

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

Fort Madison to Host Tri-State Housing Summit June 10

A Tri-State Housing Summit will be held June 10 in Fort Madison from 9:30am – 2:00pm in the former Fort Madison Middle School located at the intersection of 18th St and Avenue F (614 18th St). Lunch will be provided to registrants at no charge.

The former Fort Madison Middle School, owned by Todd Schneider, is undergoing an extensive adaptive reuse project. The former school will feature 38 apartments and feature the largest residential solar array in Iowa. Tours of the building will be given over the noon hour.

Numerous speakers have been arranged to share resources, best practices, future outlooks and engage attendees in productive discussion about housing needs in the Tri State area.

Featured speakers include: Tony Hernandez, Undersecretary of Rural Housing Services, USDA; Rick Bloxhahn, Des Moines Federal Home Loan Bank; and John Santner, Midwest Director of Neighbor Works.

Regional councils from Iowa, Illinois and Missouri will also discuss regional needs, resources and opportunities.

Please RSVP before Monday, June 2: cpotts@necac.org or call 1-573-324-6622. Registration is free.



SEIRPC Annual Survey Results

SEIRPC annually surveys its members and regional partners. The survey allows SEIRPC to keep abreast of current issues, needs, trends, successes and opportunities. Please see the following graphics for primary survey results.

Q: Please identify the top three needs your organization perceives for HOUSING in the Southeast Iowa region or in your locale (25 respondents)	
Affordable single family new construction	56%
Owner occupied rehabilitation and repair	44%
Affordable rental new construction	36%
Market rate rental new construction	24%
Rental rehabilitation and repair	24%
Infill demolition and redevelopment for affordable housing	24%
Market rate single family new construction	16%
Infill demolition and redevelopment for market rate housing	16%
Other	8%
Housing is fine, no improvements needed.	8%



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Q: Please identify the top three needs your organization perceives for WATER & SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE in the Southeast Iowa region or in your locale

(25 respondents)

Sewer system repairs	64%
Sewer system replacement	44%
Sewer extensions to underserved areas	24%
Water system replacement	24%
Water system repairs	20%
GIS Utility Mapping	20%
Water extensions to underserved areas	12%
Other	8%
Water and sewer infrastructure is fine, no improvements needed	8%

Q: Please identify the top three needs for RECREATION in the Southeast Iowa region or in your locale

(24 respondents)

Sidewalk repair/construction	75%
Renovate existing parks	50%
New recreational trails	42%
Extend existing trails	33%
Improve existing boater infrastructure	29%
New parks	8%
New boater infrastructure	8%
Water recreation areas (e.g. water trails)	8%
Other	0%
Recreation offerings are fine, no improvements needed	0%

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Q: Please identify the top three needs your organization perceives for SURFACE TRANSPORTATION in the Southeast Iowa region or your locale

(23 respondents)

Street/road repair or rehabilitation	100%
Street/road development (new road/street)	43%
Bridge repair or rehabilitation	22%
Safety improvements	22%
Traffic flow improvements	22%
Bridge replacement	17%
Adopt and implement Complete Street policies	4%
The surface transportation system is fine, no improvements needed	4%
Other	0%

Q: Please identify the top three needs for BROADBAND in the Southeast Iowa region or in your locale

(24 respondents)

Higher speeds	80%
Better availability	72%
Lower prices	56%
More consistent service	48%
Broadband offerings are fine, no improvements needed	4%
Other	0%

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**Q: Please identify the top three needs your organization perceives for
 BUSINESS RETENTION in the Southeast Iowa region or your locale**

(23 respondents)

Improve general quality of life to retain business	70%
Establishing a regional incentive and revenue sharing program to assist existing businesses expand	52%
Modify the tax climate to encourage business activity	39%
Improve the business climate to encourage business activity	35%
Creating new development-ready areas to accommodate local, growing businesses	26%
Establish a regional venture capital fund to assist expanding businesses with equity needs	22%
Other	0%



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Q: Please identify the top three needs your organization perceives for BUSINESS ATTRACTION in the Southeast Iowa region or your locale

(23 respondents)

Improve general quality of life to attract business	56%
Establishing a regional incentive and revenue sharing program to incent new business	52%
Encourage quality market-rate housing to attract new business	43%
Creating new development-ready areas to new businesses	26%
Establish a regional venture capital fund to assist new businesses with equity needs	26%
Improve business climate through better communication between business, government, and education providers	26%
Modify the tax climate to encourage business activity	26%
Other	0%

Available Funding Sources

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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)

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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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