

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
- Revolving loans for business
- Public transportation, van pools, employee transportation
- Housing development & rehabilitation
- Program management
- GIS mapping and analysis
- Economic Development Services

Iowa DOT Announces Freight Transportation Grant Opportunity

Linking Iowa's Freight Transportation System (LIFTS) is a one-time grant opportunity recently announced by Iowa DOT. The program seeks to improve multi-modal freight transportation around the state and economic development opportunities.

One-time funds totaling \$2.6 million are available, at 80% eligible costs for public entities and 50% eligible costs for private entities.

Applications are due October 23, 2015. SEIRPC is ready to partner with its local government members to provide application assistance for the program. Please contact Zach James for additional information 319-753-4313,

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www.iowadot.gov/iowarail/assistance/lifts/htm

ADA Transition Plans

All municipalities are required to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Title II of the Act has come into greater scrutiny because of Dept of Justice inquiries into ADA compliance. Title II deals with public services and physical accessibility.

Municipalities with over 50 employees are required to develop a transition plan into compliance with ADA, and a common area of non-compliance is curb ramps and accessibility within the right of way. All cities should also consider a transition plan, no matter the size. Please call SEIRPC to discuss assistance to prepare transition plans for you: Mike Norris, 319-753-4310, mnorris@seirpc.com.



Recent Grant Awards

SEIRPC has received news of several grant awards, the result of great partnerships and project development. SEIRPC is proud to strengthen southeast Iowa by bringing in needed project resources.

SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE: \$1,000,000, EDA

SCC received the award to construct its new Industrial Maintenance and Technology building on the Keokuk campus. The new 16,000sf building will house state of the art training modules, equipment, lab and meeting space. Students in industry, trades, manufacturing or other sectors will receive top notch instruction and experience in the new facility.

SEIRPC provided grant writing services and will also administer the grant.

CITY OF BURLINGTON DEPOT: \$480,000, IOWA DOT

The City received the Public Transit Infrastructure (PTIG) grant to rehabilitate the public spaces of the historic depot. Combined with local match funds from the City and Friends of the Depot, the project will make the dilapidated space usable and bring back to life the historic features of the building.

SEIRPC provided grant writing services and process consulting.

SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION: \$268,000, IFA

SEIRPC will provide down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers in Burlington through this project. Down payment assistance will be in the form of rehabilitation and closing assistance.



Disaster Declarations Made for Des Moines and Lee Counties

On July 31, 2015, the President declared multiple counties in Iowa eligible for federal disaster assistance under DR-4234. Southeast Iowa counties included Des Moines and Lee counties.

The declaration means Notices of Intent (NOI) are open for grants to fund various projects related to disaster relief, preparedness or other items.

Please contact Zach James if you are interested in submitting an NOI: 319-753-4313, zjames@seirpc.com.

Need Inspections?

SEIRPC has fielded several calls asking about resources for nuisance, building or electrical inspections. If you have a need for an inspection service, please contact us. If several communities have a need, it makes service provision more efficient for SEIRPC. Please contact Mike Norris for additional information: mnorris@seirpc.com, 319-753-4310.

Housing Funds Available

Through Great River Housing, funds are available to construct, rehabilitate or provide down payment assistance for affordable housing.

Funds are available in loan, grant or non-receding, non-payable loans: \$5,000 down payment assistance; up to \$10,000 for rehabilitation; up to \$25,000 development assistance.

Please call Stacey at 319-753-5107 for more information.



Available Funding Sources

SOURCE/PROGRAM	USES	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	DUE DATE
CDBG Funds, IEDA	Downtown Revitalization/Façade program	Local Governments/non profits	1/1/2015
Water Recreation Access Grant, IDNR	IDNR funding for docks, boat ramps, shoreline projects, etc.	Local governments	1/1/2015
Iowa Great Places, IEDA	Funding for cultural initiatives and major projects that make an area unique.	Local governments	1/1/2015
Alliant Energy Foundation	Community Enhancement Projects.	Local governments, non-profits	1/1/2015
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	2/1/2015
Healthy Communities Small Grant Program, Wellmark	Projects of \$25,000 or less encouraging new collaborations focused on improving the health of a community.	501c3 organizations	2/23/2015
Historic Resource Development Program, HIS	Funding for historic preservation projects.	Local governments, non-profits	4/1/2015
Iowa Arts Council Project Grants, IAC	Funds public arts projects and programs	Artists, local governments, schools, non-profits	5/1/2015
Affordable Housing Program, FHLB	(FHLB) of Des Moines that funds rental and homeownership projects.	profits with a partnership through local banks.	5/1/2015
Wildlife Habitat Promotion with Local Entities Program, IDNR	Cost share funding for wildlife projects, including land acquisition, forestry work, fencing, etc.	County conservation boards	5/1/2015
Matching Assets to Community Health, Wellmark	Supports projects at a \$1:1 ratio which promote active living in built environments, increase access to and consumption of nutritious foods.	501c3 organizations	5/15/2015
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	6/1/2015
Community Attraction and Tourism, IEDA	Tourism, recreation, entertainment capital projects	Local governments, non-profits	7/1/2015
State Rec Trail Grant, IDOT	Grants for recreational trails	Local governments	7/1/2015
Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP), IDNR	Recreational and conservation projects, including: land and easement acquisition, park development and multipurpose recreational projects.	Local governments	8/1/2015
CDBG Funds, IEDA	Water/Sewer applications	Local Governments	11/15/2015
CDBG Funds, IEDA	Community Facility applications	Local Governments/non profits/daycares/senior living	12/1/2015
Solid Waste Management Grant, IDNR	Funds to help with various solid waste projects including studies and implementation.	Local governments	12/1/2015
Solid Waste Alternatives Program, IDNR	Programs to encourage landfill alternatives - recycling, diversion, etc.	Local governments	12/1/2015



Available Funding Sources (cont'd)

SOURCE/PROGRAM	USES	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	DUE DATE
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	12/1/2015
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	12/1/2015
CDBG Sustainable Community Demonstration	Innovative and creative projects to support community sustainability. Projects might include green energy and streetscape or stormwater projects.	Local governments	12/1/2015
CDBG Funds, IEDA	Housing Applications	Local Governments	12/15/2015
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
Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy, IDOT	Funding to provide transportation access to businesses expanding, starting or relocating from out of state. Local development 50% (Feb 1 and Sept 1) Immediate Opportunity 80% cost share.	Local governments	Ongoing
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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