduled with nearly 30 community leaders to gather data and input about the community.
- SEIRPC staff will be attending a few community events to talk with community members about their thoughts and opinions on the future of the community.

Zach James, Planning Director for the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission expressed hopes that the public will take an active part in the plan. "It is so important for us to hear from the citizens in the community. Public participation will help us to develop a document that reflects the vision that community members have for the future of Mount Pleasant."



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SEIBUS Works with Medicaid Changes

Beginning April 1st, as an Iowa Medicaid transportation provider, SEIBUS will now provide rides through MCO's (Managed Care Organizations) and their transportation brokers. In order to fit in with this new system, SEIBUS has been making changes to ensure compliance with the new MCO's and their transportation brokers. SEIBUS is working collaboratively with each of the MCO's regarding the various contracts and credentialing processes.

Although this transition has its challenges, SEIBUS is being proactive in its compliance program. SEIBUS has added a part-time Transit Assistant whose primary responsibility is to assist with the application of the Medicaid Modernization process.

In order to comply with each of the MCO's requirements, SEIBUS has implemented various training programs for the drivers. The training consists of individual web based course work, classroom/group training and hands on learning. Some examples of the classes include: *Passenger Assistance Sensitivity and Safety; Defensive Driving; Customer Service; Fraud Waste and Abuse; and HIPAA compliance training.* Our drivers are committed to providing SEIBUS clients with a "service of excellence".

The logistics of doing business are dramatically changing, however; SEIBUS remains optimistic as we adopt the various new processes. Building upon a solid foundation, we aim to keep the transition as seamless as possible, ensuring our clients are provided with continued excellent service.

For more information about the changes to Iowa Medicaid, please visit <https://dhs.iowa.gov/iahealthlink>



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The Community Development Block Grant program is available to communities to assist with water and sewer repair and improvement projects, as well as housing and community facilities and storm water management projects.

CDBG has a national objective to assist low to moderate income individuals and to remove slum and blighted conditions in a community.

If your community has a project that could benefit from this assistance please contact Tracey Lamm, SEIRPC Regional Development Coordinator, at 319-753-4306.

Deadlines for this application are in January, 2017 but it is never too early to begin the application process.

Many communities in the SEIRPC region have benefitted from the CDBG program and it is a way to lessen the burden of these improvements on property owners.

City of Wayland receives Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Grant

Wayland received a Community Development Block Grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority to rehab 8 homes in a targeted neighborhood. Homeowners income has to be below 80% of the MFI for Henry County. Below are the gross income limits for each family size.

1 person 80% MFI	2 person 80% MFI	3 person 80% MFI	4 person 80% MFI	5 person 80% MFI	6 person 80% MFI	7 person 80% MFI	8 person 80% MFI
\$34,650	\$39,600	\$44,550	\$49,450	\$53,450	\$57,400	\$61,350	\$65,300

The Homeowners can receive up to \$24,999 for siding, windows, roof, electrical or plumbing. The funds are in the form of a forgivable loan to the homeowner and 100% forgiven after 5 years.

The home below was part of the Owner Occupied Grant that was awarded. The City of Wayland is still looking for a couple of homeowners in the target neighborhood to participate in this grant.

Please contact the City of Wayland for eligible neighborhoods or the housing department at SEIRPC if you know of a homeowner who might be interested in this program.



Before



After



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

Available Funding Sources (cont'd)

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SOURCE/PROGRAM	USES	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	DUE DATE
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

Available Funding Sources (cont'd)

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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

Mark the Date

Workforce Housing Task Force Summit

June 8, 2016
Canton, Missouri

More information to follow



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