

Community Project Funding Guide



A resource developed by ECIA to assist communities in our five-county region in finding potential funding sources for their community projects.

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Preface

On the following pages are snapshots of potential funding programs for community projects. **Please note, always refer to the program website for the most up to date information as program information is subject to change.**

ECIA serves municipalities, community organizations and other non-profit groups in the five-county region of Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, and Jackson Counties. ECIA provides technical assistance and special project support in areas such as Community Development, Economic Development, Housing Assistance, Employment and Training, Transit, Transportation and Planning, and Grant Writing.

How to Use this Guide

There is no table of contents or index at this time. Simply click “CTRL F”, and type in the word that best describes your project.

Some example searches include but aren't limited to:

- playground
- recreation
- art
- tree
- trail
- baseball
- environment
- libraries
- park
- community development
- fire

AED Grant Program

Grant Summary

This program is designed to help institutions and individuals everywhere, place these amazing life saving devices at an affordable price.

Eligibility

Private and public businesses, agencies, institutions, and individuals.

Eligible Projects

AED packages for a fraction of the normal retail price

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

N/A

Deadline

Open

Award Announcements

Approval is usually received within 1-3 weeks.

Website

<http://www.aedgrant.com/>

AARP Community Challenge

Grant Summary

Projects need to deliver on one or all of the following drivers for change: Improve a community's built environment to benefit people of all ages and ability levels and connect to the social environment; Expand opportunities for all residents, such as through jobs, volunteerism, educational opportunities and training; Drive community engagement and interaction across diverse community residents via, for instance, efforts in the domains of culture and art, local communications, public spaces and placemaking, sports, education, well-being, healthy living, etc.

Eligibility

501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) nonprofits; Government entities; Other types of organizations, considered on a case-by-case basis

Eligible Projects

Deliver a range of transportation and mobility options..., Create vibrant public places..., Support the availability of a range of housing..., Other community improvements...

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Several hundred dollars for small, short-term activities to several thousand for larger projects

Deadline

May 16

Award Announcements

June 25

Website

<http://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/about/info-2017/aarp-community-challenge.html>

Alliant Energy Branching Out

Grant Summary

- Community tree planting program providing funding to:
 - Promote community-based tree planting projects
 - Encourage energy efficiency
 - Provide education related to the many benefits of trees
 - Increase environmental awareness through community stewardship

Eligibility

Communities receiving electricity and/or natural gas service from Alliant Energy

Eligible Projects

The utility provides grants for community-based, tree-planting projects - like parks, gateways, cemeteries, nature trails, libraries, nursing homes, schools and more.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

\$500 to \$10,000.

Deadline

June 1 and November 1

Award Announcements:

January 15 and August 15

Website

<https://www.alliantenergy.com/CommunityAndStewardship/OutreachandEnvironment/BranchingOut>

Alliant Energy Foundation - Community Grant

Grant Summary

The Alliant Energy Foundation's Community Grants are directed to programs and projects that benefit customers in Alliant Energy communities in Iowa and Wisconsin. We fund projects that fit into one of our three focus areas: Helping Families, Education and the Environment.

Eligibility

Applicant organization must be a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a valid IRS tax ID (EIN); or a governmental unit, town, village, or city; or an accredited school, college or university.

Eligible Projects

All projects must fit into one of our three focus areas: Helping Families, Education, Environment

Geographic Focus

Market area

Award Amounts

\$5,000

Deadline

Grant cycle 1 - March 1st

Grant cycle 2 - September 1st

Award Announcements

Grant cycle 1: May 1st

Grant cycle 2: November 1st

Website

<https://www.alliantenergy.com/CommunityAndStewardship/CommunitySupport/GrantsAndCommunityPrograms/CommunityGrants>

Alliant Energy Hometown Safety Grant

Grant Summary

Hometown Safety Grants are awarded to organizations and projects that serve or protect the community. This includes police and fire departments, as well as schools, libraries and other public service organizations.

Eligibility

The applicant needs to be either a registered 501(c)3 organization or affiliated with a city, town, village or local government.

Eligible Projects

Grants are for specific, one-time, safety-related projects that benefit a wide range of people and are expected to be completed within one year.

Examples of appropriate requests:

- Jaws of Life or thermal-imaging cameras
- A defibrillator in a public building
- Community emergency alert system
- Personal protective equipment for service providers

Geographic Focus

Market area

Award Amounts

\$500 to \$2,000. Hometown Safety Grants will not cover more than 50% of your total project cost. While the average grant is \$1,500-\$2,000, if your total project budget is \$2,000, the Foundation could fund a maximum of \$1,000.

Deadline

March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1

Award Announcements

April 1, July 1, October 1, January 1

Website

<https://www.alliantenergy.com/CommunityAndStewardship/CommunitySupport/FoundationPrograms/HometownSafetyGrants>

Arts Build Communities Grant

Grant Summary

The Arts Build Communities grant program is designed to provide support to initiatives that uniquely address civic challenges and community issues through the arts. Participants will receive financial and technical assistance as well as faculty and student resources to carry out project activities. The assistance will be provided by either Iowa State University, University of Iowa or University of Northern Iowa. Each university selects one project to mentor based on its resources and abilities.

Eligibility

Nonprofits, Schools, Communities.

Eligible Projects

Apply for funding to support an arts project that addresses a civic challenge or issue facing your community. Grant recipients will receive technical assistance to help develop the project from either Iowa State University, University of Iowa or University of Northern Iowa. Each university selects one project to mentor based on its resources and abilities.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

\$10,000.

Deadline

November 1

Award Announcements

Within eight weeks of deadline

Website

<https://iowaculture.gov/about-us/about/grants/arts-build-communities-grant>

Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant

Grant Summary

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations.

Eligibility

Fire departments in need of financial assistance for obtaining resources to equip and train emergency personnel.

Eligible Projects

Critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Max funding is dependent on the number of grant requests received and the total grant dollars available.

Deadline

January

Award Announcements

March

Website

<https://www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program>

Baseball Tomorrow Fund

Grant Summary

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF) is a joint initiative between Major League Baseball (MLB) and the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA.) The fund awards grants to organizations involved in the operation of youth baseball and softball programs and facilities.

Eligibility

Non-profit and tax-exempt organizations involved in the operation of youth baseball and/or softball programs and facilities.

Eligible Projects

Generally, grant funds are awarded for capital expenditures to benefit youth baseball and softball programs and facilities including, but not limited to:

- Baseball/softball equipment and uniforms (jerseys, pants, caps, visors, cleats only)
- Basic baseball/softball field renovations and construction (e.g. infield mix, sod/seeding, bases, dugouts, fencing, field lighting, irrigation system, laser grading, bleachers, etc.)
- Coaches' training materials

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Must generate at least 50% matching funds

Application Deadline & Award Announcements:

Review Cycle	The last date a request may be submitted for consideration during the Review Cycle	Requests Are Approved in this month*	If approved, the grant payment process takes place in this month**
January-March	January 1	April	May
April-June	April 1	July	August
July-September	July 1	October	November
October-December	October 1	January	February

Website

http://www.mlbcommunity.org/programs/baseball_tomorrow_fund.jsp?content=overview

Black Hills Corporation – Community Giving

Grant Summary

Our future depends on healthy, vibrant communities and opportunities for our friends and neighbors to fulfill their potential. To that end, we make donations for civic, cultural, social and charitable purposes.

Eligibility

501c3 organizations

Eligible Projects

Arts and culture, Civic and community development, Education, Environment, Human services, Youth development

Geographic Focus

Market area

Award Amounts

Between \$1,000 and \$5,000

Deadline

Open

Award Announcements:

Ongoing

Website

<https://www.blackhillscorp.com/community/community-giving>

Black Hills Energy Power of Trees

Grant Summary

- Community tree planting program providing funding to:
 - Encourage community tree planting and care on public and/or private property
 - Promote energy efficiency
 - Enhance the environment
 - Beautify your community

Eligibility

Communities receiving utility service from Black Hills Energy

Eligible Projects

Trees can be planted on either public or private property through this program. Past projects funded have included schools, parks, nursing homes, street trees, residential plantings and replacement of storm-damaged trees.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

\$500 - \$7,000

Deadline

June 1 and November 1

Award Announcements

Announcements are 2 times a year coinciding with the spring and fall planting seasons

Website

http://www.treesforever.org/Power_of_Trees

Build with Bags

Grant Summary

This grant program was initiated to support “closing the plastic bag loop” by demonstrating how recycled plastic bags can be re-used in the manufacturing of outdoor furniture and equipment. Although there are a number of firms that provide recycled plastic content, furniture and equipment, the BWB program encourages grant recipients to use Iowa’s own Plastic Recycling of Iowa Falls (www.plasticrecycling.us).

Eligibility

The grant program is available to any governmental entity, organization (i.e. service clubs, non-profit organizations) within Iowa that purchase the items for a park or school.

Eligible Projects

Please note that to be eligible for the grant program, the recycled-content plastic furniture or equipment to be purchased must be used at a park or school.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Max \$2,000

Deadline

March 30

Award Announcements

April 22

Website

<http://www.iowagrocers.com/build-with-bags-program.cfm>

Canadian Pacific – Community Fund

Grant Summary

We provide funding to organizations that aim to improve the heart health of people in communities all over North America.

Eligibility

Located and serving communities within the vicinity of CP operations. A registered charity and eligible to issue official tax receipts for donations, an established not-for-profit community organization, or a hospital foundation or social service agency. In sound financial standing, or able to demonstrate that it has a plan for repairing difficult financial circumstances.

Eligible Projects

Our priority is saving lives through: Research; Better access to cardiac emergency response equipment and treatment

Geographic Focus

Located and serving communities within the vicinity of CP operations.

Award Amounts

\$500 to \$50,000

Deadline

Applications for donations and sponsorships for 2018 must be submitted no later than November 30, 2018.

Award Announcements

Applications submitted after that date will be reviewed in January 2019.

Website

<http://www.cpr.ca/en/community/cp-has-heart/community-fund>

Career Link Employment Transportation program

Grant Summary

Funds awarded through the Career Link Employment Transportation program provide transportation for individuals to travel to job activities or job education opportunities. Funding is provided through local governments to non-profit transportation service providers.

Eligibility

Non-entitlement cities (under 50,000) or counties

Eligible Projects

Projects must provide transportation for individuals to travel to job activities or job education opportunities. Funds are not for purchasing buses or other equipment.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

The maximum grant award is \$150,000. One-for-one cash match required for projects. Matching funds can be a combination of funds from participating businesses, local, state and federal funds

Deadline

Open

Award Announcements

Awards are announced on an ongoing basis as long as funds are available.

Website

<https://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/programDetails?pid=95&ppid=94>

Casey's

Funding Overview:

Casey's General Stores, Inc. believes giving back to the communities where we live and work is one of our core values. With a diverse variety of fundraising activities, Casey's and its stores contributed more than \$4.5 million last year to many community and charitable organizations and events.

Max Funding Amount:

40% of total funding

Geographic Focus

Market area

Eligible Applicants:

501c3 organizations

Eligible Projects

Casey's General Stores, Inc. does **NOT** provide contributions to:

- Individuals seeking assistance for trips, including school sponsored events
- Research projects, assessments or special studies
- Adult sport teams
- Scholarships
- Pageants
- Educational attendance or behavior rewards

Application Deadline:

At least 20 **business** days prior to the date for which the donation is needed

Award Announcements:

Ongoing

Website:

<https://www.caseys.com/community/charitable-giving>

CDBG Career Link

Grant Summary

The Career Link program provides funding to help develop training programs for primarily low to moderate income individuals in an effort to increase employee skills and develop a skilled workforce for employers to draw from.

Eligibility

All incorporated cities and all counties in the State, except those designated as HUD entitlement areas, are eligible to apply for and receive funds under this program.

Eligible Projects

Under Career Link, employers identify common training needs and work with partners to develop a program/curriculum to address the training needs.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

There is no maximum request amount under the Career Link program.

Deadline

Rolling, as long as funds are available

Award Announcements

Rolling

Website

<https://www.iowagrants.gov/insideLinkOpps.jsp?documentPk=1410875780346>

CDBG—Community Facilities & Services

Grant Summary

The program is funded through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The goal of this program is to provide economic opportunities for people, especially those of low- and moderate income.

Eligibility

Projects must primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons (per HUD's definition). Projects must incorporate and support Iowa's state sustainable principles.

Eligible Projects

This annual competitive program offers grants to assist communities for a variety of projects including day care facilities, senior centers, vocational workshops and other community services such as storm water projects. Projects must primarily benefit low- and moderate income persons (per the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development definition)

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

- Communities with populations less than 1,000 can receive up to \$300,000
- Communities with populations between 1,000 and 2,500 can receive up to \$500,000
- Communities with populations between 2,500 and 15,000 can receive up to \$600,000
- Communities with populations greater than 15,000 can receive up to \$800,000

Deadline

April 20

Award Announcements

June

Website

<http://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/CDBG/CDBGPF>

Economic Development Set-Aside (EDSA)

Grant Summary

The Economic Development Set Aside (EDSA) program provides financial assistance to businesses and industries requiring assistance to create or retain job opportunities in Iowa. EDSA develops viable communities that provide economic opportunities for people, especially those with low- and moderate incomes.

Eligibility

Counties and cities under 50,000, except those designated as HUD entitlement areas, are eligible to apply on behalf of a business within their jurisdiction

Eligible Projects

Priority is given to projects that create manufacturing jobs, add value to Iowa resources and/or increase exports. Preference is given to businesses that create or retain the greatest number of jobs with the least amount of program dollars. Projects must demonstrate a need for assistance. The only three valid criteria to determine need are: a financing gap, insufficient return on investment or locational disadvantage.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Maximum award is \$1 million

Deadline

December 31

Award Announcements

Awards are announced on an ongoing basis as long as funds are available.

Website

<https://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/Business/EDSA>

CDBG—Housing Sustainability

Grant Summary

The program is funded through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The goal of this program is to provide economic opportunities for people, especially those of low- and moderate income.

Eligibility

This annual competitive program funds owner-occupied rehabilitation for single family homes being used as the principal residence. Applications are reviewed using a threshold and competitive criteria system taking into account need, impact and feasibility.

Eligible Projects

Rehabilitations projects, technical services, temporary relocation. Projects must primarily benefit low- and moderate income persons (per the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development definition).

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

The maximum amount of CDBG assistance for each single family unit included in a project is \$37,500. The \$37,500 per unit limit includes all applicable costs including, but not limited to, the hard costs of rehabilitation, technical services costs, including lead hazard reduction carrying costs; lead hazard reduction costs; and temporary relocation. All rehabilitation hard costs funded with housing funds are limited to \$24,999. All applicable technical services costs, including any lead hazard reduction carrying costs, are limited to \$4,500 per unit.

Deadline

May 4

Award Announcements

June

Website

<http://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/CDBG/CDBGHousing>

CDBG—Water/Sewer Fund

Grant Summary

The program is funded through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The goal of this program is to provide economic opportunities for people, especially those of low- and moderate income.

Eligibility

Cities and Counties

Eligible Projects

Funds awarded through this annual competitive program assist cities and counties with projects such as sanitary sewer system improvements, water system improvements, water and wastewater treatment facility projects, storm sewer projects related to sanitary sewer system improvements and rural water connections. Projects must primarily benefit low- and moderate income persons as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Maximum funding requests are based on community population:

- Less than 300 and unincorporated areas request up to \$1,000 per capita
- Less than 1,000 request up to \$300,000
- Between 1,000 and 2,500 request up to \$500,000
- Between 2,500 and 15,000 request up to \$600,000
- Greater than 15,000 request up to \$800,000

Deadline

Application deadlines are January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1

Award Announcements

March, June, September and December

Website

<https://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/programDetails?pid=96&ppid=2>

CHALLENGE AMERICA: Grant Program

Grant Summary

The Challenge America category offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability.

Eligibility

Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply.

Eligible Projects

Grants are available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

\$10,000

Deadline

April

Award Announcements:

December

Website

<https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/challenge-america/grant-program-description>

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

Grant Summary

Iowa's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) is the best choice to finance publicly owned wastewater treatment, sewer rehabilitation, replacement, and construction, and storm water quality improvements. Since 1989, the CWSRF has provided more than \$1.4 billion in financing assistance for water pollution control.

Eligibility

Cities, counties, and sanitary districts

Eligible Projects

Water and wastewater infrastructure, agricultural best management practices, and other water quality projects.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Max funding is dependent on the number of grant requests received and the total grant dollars available.

Deadline

Open

Award Announcements:

June, September, December and March

Website

http://www.iowasrf.com/program/clean_water_loan_program/

Clif Bar Family Foundation

Grant Summary

Clif Bar Family Foundation supports innovative small and mid-sized groups working to strengthen our food system and our communities, enhance public health, and safeguard our environment and natural resources.

Eligibility

501c3 organizations

Eligible Projects

Priority is given to applicants that:

Address our funding priorities from a holistic perspective: Protect Earth's beauty and bounty; Create a robust, healthy food system; Increase opportunities for outdoor activity; Reduce environmental health hazards; Build stronger communities.

Operate with clearly defined objectives and viable plans to achieve them. Demonstrate strong community ties and operate at the community level. Promote positive change through both the projects and their implementation process.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

\$7,000

Deadline

Feb, June, Oct, 1

Award Announcements:

June, October, February

Website

<http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs/Small-Grants>

Clinton County Community Development Association

Grant Summary

From school children, to our community's elderly, and all those in between, the CCDA has been dedicated to providing support for projects that enhance the quality of life for our residents.

Eligibility

The organization must be eligible to receive tax exempt contributions under one of the following code sections:

- Internal Revenue Code Section 170(c)(1)(governmental units);
- An IRS recognized tax exempt organization in good standing (not revoked for failure to file annual tax returns) and as defined in one of the following IRS Code Sections:

501(c)(3) Charitable, religious, or educational organizations;

501(c)(4) Civic League or Social Welfare organizations;

501(c)(6) Business League;

501(c)(10) Domestic Fraternal Society;

501(c)(19) Veterans Post or organization

Eligible Projects

The organization and project must be physically located within Clinton County, Iowa. Funds shall be awarded with the goal of accomplishing economic, civic or community development to improve the area economy, and to create and retain employment opportunities.

Geographic Focus

Clinton County

Award Amounts

Up to \$100,000

Deadline

Second Wednesday in March and second Wednesday in August, by 4:30 PM

Award Announcements

By 3rd Wednesday in June/By 3rd Wednesday in November.

Website

<http://www.clintoncountydevelopment.org/grants.html>

The Coca-Cola / Keep America Beautiful Public Space Recycling Bin Grant

Grant Summary

This grant program is designed to help communities overcome the barrier of finding recycling bins in downtown areas, athletic fields, venues and other “public spaces” by providing recycling bins and promoting the idea that recycling is an activity we do wherever our daily routine takes us. The grant program awards actual recycling bins to schools, government agencies, colleges and other community organizations on a competitive basis.

Eligibility

Grants are offered to KAB affiliates, government and public agencies, non-profit organizations, tribal governments, religious organizations, colleges & universities, k-12 schools and other community groups. For-profit businesses are not eligible to receive grants.

Eligible Projects

The Coca-Cola / Keep America Beautiful Public Space Recycling Bin Grant provides recycling bins to eligible applicants.

Geographic Focus

Grants are provided for use at locations in the United States.

Award Amounts

n/a

Deadline

The grants for 2017 have already been awarded. Timing has not been finalized for accepting 2018 grant applications.

Award Announcements

The grants for 2017 have already been awarded. Timing has not been finalized for accepting 2018 grant applications.

Website

<https://www.kab.org/coca-cola-recycling-grant/grant-overview>

Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program

Grant Summary

Provides grants to communities for the redevelopment, rehabilitation or deconstruction of buildings to stimulate economic growth or reinvestment in the community. Strong applications will show the potential of catalytic economic growth in the community; improve appearances & safety; make use of underutilized property, exhibit appropriate design standards; and be well-funded. Economic growth may include the creation of additional jobs, growth of new or existing businesses, development of new housing units, increase property values, or potential population growth.

- Funding based on annual availability
- 40% of funds will be awarded to cities with populations under 1,500

Eligibility

- Deconstruction is allowed in dire situations or for safety reasons
- City must be the applicant and provide financial and/or in-kind resources

Eligible Projects

Funds available for the rehabilitation of one commercial building per community or two buildings with same ownership that are adjacent.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Maximum grant: \$100,000; Limited number of \$5,000 planning grants available for future projects after approved pre-application

Deadline

Pre-App: On or before January 29

Full-App: (by invitation ONLY) March 1

Award Announcements:

mid-April

Website

<https://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/Community/Catalyst>

Community Foundation of Cedar County

Grant Summary

The Community Foundation of Cedar County is a charitable foundation created by and for the citizens of Cedar County, Iowa. We are here to help donors make a positive, local impact by offering a variety of giving tools to help people achieve their charitable giving goals and do good work in our communities that lasts forever.

Eligibility

The Foundation makes grants only to non-profit organizations preferably with 501(c)(3) status or qualified governmental agencies.

Eligible Projects

Grants are **NOT** awarded in the following areas: annual fund raising, organizational endowment funds, deficit financing, grants to individuals, or for sectarian purposes.

Geographic Focus

Cedar County

Award Amounts

\$7,500

Deadline

February 15

Award Announcements

Within three months of grant submission

Website

<http://www.cfgrb.org/geographic-affiliate-funds/cedar-county/>

Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque Community Impact grants

Grant Summary

Community Impact Grants aim to support capacity building efforts at nonprofits in the CFGD service area.

Eligibility

Eligible organizations include nonprofits, public institutions and emerging groups organized for nonprofit purposes.

Eligible Projects

To focus our efforts, CFGD asks that proposals fit into one (or more) of the following Capacity Building Categories: Training & Development, Collaboration & Coaching, Research & Planning, Operations

Geographic Focus

Organizations must be located in and serve Clayton, Clinton, or Dubuque counties.

Award Amounts

\$6,000 max

Deadline

February 18

Award Announcements

By April 15

Website

<http://www.dbqfoundation.org/nonprofits/grant-opportunities>

Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque YAPPERS Grant

Grant Summary

The YAPPERS' annual grants program aims to provide Dubuque County youth-serving agencies with the opportunity to strengthen and grow their programs. One-year awards of up to \$2,500.

Eligibility

501(c)3 nonprofit organizations that have been in active service to the public for at least one year prior to the application.

Eligible Projects

Requests for funding through the YAPPERS grant process should clearly demonstrate how grant funds will: be used to support costs of youth programs and projects; help meet basic human needs, combat violence, provide opportunities for youth, and/or raise awareness for issues that local youth are facing; help youth learn and develop necessary life skills; provide opportunities for youth to participate in the execution of the project or program (This may be accomplished through leadership and service activities); specifically address at least one of the 5 Promises (Adult Relationships, Safe Environment, Healthy Lifestyle, Effective Education and Work Experience, Opportunities to Serve/Volunteer).

Geographic Focus

Dubuque County

Award Amounts

Up to \$2,500

Deadline

March 1

Award Announcements

May 15

Website

<http://www.dbqfoundation.org/nonprofits/grant-opportunities>

Community Foundation of Jackson County

Grant Summary

We award grants in the priority areas of community development, diversity, education, our environment, health and human services, children, youth, families and senior citizens, arts and culture including historic preservation, and wellness projects.

Eligibility

To be eligible for funding, an organization/program must:

- Provide services within Jackson County
- Nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations, public institutions, and/or organizations without nonprofit status partnering with a fiscal sponsor organization

Geographic Focus

Jackson County

Award Amounts

Max funding is dependent on the number of grant requests received and the total grant dollars available.

Deadline

May; October

Award Announcements

Late May; Late November

Website

<http://www.dbqfoundation.org/nonprofits/grant-opportunities>

Creative Leadership Grants

Grant Summary

In collaboration with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), Crayola offers up to 20 grants for schools in the United States or Canada. The 2018 program provides grants for innovative, creative leadership team building within elementary/middle schools. Submit your application for the opportunity to receive a grant to help build your school's creative capacity.

Eligibility

Elementary/middle schools where principals are members of National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP)

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Each grant-winning school (up to 20 grants awarded) receives \$2,500 and Crayola products valued at \$1,000.

Deadline

June 22

Award Announcements

October

Website

<http://www.crayola.com/for-educators/ccac-landing/grant-program.aspx>

Derelict Building Grant Program

Grant Summary

Funding to assist small communities and rural counties in addressing derelict buildings through deconstruction, renovation/mothballing, and/or conducting environmental studies.

Eligibility

- Any county or municipal government with a population of less than 5,000.
- An applicant may partner with a local non-profit organization on a project.

Eligible Projects

Eligible activities include: conducting asbestos inspections, asbestos abatement, structural engineering analysis, phase I and phase II site assessments, building deconstruction and building renovation expenses.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

The maximum grant award for deconstruction projects shall not exceed \$75,000.

Deadline

April 4

Award Announcements

By July 1

Website

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Waste-Planning-Recycling/Derelict-Building-Program>

Dollar General Literacy Grants

Grant Summary

The need for literacy assistance isn't confined to a single age group or geographic location. That's why the Dollar General Literacy Foundation's grant programs help improve the lives of people of all ages in many different communities. Program areas include: Adult Literacy; School Library Relief; Family Literacy; Summer Reading; Youth Literacy.

Eligibility

- nonprofit organizations that provide direct service to adults in need of literacy assistance
- public school libraries recovering from major disasters
- family literacy service providers
- local nonprofit organizations and libraries to help with the implementation or expansion of summer reading programs
- schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading

Eligible Projects

Please see website for eligible projects within the above program areas.

Geographic Focus

Market area

Award Amounts

Varies among program areas

Deadline

Varies among program areas

Award Announcements

Varies among program areas

Website

http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant_programs.aspx

DOT/DNR Fund

Grant Summary

Funding provided for roadside beautification of primary system corridors with plant materials.

Eligibility

Any tax-levying body

Eligible Projects

Roadside beautification of primary system corridors with plant materials

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Maximum of \$100,000 per application per year.

Deadline

Letters of request are accepted all year and, if selected, are funded in the order in which they are received.

Award Announcements

The average length of time for an acceptance decision is 90 days from submission.

Website

http://www.iowadot.gov/pol_leg_services/Funding-Guide.pdf

Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency

Grant Summary

The DMASWA offers funding of up to \$25,000 to successful applicants whose efforts result in effective waste minimization and/or related education in Dubuque County.

Eligibility

Eligible Projects

Waste minimization efforts for the purposes of this grant include, but are not limited to, source reduction, reuse methods, recycling, composting, and hazardous materials disposal and alternatives.

Geographic Focus

Dubuque County

Award Amounts

Up to \$25,000

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

Rolling

Website

<https://www.dmaswa.org/services/environmental-education/grants/>

Dubuque Racing Association

Grant Summary

The DRA intends for all funds to be used by area non-profit organizations to support the community in which they operate. If the proposed project/program does not benefit area residents, you must indicate exactly who will benefit and their location.

Eligibility

Applicants must be non-profit, tax-exempt organizations that have received 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) designation from the Internal Revenue Service or must be a unit of political subdivision (i.e., Conservation Districts). Organizations are not allowed to "share" or "borrow" a 501(c)(3) status with another organization. The name on the application must match the name on the IRS-issued letter. Only one application per 501(c)(3) or equivalent tax-exempt status will be accepted.

Eligible Projects

- Arts and culture
- Recreation
- Education
- Health and human services
- Emergency services
- Civic and community development

Geographic Focus

Dubuque County and contiguous counties

Award Amounts

Max funding is dependent on the number of grant requests received and the total grant dollars available.

Deadline

Typically last Friday of February

Award Announcements

Mid-May

Website

<http://dradubuque.com/grant-application/>

Dyersville Area Community Foundation

Grant Summary

The mission of the Dyersville Area Community Foundation is to connect area community needs with charitable donors.

Eligibility

Non-profits with a 501 C (3) status. Such organizations can act as fiscal agents for non-exempt groups who provide programs that meet IRS charitable contribution guidelines.

Eligible Projects

Office supplies, salaries, and postage type products will **not** be funded.

Geographic Focus

Dyersville, Earlville, Farley, Luxemburg, New Vienna, Petersburg, and Worthington

Award Amounts

\$5,000 total in funding pool.

Deadline

August 15 at 5 p.m.

Award Announcements:

September 30

Website

<http://www.dbqfoundation.org/grants/dyersville-area-community-foundation>

Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Corporation Housing Trust Fund (EIRHC HTF)

Grant Summary

The mission of the EIRHC Housing Trust Fund is to assist in the provision of providing decent, safe and affordable housing, as well as providing access to the resources for creating housing opportunities to the families served in eastern Iowa. The emphasis is to provide economic assistance to benefit the -moderate, very low, and extremely low-income for a variety of housing needs. Eligible projects include rehabs and repairs of existing housing, including, but not limited to: plumbing, electrical, roofing, structural, energy efficiency, lead based paint issues and handicap accessibility.

Eligibility

Individuals, community organizations, non-profit and for-profit developers

Eligible Projects

Rehabs and repairs of existing housing, including, but not limited to: plumbing, electrical, roofing, structural, energy efficiency, lead based paint issues and handicap accessibility.

Geographic Focus

Dubuque, Delaware, Jackson, Cedar and Clinton Counties

Award Amounts

\$10,000 for homeowners; up to \$24,000 for landlords for rental units

Deadline

August 1

Award Announcements

Late December

Website

<http://eirha.org/eirhc-htf/>

Enhance Iowa - Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Program

Grant Summary

The Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) program assists communities in the development and creation of multiple purpose attraction or tourism facilities. Projects must be available to the general public for public use and be primarily vertical infrastructure. Starting July 1, 2018, CAT applicants must document 65% of the project costs have been raised through donations or pledges to be eligible to submit an application. Additionally, a loan and/or financing cannot be used to help reach the 65% fundraising threshold.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include a city, county, nonprofit organization, or school district in cooperation with a city or county. The applicant should be the intended entity to contract with the Enhance Iowa Board to receive CAT funds and undertake the funded activity. Any subrecipient (a private organization or other entity operating under an agreement or contract with a recipient to carry out a funded CAT activity) must be listed in the application.

Eligible Projects

CAT projects may include but are not limited to the following: museums, theme parks, cultural and recreational centers, recreational trails, heritage attractions, sports arenas, and other attractions.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

No more than 15% of the total project costs.

Deadline

Applications will be accepted quarterly, January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15. Applications received after 4:30 p.m. will not be considered for funding.

Award Announcements

There is no set award date for the CAT program. CAT awards are last dollar in, which means an award is made when the Board is confident the applicant can close any remaining fundraising gap within a set number of days, usually 30-60. The length of time an applicant remains before the Board is dependent on the applicant and how many funds have been raised upon application. Awards have been averaging 12-15% of total project costs; it is recommended applicants come in with 80% of the funds already raised. Fundraising includes cash, pledges and in-kind donations.

Website

<https://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/Community/EnhanceIowa>

Environmental Protection Agency – Brownfield Clean up Grant

Grant Summary

Cleanup grants provide funding for a grant recipient to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites. Due to budget limitations, no entity can apply for funding cleanup activities at more than three sites. These funds may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum).

Eligibility

- General Purpose Unit of Local Government. (For purposes of the brownfields grant program, EPA defines general purpose unit of local government as a “local government” as defined under 2 CFR 200.64.)
- Land Clearance Authority or other quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of local government.
- Government Entity Created by State Legislature.
- Regional Council or group of General Purpose Units of Local Government.
- Redevelopment Agency that is chartered or otherwise sanctioned by a state.
- State.
- Nonprofit organizations. (For the purposes of the brownfields grant program, the term “nonprofit organization” means any corporation, trust, association, cooperative, or other organization that is operated mainly for scientific, educational, service, charitable, or similar purpose in the public interest and is not organized primarily for profit; and uses net proceeds to maintain, improve, or expand the operation of the organization.)

Eligible Projects

Cleanup activities at brownfield sites, specifically addressing sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum).

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

\$200,000 per site

Deadline

November

Award Announcements

Summer

Website

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/fy-2018-brownfields-assessment-revolving-loan-fund-and-cleanup-grant-guideline-documents>

Environmental Protection Agency - Brownfields Assessment Grant

Grant Summary

Provide funding for brownfields inventories, planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach. A brownfield is defined as: real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. The 2002 Brownfields Law further defines the term to include a site that is: “contaminated by a controlled substance; contaminated by petroleum or a petroleum product excluded from the definition of ‘hazardous substance’; or mine-scarred land.”

Eligibility

- General Purpose Unit of Local Government. (For purposes of the brownfields grant program, EPA defines general purpose unit of local government as a “local government” as defined under 2 CFR 200.64.)
- Land Clearance Authority or other quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of local government.
- Government Entity Created by State Legislature.
- Regional Council or group of General Purpose Units of Local Government.
- Redevelopment Agency that is chartered or otherwise sanctioned by a state.
- State.

Eligible Projects

- Inventory Sites: Compile a listing
- Characterize Sites: Identify past uses
- Assess Sites: Determine existing contamination
- Conduct Cleanup and Redevelopment Planning: Scope and plan process
- Conduct Community Involvement: Inform and engage community

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Up to \$200,000

Deadline

November

Award Announcements

Spring/Summer

Website

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/fy-2018-brownfields-assessment-revolving-loan-fund-and-cleanup-grant-guideline-documents>

EPA Urban Waters Small Grants

Grant Summary

EPA seeks to fund projects that address urban runoff pollution through diverse partnerships that produce multiple community benefits, with emphasis on underserved communities.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include States, local governments, Indian Tribes, public and private universities and colleges, public or private nonprofit institutions/organizations, intertribal consortia, and interstate agencies.

Eligible Projects

Past projects address local water quality issues related to urban runoff pollution, provide additional community benefits, actively engage under-served communities, and foster partnership.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Up to \$60,000

Deadline

Fall

Award Announcements

Summer

Website

<http://www2.epa.gov/urbanwaters/urban-waters-small-grants>

Federal Home Loan Bank - Competitive Affordable Housing Program

Grant Summary

The Competitive Affordable Housing Program is one of the nation's largest sources of grants for affordable housing projects. This program encourages partnerships between our member financial institutions and local housing providers to secure funds for the purchase, construction or rehabilitation of affordable homeownership or rental housing units.

Eligibility

Grants are available to sponsors including nonprofits, governments, housing authorities and other qualifying organizations. Sponsors require the support of an FHLB Des Moines member financial institution to apply.

Eligible Projects

Geographic Focus

Dubuque, Delaware, Jackson, Cedar and Clinton Counties

Award Amounts

Up to \$750,000

Deadline

Pre-Application Start February 1 - Pre-Application End February 28

Sponsor Application Start May 1 - Sponsor Application End 4:30 PM May 31

Member Application End 4:30 PM May 31

Award Announcements

December

Website

<http://www.fhldb.com/affordable-housing-products/competitive-affordable-housing-program/>

US Bank – Community Possible Grant Program

Grant Summary

We support organizations and programs that advance the following funding priorities: Work – Workforce Education and Economic Prosperity; Home – Neighborhood Stability and Revitalization; Play – Arts and Culture Places to Play

Eligibility

Organizations must have tax-exempt status under IRS section 501(c)(3) and certify that they maintain a non-discrimination policy that ensures the organization does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, color, sex, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, disability, marital status, genetic information, veteran status, or other factors that are protected by law.

Eligible Projects

Program / Project Grants: A Program/project grant is given to support a specific, connected set of activities, with a beginning and an end, explicit objectives and a predetermined cost. We consider highly effective and innovative programs that meet our Community Possible grant focus areas.

Operating Grants: An Operating grant given to cover an organization's day-to-day, ongoing expenses, such as salaries, utilities, office supplies, etc. We consider operating support requests from organizations where the entire mission of the organization fits a Community Possible grant focus area.

Capital Grants: A Capital grant that is part of an organized drive to collect and accumulate substantial funds to finance fixed assets. The U.S. Bank Foundation considers a small number of requests for capital support from organizations that meet all other funding criteria, whose entire mission statement fits a Community Possible grant focus area, and with which the Foundation has a funding history. All organizations requesting capital funding must also have a U.S. Bank employee on the board of directors. U.S. Bank does not fund more than 1% of the non-endowment total capital campaign fundraising goal.

Geographic Focus

Organizations must be based in and serve [designated U.S. Bank communities](#).

Award Amounts

\$200,000 - \$500,000

Deadline

Play: January 1 – January 31; Work: April 1 – April 30; Home: July 1 – July 31

Award Announcements

Play: by June 30; Work: by September 30; Home: by December 31

Website

<https://www.usbank.com/community/community-possible-grant-program.aspx>

Fire Prevention & Safety Grants

Grant Summary

The purpose of this program is to enhance public safety and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by assisting fire prevention programs, supporting firefighter health and safety research and development.

Eligibility

Fire departments; and national, regional, state, local, federally recognized tribal, and non-profit organizations that are recognized for their experience and expertise in fire prevention and safety programs and activities. Both private and public non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding in this activity.

Eligible Projects

FP&S Grants are offered to support projects in two activities. The FP&S Activity is designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death, injuries, and property damage caused by fire and fire-related hazards. Accordingly, the four project categories eligible for funding under this activity are:

- o Community Risk Reduction;
- o Code Enforcement/Awareness;
- o Fire & Arson Investigation; and
- o National/State/Regional Programs and Studies

The Research and Development (R&D) Activity is aimed at improving firefighter safety, health, or wellness through research and development that reduces firefighter fatalities and injuries. The six project categories eligible for funding under this activity are:

- o Clinical Studies;
- o Technology and Product Development;
- o Database System Development;
- o Dissemination and Implementation Research;
- o Preliminary Studies; and
- o Early Career Investigator

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

\$34.5 million available in funding; Approximately 150 awards

Deadline

March

Award Announcements

August

Website

<https://www.fema.gov/fire-prevention-safety-grants-documents#>

Firefighters Support Foundation – Equipment Grants

Grant Summary

Many fire and rescue departments in the U.S. are under-funded and volunteer-based. This lack of funding often means that critical on-scene safety and rescue equipment is wanting. To assist these agencies, we make grants to purchase needed equipment.

Eligibility

All fire and rescue departments in the United States are eligible to apply for an FSF equipment grant.

Eligible Projects

Our focus is on 1) funding equipment that is critical to emergency scene life and safety, 2) helping a functional department to function better, and 3) providing equipment that can be shared on a regional basis.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Average award is \$5,000

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements:

Ongoing

Website

<http://www.ffsupport.org/equipment-grants/>

Foundation for the Future of Delaware County

Grant Summary

Each year the Foundation for the Future of Delaware County accepts applications for grants for community development, community promotions, community education and similar matters.

Eligibility

To be eligible for funding, an organization/program must:

- Provide services within Delaware County
- Be operated and organized in compliance with applicable laws prohibiting discrimination
- Be a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, not-for-profit agency or affiliated with a public agency/unit of government (County, City, School)
- Organizations who do not have 501(c)(3) status are encouraged to find a qualifying agency to sponsor them. A Fiscal Sponsorship Form must be attached to the application. (Examples of organizations and sponsors: Elementary school sponsored by School Board Park and Rec Board by City Council Fire/Emergency sponsored by City/County Board)

Eligible Projects

We award grants in the areas of Health and Human Services, Education, Neighborhoods and Community Development, the Environment, Children, Youth, and Families, and Arts and Culture, including historic preservation.

Geographic Focus

Delaware County

Award Amounts

Max funding is dependent on the number of grant requests received and the total grant dollars available.

Deadline

January 31

Award Announcements

April 30

Website

<http://www.dbqfoundation.org/grants/foundation-future-delaware-county>

Georgia-Pacific Foundation

Grant Summary

Established in 1958, the Georgia-Pacific Foundation sets aside resources to improve life in the communities where we operate. We've worked with thousands of outstanding community-based programs, service projects and disaster relief efforts, focusing our investment in four areas we believe make the most impact: education, environment, enrichment and entrepreneurship.

Eligibility

Must be a 501c3

Eligible Projects

We use established criteria to evaluate requests, but the most important are:

- Is the organization or the programs/services located within 30 miles of a Georgia-Pacific manufacturing community?
- Does the program support education, the environment, community enrichment and/or entrepreneurship?
- Does the program create tangible value and measurable return on investment in the community?

Geographic Focus

Must be located within 30 miles of a Georgia-Pacific manufacturing community.

Award Amounts

Max funding is dependent on the number of grant requests received and the total grant dollars available.

Deadline

Grant requests are reviewed on a rolling cycle throughout the year. Due to limited funding at year-end, submission by October 31 is encouraged.

Award Announcements:

Within 60 days of receiving application.

Website

<https://www.gp.com/community>

Good Sports Equipment Grants

Grant Summary

Good Sports gives all kids the lifelong benefits of sport and physical activity by providing new equipment, apparel and footwear to those most in need.

Eligibility

Organization that: serves youth between the ages of 3-18 years old; serves youth in an economically disadvantaged area; is located in the United States; operates an organized sport, recreational activity, or fitness program that offers consistent and structured opportunity for play to large groups of children

Eligible Projects

Sports and Fitness equipment, apparel, footwear

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

10% of the total retail value of the items

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

Rolling

Website

<http://www.goodsports.org/>

Havlife Memorial Foundation

Grant Summary

HAVlife™ grants to other 501(c)3 organizations to support youth in the community, specifically, supporting youth ages 10 to 15 in activities related to arts, music and athletics.

Eligibility

501(c)3 organizations

Eligible Projects

Types of Support Awarded: Offset individual's cost of participation in organized activity in one of our three focus areas - such as art supplies/classes, instrument rental, music/vocal lessons, athletic participation fees/uniforms; Individual attendance at camps whose primary focus is in support of one of our three focus areas; Individual Participation in traveling team/group; when participation is not possible due to financial hardship

Geographic Focus

Tri-States Chapter covers Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, and Jackson Counties.

Award Amounts

\$1,500-\$5,000

Deadline

December, April, July

Award Announcements

January, May, August

Website

<http://havlife.org/grants/>

Iowa Arts Council Project Grant

Grant Summary

Funding for arts projects that positively impact the vitality of the arts in the state, demonstrate public value, and support Iowa Arts Council funding priorities.

Eligibility

- Federally tax exempt 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations incorporated in Iowa
- Schools or institutions of higher education in Iowa
- Units of local, county or federally-recognized tribal governments located in Iowa
- Current, legal Iowa resident artists who are 18 years of age or older

Eligible Projects

Types of eligible projects include: exhibitions, expositions, fairs, festivals and community events or activities dedicated to the arts.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Minimum grant request of \$1,000 to a maximum grant request of \$10,000.

Deadline

May 1

Award Announcements

Within 8 weeks of the application deadline

Website

<https://iowaculture.gov/about-us/about/grants/art-project-grant>

Iowa Brownfield/Grayfield Redevelopment Tax Credit Program

Grant Summary

This program assists with redevelopment aimed at improving Iowa's economy while reducing environmental hazards.

Eligibility

Applicant must be an individual, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust; Projects must meet the rules listed in the Iowa Redevelopment Tax Credit Program Rules Chapter 261.65.11 (15)

Eligible Projects

Brownfield sites are abandoned, idled or underutilized industrial or commercial properties where real or perceived environmental contamination prevents productive expansion or redevelopment. Examples of Brownfield sites include former gas stations, dry cleaners, and other commercial operations that may have utilized products or materials potentially hazardous to the environment.

Grayfield sites are abandoned public buildings, industrial or commercial properties that are vacant, blighted, obsolete or otherwise underutilized. A grayfield has been developed and has infrastructure in place but the property's current use is outdated or prevents a better or more efficient use of the property.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

- Tax credits of up to 24% for qualifying costs of a brownfield project and 30% if the project meets green building requirements
- Tax credits of up to 12% of qualifying costs of a grayfield project and 15% if the project meets green building requirements
- Program capped at \$10 million per fiscal year with a maximum award per project of \$1 million

Deadline

Accepted annually during the months of July and August with a September 1 deadline.

Award Announcements

October

Website

<http://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/Regulatory/brownfield>

Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP)

Grant Summary

Funding for highway/street, transit, bicycle/pedestrian or freight projects or programs which help maintain Iowa's clean air quality by reducing transportation-related emissions. Eligible highway/street projects must be on the federal-aid system; see website for more information.

Eligibility

The state, a county or a city may sponsor an application or may co-sponsor for private, non-private organizations and individuals. Transit systems may apply directly.

Eligible Projects

Eligible projects will fall into one of the following categories:

- those which reduce emissions via traffic flow improvements and provide a direct benefit to air quality by addressing ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter PM-2.5 or PM-10 (all of these pollutant emissions must be addressed, and a reduction calculation must be provided by the applicant for all types of projects listed);
- those which reduce vehicle miles of travel;
- those which reduce single-occupant vehicle trips; or
- other transportation improvement projects to improve air quality or reduce congestion.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Minimum \$20,000 total project cost; Local match of at least 20 percent is required

Deadline

October 1

Award Announcements

Within four months of deadline date

Website

http://www.iowadot.gov/pol_leg_services/Funding-Guide.pdf

Iowa Finance Authority Bonds

Program Summary

Through its Economic Development Bond Program, the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) issues tax-exempt bonds on behalf of private entities or organizations for eligible purposes. The responsibility for repayment of the bonds rests with the applicant. Neither IFA nor the State of Iowa has any liability to repay the debt. IFA does not buy the bonds or sell the bonds. Applicants are responsible for finding an entity to purchase the bonds.

Eligibility

501c3 entities, manufacturing and agricultural processing facilities, multi-family housing, solid waste facilities

Eligible Projects

First Time Home Buyer, Military Homeownership

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

If the project is qualified and IFA will be the issuer of the bonds, an Economic Development Revenue Bond Program application must be completed and submitted to IFA, along with a \$1,000 fee for applications up to \$10 million and \$2,500 fee for applications over \$10 million. The application fee will be subtracted from the issuer fee at closing.

Deadline

IFA's Board meets monthly. Applications must be received approximately ten days prior to a Board meeting to be considered at that meeting.

Award Announcements

If the application is approved by the Board of Directors, IFA will hold a public hearing and consider approving the issuance of the bonds for the borrower at a later meeting.

Website

<http://www.iowafinanceauthority.gov/Public/Pages/PC90LN17>

Iowa Great Places

Grant Summary

Great Places Designation: Designation may be used in signage and marketing material to promote the area. Newly designated Iowa Great Places are added to the Iowa Great Places network on an annual basis through a competitive application process. Once designated, networking, professional development and technical assistance will be provided to the community by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. Designated places will also receive additional consideration by other state agency programs for endorsed projects for three years post-designation. Additional consideration is limited to up to three projects proposed through the fall grant funding application cycle and does not apply to the spring designation application. Designated Iowa Great Places must complete a re-designation process every five years at which point they can present new projects for endorsement and potential funding.

Great Places Funding (only to designated communities): In addition to the benefits of designation, each designated Iowa Great Place has the opportunity to apply for grant funding for a single project during each five year designation cycle. Designated Iowa Great Places may request funding for up to three proposed projects during each of the first three years of their designation cycle, until funding is received, with the understanding that only one project per designated Iowa Great Place can receive funding.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must be one of the following types of entities.

- Federally tax exempt 501(c)3 nonprofit organization incorporated and physically located in Iowa
- Unit of local, county or federally-recognized tribal government physically located in Iowa
- Municipal agencies with 28E agreements physically located in Iowa

Eligible Projects

The program provides designation and supports the development of new and existing infrastructure intended to cultivate the unique qualities of neighborhoods, communities and regions in Iowa.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Designated communities may receive average = \$185,000 with a required 1:1 match through the grant program

Deadline

Designation - May 1; Grant LOI – Aug 1, 11:59pm; Grant Application – November 1

Award Announcements

Designation - June 30; Grant - December

Website

<https://iowaculture.gov/about-us/about/grants/iowa-great-places>

Iowa's Living Roadway Trust Fund

Grant Summary

Working through many partners in Iowa, the Living Roadway Trust Fund (LRTF) supports integrated roadside vegetation management (IRVM) programs; and educates the public on the benefits, use and care of roadside vegetation, including native plants.

Eligibility

City, County or School Corporation

Eligible Projects

As examples, grants can be awarded for specialized equipment to accomplish IRVM operations; roadside plantings that demonstrate the best management practices of IRVM; inventories of roadside vegetation; and research, education, and public awareness concerning IRVM issues.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

20% of the total project cost

Deadline

June 1

Award Announcements

Mid-to-late summer

Website

<http://www.iowadot.gov/lrtf/grants.html>

Iowa's Living Roadway Trust Fund

Grant Summary

Trails Visioning is a planning process that works with a trail group to identify a trail's attributes and opportunities for improvement. Trees Forever staff facilitate this multi-meeting planning process and work with volunteer committees to develop images of what trail improvements will look like when installed. As a result of participating in this program, trail groups across the state have succeeded in completing trail projects from this conceptual stage into fully implemented trail improvements.

Eligibility

Trail Groups

Eligible Projects

The Trails Visioning process covers three phases of the planning process: assessment, design, and implementation planning. These phases are addressed in a series of meetings that take place over approximately six months. A local steering committee must be identified for the project.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Technical Assistance

Deadline

Applications are not currently being accepted for this program.

Award Announcements

Applications are not currently being accepted for this program.

Website

http://www.treesforever.org/Trails_Visioning

Iowa Tourism Council Grant Program

Grant Summary

Funding provided to promote tourism in Iowa by funding tourism-related marketing initiatives and meetings, events and professional development efforts that benefit local economies around the state and the state's economy.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a tourism-related entity based in Iowa. This includes nonprofits, for-profits, cities, counties, and regional government and planning entities.

Eligible Projects

Expenses must directly relate to the implementation of a tourism-related marketing initiative, meeting, or event and be incurred during the fiscal year in which funding is being requested.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

\$500 to \$5,000 and require a 25% cash match.

Deadline

September 12, 4:00pm

Award Announcements

November 16

Website

http://www.traveliowa.com/asp/medi/industry_partners.aspx?itgrants=y

Iowa's Living Roadways Projects Program

Grant Summary

Program goals include helping smaller communities compete for additional funds to enhance their transportation corridors for residents and travelers alike, and beautification of communities through the use of native plants to provide for lower long-term maintenance and costs.

Eligibility

- Any county in Iowa
- Any Iowa community with a population of 10,000 or fewer

Eligible Projects

Examples of the types of projects assisted and funded through this program are:

- landscaping of recreational trails
- highway roadside plantings
- prairie and savannah establishment
- butterfly garden installations

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Funding of up to \$50,000 is available for native plants for use in transportation enhancement projects.

Deadline

Pre-applications are accepted twice per year and must be submitted by email or postmarked by March 1 or September 1. A full application will follow on April 1 or October 1, respectively. If your project meets the goals of the Iowa's Living Roadways Projects program, you will be invited to submit a full application.

Award Announcements

Typically, after 45 days of the application deadline.

Website

http://www.treesforever.org/ILR_Projects

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Grant Summary

Funding for surface transportation alternatives projects and initiatives that are statewide or multiregional in nature and relate to transportation.

Eligibility

- Local governments
- Regional transportation authorities
- Transit agencies
- Natural resource or public lands agencies
- School districts, local education agencies or schools
- Tribal governments
- Any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails (other than a metropolitan planning organization or a state agency that the state determines to be eligible).
- A non-eligible project sponsor (ex. a non-profit) may partner with an eligible co-sponsor in applying for funds.

Eligible Projects

Please see website for detailed list.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Max \$100,000

Deadline

October 1

Award Announcements

The approval process timeline will vary by project.

Website

https://iowadot.gov/systems_planning/grant-programs/transportation-alternatives

The Jeffris Family Foundation

Grant Summary

The Jeffris Family Foundation assists the development of historic sites for non-profit organizations in the small towns and cities in our geographic focus through the Jeffris Heartland Fund and the Capital Campaign Challenge Grants. Heartland Fund - The decision to pursue a grant from the Jeffris Heartland Fund must be made in consultation with a Director of the Foundation to discuss your project and request a Jeffris Heartland Fund application form.

Capital Campaign Challenge Grants - Invitations are extended at the discretion of the Foundation and its directors who work closely with potential applicants to assess their readiness to launch a capital campaign. Projects which have completed their planning without a grant from the Jeffris Heartland Fund should submit an inquiry, and if appropriate, will be assigned a Director of the Foundation who will assess whether they should be considered for a future Capital Campaign Challenge Grant. Directors will also assist grantseekers with the application process, provide related technical assistance to guide wise and constructive use of the grant, and administer grants once awarded.

Eligibility

Established 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations or government agencies in partnership with a 501(c)(3) organization

Eligible Projects

Only projects where site control is assured and a commitment has been made to a viable preservation strategy will be considered.

Geographic Focus

Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan

Award Amounts

Jeffris Heartland Fund – \$5,000 to \$50,000 to cover 50% the cost of an Historic Structure Report, and must be matched dollar-for-dollar with cash from sources unrelated to the Jeffris Family.

Capital Campaign Challenge Grants – \$50,000 to \$1 million, although a range of \$250,000 to \$500,000 is more common.

Deadline

Jeffris Heartland Fund – Rolling

Capital Campaign Challenge Grants – Between April 15 and June 1

Award Announcements

Jeffris Heartland Fund – 30 days of receipt of the application

Capital Campaign Challenge Grants – mid-June

Website

https://iowadot.gov/systems_planning/grant-programs/transportation-alternatives

Jones County Community Foundation

Grant Summary

Jones County Community Foundation grants to projects benefiting persons residing in Jones County, Iowa. Our priorities include economic well-being, quality of life, educational opportunities, tourism and recreation, and Jones County heritage preservation.

Eligibility

Organizations need to have 501(c)3 status or partner with a fiscal sponsor in order to apply.

Eligible Projects

Applications must address one of more of the following priorities:

- Improve the economic well-being or quality of life of Jones County residents
- Improve educational opportunities
- Community capital improvements
- Promote tourism and recreation
- Maintain Jones County heritage

Geographic Focus

Jones County

Award Amounts

Maximum request is \$25,000.

Deadline

October 15

Award Announcements

December

Website

<http://www.dbqfoundation.org/grants/jones-county-community-foundation-grant>

KaBoom - Let's Play Video Contest Grant

Grant Summary

Together, we're awarding five (5) \$20,000 playground equipment grants to communities through the Let's Play Video Contest to get more kids playing, and we need your help!

Eligibility

Municipalities, schools, and child-serving nonprofit organizations without a playground or with existing equipment that is unsafe for children are eligible for this opportunity.

Eligible Projects

Playground equipment

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Five, \$20,000 grants

Deadline

May 5

Award Announcements:

Late June

Website

<https://kaboom.org/videocontest>

KaBOOM! Let's Play Community Construction Grants

Grant Summary

Community construction grants. Dr Pepper Snapple & KaBOOM! have teamed up to offer \$15,000 grants to be used toward the purchase of playground equipment. Playgrounds must be assembled and installed using the KaBOOM! Community-build model.

Eligibility

Municipalities, schools, and child-serving nonprofit organizations without a playground or with existing equipment that is unsafe for children are eligible for this opportunity.

Eligible Projects

Spend \$24,000 to \$40,000 on playground equipment, Finish project within 12 months of award, Serve a low-income population

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

\$15,000

Deadline

Cycle 1: January 19; Cycle 2: May 4; Cycle 3: September 4

Award Announcements:

2 months after each funding application cycle deadline

Website

https://kaboom.org/grants/build_it_yourself

Keep America Beautiful Public Park Recycling Grant

Grant Summary

The Dr Pepper Snapple / Keep America Beautiful Park Recycling Bin Grant program is designed to build or expand recycling opportunities in park settings such as urban parks, neighborhood parks with playgrounds, athletic fields, regional and state parks, public beaches and developed public water front areas such as board walks. The program provides recycling bins to local communities through grants awarded annually.

Eligibility

The grant program is open to all state and local government agencies that deal with recycling activities in local, regional and state parks. Nonprofit organizations and KAB state and local affiliates are also eligible to apply on behalf of government agencies managing local, regional and state parks.

Eligible Projects

The program offers two styles of recycling bins designed for use in local, regional and state park settings.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

N/A

Deadline

Late Spring and late Fall

Award Announcements

Late summer and late winter

Website

<https://irecycleonthego.wordpress.com/>

Keep Iowa Beautiful Hometown Pride

Grant Summary

Keep Iowa Beautiful's Hometown Pride program was developed in 2012, as an effort to assist and improve communities. The program walks alongside qualifying Iowa communities and coaches them to a more vibrant future.

This effort enhances community cultural and economic vitality – strengthening the community and increasing its chance for not simply survival, but growth with increased pride.

Eligibility

Iowa counties and communities

Eligible Projects

The Hometown Pride program offers leadership training, youth service learning and a variety of educational components, tools, and solutions for community development.

Geographic Focus

Iowa counties and communities

Award Amounts

\$60,000

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

Rolling

Website

<https://www.keepiowabeautiful.com/hometown-pride/>

Kwik Star/Kwik Trip

Grant Summary

Kwik Trip Inc. will only consider organizations that are within our general market area. Organizations do not have to be located in the communities we are in, however, do have to be serving the communities we are located in.

Eligibility

Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations will be considered and police/ Fire Departments will be considered for equipment.

Eligible Projects

Limited to support the basic human necessities. This would include food pantries, human health issues, police, fire and military protection.

Geographic Focus

Market area

Award Amounts

Max funding is dependent on the number of grant requests received and the total grant dollars available.

Deadline

General - First day of the month; Capital Campaign – August 1

Award Announcements

General – Within 4-6 weeks; Capital Campaign – September

Website

<https://www.kwiktrip.com/Community/Donations/Corporate-Donations/>

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Grant Summary

Federally-funded program that provides 50% matching funds for outdoor recreation area development and acquisition.

Eligibility

Iowa cities and counties

Eligible Projects

Popular projects in recent years have included skate parks, playgrounds, new and renovated swimming pools, sport complexes, campgrounds and multipurpose trails.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

50% matching funds up to a maximum of \$125,000.

Deadline

March 15

Award Announcements

By May 9th

Website

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/GrantsOtherFunding/LandWaterConservationFund.aspx>

Lincolnway Community Foundation

Grant Summary

LincolnWay Community Foundation assists in charitable projects and programs that contribute to the quality of life in rural Clinton County, Iowa.

Eligibility

Nonprofits that provide services within Western Clinton County (including Calamus, Charlotte, Delmar, DeWitt, Goose Lake, Grand Mound, Lost Nation, Low Moor, Welton and Wheatland) may apply.

Eligible Projects

The Foundation provides grants, scholarships, tax benefits and administration services to organization churches, schools and individuals with charitable intent in the following areas.

Geographic Focus

Western Clinton County

Award Amounts

Over the last few years a total of \$14,750 has been donated, but the max amount is determined on an annual basis depending on the amount of funds available and the number of applicants.

Deadline

March 1

Award Announcements

Within three months of grant submission

Website

<https://www.dbqfoundation.org/lincolnway>

Local Foods, Local Places

Grant Summary

Local Foods, Local Places aims to boost economic opportunities for local farmers and businesses, improve access to healthy local food, and promote childhood wellness.

Eligibility

Communities anywhere in the United States

Eligible Projects

Through Local Foods, Local Places, partner communities have worked on projects such as:

- Opening year-round, downtown markets featuring foods from local farmers.
- Planning cooperative grocery stores to help revitalize small-town main streets.
- Creating centrally located community kitchens or food hubs to aggregate and market local foods.
- Starting business incubators to help entrepreneurs launch food-related businesses on main streets.
- Making it easier for people to walk or bicycle to farmers markets and local restaurants.
- Helping schoolchildren to grow their own food, and making healthy local food accessible to families, including via SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits.
- Developing community gardens in walkable, transit-accessible places.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

N/A this is a technical assistance program, not a grant program

Deadline

October

Award Announcements

Within two months of grant submittal

Website

<http://www2.epa.gov/smartgrowth/local-foods-local-places>

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants

Grant Summary

For more than 65 years, Lowe's has supported the communities we call home. At a time when schools are struggling to support the basic needs of their students, the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation recognizes the importance of financial support. Let us know your ideas to make your school a better place and we can help you fulfill them.

Eligibility

Any individual public/charter K-12 school or non-profit parent group associated with that public/charter K-12 school. Parent groups that are applying (PTO, PTA, etc.) must have an independent EIN and official 501c(3) status from the IRS. If your group does not have 501c(3) status, please apply through your school. Pre-schools are not eligible.

Eligible Projects

2017-2018 Grant Application Update:

This year LCEF is seeking ways to provide the tools to help educators and parent groups through educational challenges by providing the greatest impact. Projects should fall into one of the following categories: technology upgrades, tools for STEM programs, facility renovations and safety improvements.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Between \$2,000 and \$5,000 per school is available.

Deadline

Spring Cycle: 3/19/18 - 5/11/18; Fall Cycle: 7/2/18 - 8/24/18

Award Announcements

Within three months of grant submission

Website

<http://toolboxforeducation.com/>

Main Street Iowa

Grant Summary

Communities selected to take part in the Main Street Iowa program receive thousands of dollars annually in the form of training and technical assistance

Eligibility

All Iowa Cities

Eligible Projects

Assistance includes training workshops, architectural and design assistance, business assistance, and a number of other opportunities.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

N/A

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

Rolling

Website

<http://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/MainStreetIowa>

McDonough Foundation

Grant Summary

Mission: To promote charitable, educational and health related activities and to especially provide such opportunities for children and families in the Eastern Iowa area. The Foundation offers support to local non-profit organizations that provide educational opportunities, human and social services, and health care for children and their families.

Eligibility

501c3 organizations in Dubuque and the Eastern Iowa

Eligible Projects

Past grants were made for basic human needs, capital projects, education, religious endeavors, Cultural/Arts and food and housing for the needy.

Geographic Focus

Dubuque and Eastern Iowa

Award Amounts

Max funding is dependent on the number of grant requests received and the total grant dollars available.

Deadline

Application submission is open April 1 through May 31

Award Announcements

July

Website

<http://mcdonoughcharitablefoundation.org/>

Mediacom Arts and Culture Grants

Grant Summary

Provides funding annually to Dubuque arts and "non-arts organizations" to support a distinct aspect of the organization's arts activities, such as a one-time event, a single production, an exhibition, an educational seminar, or series of related arts activities, such as art classes or training sessions.

Eligibility

- Public agency (part of city, county, or state government)
- Private, nonprofit, tax-exempt organization within the city limits of Dubuque, Iowa.

Eligible Projects

Projects may include, but are not limited to: concerts, theater productions, visual art exhibits, presenter touring programs, artist residencies in schools or other community settings, or a broad range of arts-related services for Indiana citizens, artists, arts organizations, and communities.

Geographic Focus

Dubuque

Award Amounts

Up to \$5,000

Deadline

July 31

Award Announcements

September

Website

<http://www.dbqfoundation.org/nonprofits/grant-opportunities>

Minnesota Twins Community Fund – Fields for Kids

Grant Summary

The Twins Community Fund's Twins Fields for Kids program provides financial support to improve baseball and/or softball facilities for youth in the Upper Midwest and Southwest Florida.

Eligibility

501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, school or local government unit that operates youth baseball and/or softball programs.

Any organization operating baseball or softball programs for youth that has secured funds equal to or exceeding the amount of the requested matching grant funds (can include in-kind contributions of materials or labor) may apply for a grant.

Organizations must also be governed by active boards and have sufficient revenue to operate their leagues.

Eligible Projects

Eligible renovation projects include the upgrading of essential field components, such as new sod, infield, fencing and dugouts.

Geographic Focus

Upper Midwest and Southwest Florida

Award Amounts

Up to \$10,000

Deadline

March, May, August

Award Announcements

April, June, September

Website

<http://twins.mlb.com/min/community/grants/fields-for-kids/>

National Endowment for the Arts - Art Works

Grant Summary

"Art Works" refers to three things: the works of art themselves, the ways art works on audiences, and the fact that art is work for the artists and arts professionals who make up the field. Art works by enhancing the value of individuals and communities, by connecting us to each other and to something greater than ourselves, and by empowering creativity and innovation in our society and economy.

Eligibility

Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Eligible Projects

- A project may consist of one or more specific events or activities; it may be a part of an applicant's regular season or activities. Organizations that undertake a single short-term project in a year -- a ten-day jazz festival, for example -- could apply for that event, or they could identify certain components (such as the presentation of a key artist and the associated activities) as their project. Describe the activities for which our support is requested, and provide specific information on the artists, productions, venues, distribution plans, etc., that will be involved.
- Organizations may apply for any or all phases of a project, from its planning through its implementation.
- A project does not have to be new. Excellent existing projects can be just as competitive as new activities.
- Projects do not need to be large. We welcome small projects that can make a difference in a community or field.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Between \$10,000 to \$100,000

Deadline

Round 1: February

Round 2: July

Award Announcements:

Round 1: November

Round 2: April

Website

<https://www.arts.gov/grants/apply-grant/grants-organizations>

National Endowment for the Arts - Big Read

Grant Summary

NEA Big Read annually supports approximately 75 dynamic community reading programs, each designed around a single NEA Big Read selection. Organizations selected to participate in NEA Big Read receive a grant, access to online training resources and opportunities, digital resources, and promotional materials designed to support widespread community involvement.

Eligibility

An applicant organization must be a 501c(3) nonprofit organization; a unit of state, local, or tribal government; or a tax-exempt public library located within the United States or its territories. Eligible applicants include organizations such as arts centers, arts councils, arts organizations, colleges and universities, community service organizations, environmental organizations, fairs and festivals, faith-based organizations, historical societies, housing authorities, humanities councils, libraries, literary centers, museums, school districts, theater companies, trade associations, and tribal governments.

Eligible Projects

Applicants must choose one of the 30 reading selections from our Books webpage. Applicants that have received an NEA Big Read grant in the past must choose a different reading selection from their previous award.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

\$5,000 to \$15,000

Deadline

January

Award Announcements:

Summer

Website

<https://www.artsmidwest.org/programs/neabigread/guidelines>

National Endowment for the Arts - Our Town

Grant Summary

The Our Town grant program supports creative placemaking projects that help to transform communities into lively, beautiful, and resilient places with the arts at their core. Creative placemaking is when artists, arts organizations, and community development practitioners deliberately integrate arts and culture into community revitalization work - placing arts at the table with land-use, transportation, economic development, education, housing, infrastructure, and public safety strategies. This funding supports local efforts to enhance quality of life and opportunity for existing residents, increase creative activity, and create a distinct sense of place.

Eligibility

Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects: Nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) U.S. organizations with a documented three-year history of programming; Local governments.

Projects that Build Knowledge About Creative Placemaking: Arts and design organizations that provide services to the field; National and regional place-based industry or university-based organizations that provide technical assistance to those doing place-based work.

Eligible Projects

Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects: These projects represent the distinct character and quality of their communities. These projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity, with one of the partners being a cultural organization.

Projects that Build Knowledge About Creative Placemaking: These projects are available to arts and design service organizations, and industry, policy, or university organizations that provide technical assistance to those doing place-based work.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects: up to \$200,000

Projects that Build Knowledge About Creative Placemaking: up to \$100,000

Deadline

September

Award Announcements

April

Website

<https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town/introduction>

National Trust for Historic Preservation

Grant Summary

Grants from National Trust Preservation Funds (NTPF) are intended to encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects. These grants help stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for particular projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector. **The National Trust also has Special Programs for funding. Please see the following link for more information:**
<https://savingplaces.org/grants#.WunjSm7RX3g>

Eligibility

Only Organizational Level Forum members or Main Street America members of the National Trust are eligible to apply for funding from the National Trust Preservation Fund. To learn more about Forum and to join today, visit our [website](#). In addition, applicants must be either a public agency, 501(c) (3), or other nonprofit organization to be considered eligible. Applicants that have received previous National Trust financial assistance are eligible provided that all grant requirements are current.

Eligible Projects

National Trust Preservation Fund grants are awarded for planning activities and education efforts focused on preservation. Fees for consultant services; Speaker fees/faculty costs for educational programs and conference sessions; Mailing costs for distribution of materials; The development of materials for education and outreach campaigns; Materials and services such as printing, photographs, telephone, and supplies. With the exception of publications projects, these costs may not exceed 10 percent of the project budget.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

\$2,500 - \$5,000

Deadline

February 1, June 1 and October 1

Award Announcements

Within eight weeks of the application deadline

Website

http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/preservation-funds?_ga=2.108153546.954198151.1525277514-563574267.1525277514

Paint Iowa Beautiful

Grant Summary

Funding provided to Iowa groups to purchase Diamond Vogel Paint for painting the exterior of community buildings.

Eligibility

Public or private Iowa nonprofit organizations

Eligible Projects

Community enhancement projects

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Diamond Vogel Paint

Deadline

February

Award Announcements

Mid April

Website

<https://www.keeptowabeautiful.com/grants-awards/paint-iowa-grant/>

Pedestrian Curb Ramp Construction

Grant Summary

Assist cities in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on primary roads in Iowa cities.

Eligibility

Any Iowa city

Eligible Projects

Improvements must involve a municipal extension of a primary road. Curb ramps must meet ADA standards.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Max \$250,000 per city, per year.

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

90 days from the date submitted

Website

http://www.iowadot.gov/pol_leg_services/Funding-Guide.pdf

People for Bikes Community Grant Program

Grant Summary

The PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program supports bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride.

Eligibility

Non-profit organizations

City agencies

County agencies

Federal agencies (working locally)

Eligible Projects

Bike paths, lanes, trails, and bridges; Mountain bike facilities; Bike parks and pump tracks; BMX facilities; End-of-trip facilities such as bike racks, bike parking, bike repair stations and bike storage.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

\$10,000, but not 50% or more of the project budget

Deadline

January/July

Award Announcements

May/December

Website

<http://www.peopleforbikes.org/pages/grant-guidelines>

Recreational Trails Program (Federal)

Grant Summary

Funding to provide and maintain motorized and non-motorized recreational trails and trail-related projects.

Eligibility

Federal agencies; State agencies; Local governments; Private organizations and non profit organizations (if co-sponsored by a government agency)

Eligible Projects

Maintaining and restoration of existing trails; Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages; Purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment; Construction of new trails (with restrictions for new trails on Federal lands); Acquisition of easements or property for trails; Operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection related to trails

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Up to 80% of the project cost

Deadline

October 1

Award Announcements

Within three months of deadline.

Website

http://www.iowadot.gov/systems_planning/fedstate_rectrails.htm

Recreational Trails Program (State)

Grant Summary

Funding to establish recreational trails for the use, enjoyment and participation of the public.

Eligibility

State agencies; Counties; Cities; Nonprofit organizations

Eligible Projects

The recreational trails program is restricted to the acquisition, construction or improvement of recreational trails open for public use or trails which will be dedicated to public use upon completion. A private trail project or a project for a private purpose is not eligible for funding under this program.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Up to 80% of the project cost

Deadline

October 1

Award Announcements

Within three months of deadline.

Website

http://www.iowadot.gov/systems_planning/fedstate_rectrails.htm

Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) – City Parks & Open Spaces

Grant Summary

100 % funding of parkland expansion and multi-purpose outdoor-related recreation development.

Eligibility

Iowa cities – separated into three categories based on population size:

- 1 – 1,999
- 2,000 – 25,000
- 25,001 and greater

Eligible Projects

Parkland expansion and multi-purpose recreation developments are typical projects funded under this REAP program.

Award Amounts

Population	Maximum
0 – 1,000	\$50,000
1,001 – 5,000	\$75,000
5,001 – 10,000	\$100,000
10,001 – 25,000	\$125,000
25,001 – 50,000	\$150,000
50,001 – 75,000	\$200,000
Over 75,000	\$300,000

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Deadline

August 15

Award Announcements

Application review takes place in mid-September with funding announcements to follow.

Website

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/REAP/REAPFundingatWork/CityParksOpenSpaces.aspx>

Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) – DNR Open Spaces Protection: Acquisition and Development

Grant Summary

Cost-share program that allows private conservation organizations and the DNR to jointly acquire property to help provide outdoor recreation opportunities and protect critical habitats.

Eligibility

Private conservation organizations

Eligible Projects

Acquisition and management of public lands, upgrading of public park and preserve facilities; and environmental education, monitoring, and research.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Up to 75% of the total project cost

Deadline

August 15

Award Announcements

Application review takes place in the fall with award announcements made in the following weeks.

Website

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/REAP/REAPFundingatWork/OpenSpacesProtection.aspx>

Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) – Conservation Education Program CEP

Grant Summary

The Conservation Education Program (CEP) is a key provision of the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Act of 1989. A five-member board implements the CEP and annually they allocate approximately \$350,000 in grants for conservation education in Iowa.

Eligibility

Institutions of higher learning, government agencies, including local school districts, nonpublic schools, area education agencies, organizations, and individuals with an Iowa residence.

Eligible Projects

The conservation education program shall serve Iowa citizens by providing effective curricula, program materials, and educator stipends to increase environmental awareness and understanding of stewardship, and enhance natural resources.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Average award over the last two years has been \$26,000

Deadline

May 15 and November 1

Award Announcements

June and November

Website

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Conservation/REAP/REAP-Funding-at-Work/Conservation-Education#13276118-evaluation>

Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE)

Grant Summary

Funding provided to assist in promoting economic development in Iowa through construction or improvements of roads and streets. Funding may be in the form of a grant, loan or combination thereof.

Eligibility

Cities and counties

Eligible Projects

Funding may be in the form of a grant, loan or combination thereof. Projects must involve construction or improvement of a public roadway.

- Immediate Opportunity – projects related to an immediate, non-speculative opportunity for permanent job creation or retention. Jobs created are to be value-adding in nature (e.g. manufacturing, industrial, non-retail). Relocation of jobs within the state does not qualify. Local match is a minimum of 20 percent.
- Local Development – projects which support local economic development but which do not require an immediate commitment of funds (e.g. industrial parks, tourist attractions), or do not meet the Immediate Opportunity criteria.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Maximum of \$250,000 per city, per year

Deadline

- Immediate Opportunity projects – rolling
- Local Development projects – February 1; September 1

Award Announcements

- Immediate Opportunity projects may have a response time as short as a few weeks.
- Local Development projects typically have a response time of approximately four months.

Website

http://www.iowadot.gov/pol_leg_services/Funding-Guide.pdf

Rural Business Development Grants

Grant Summary

The Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) program provides targeted technical assistance, training and other activities to develop or expand small and emerging private, rural businesses that will employ 50 or fewer new employees and have less than \$1 million in gross annual revenues.

Eligibility

Towns; Communities; State agencies; Authorities; Nonprofit corporations; Institutions of higher education; Federally-recognized Tribes; Rural cooperatives (If organized as a private nonprofit corporation)

Eligible Projects

- Training and technical assistance
- Acquisition or development of land, easements, or rights of way; construction, conversion, renovation, of buildings, plants, machinery, equipment, access streets and roads, parking areas, utilities
- Pollution control and abatement
- Capitalization of revolving loan funds including funds that will make loans for start-ups and working capital
- Distance adult learning for job training and advancement
- Rural transportation improvement
- Community economic development
- Technology-based economic development
- Feasibility studies and business plans
- Leadership and entrepreneur training
- Rural business incubators
- Long-term business strategic planning

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

\$10,000 to \$500,000

Deadline

June 1

Award Announcements

Within six months of deadline

Website

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants>

Rural County Transportation Program (RCTP)

Grant Summary

The Rural County Transportation Program (RCTP) is designed to help small cities implement non-federal aid transportation projects. The funds will be provided by Dubuque County, Delaware County, Jackson County and Clinton County to small cities through an application process.

Eligibility

Clinton County: Andover, Calamus, Charlotte, Delmar, Goose Lake, Grand Mound, Lost Nation, Low Moor, Toronto, Welton, Wheatland. Delaware County: Colesburg, Delaware, Delhi, Dundee, Earlville, Edgewood, Greeley, Hopkinton, Masonville, Ryan. Dubuque County: Balltown, Bankston, Bernard, Cascade (in Dubuque County), Dyersville, Epworth, Farley, Graf, Holy Cross, Luxemburg, New Vienna, Rickardsville, Sherrill, Worthington, and Zwingle. Jackson County: Andrew, Baldwin, Bellevue, La Motte, Miles, Monmouth, Preston, Sabula, St. Donatus, Spragueville, Springbrook.

Eligible Projects

Flashing Warning Lights, Signals, Street Lights, Reconstruction of road, Resurfacing of a road, Crackfilling, Safety improvements (Intersection improvements, Existing Sidewalks, ADA ramps, Crosswalks), Other (If you select 'Other', you may contact the Dubuque County Engineer before to submitting the application to verify the project's eligibility.)

Geographic Focus

Clinton County, Delaware County, Dubuque County

Award Amounts

Maximum of eighty percent (80%) of the total project cost up to \$25,000.

Deadline

May

Award Announcements

Within two months of deadline

Website

<http://www.ecia.org/publications/index.cfm>

Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program

Grant Summary

Provides loans and grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs) to:

- Provide microloans to help microenterprise startup and grow through a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund
- Provide training and technical assistance to microloan borrowers and micro entrepreneurs

Eligibility

The following are eligible to be an MDO:

- Nonprofits
- Federally-recognized Tribes
- Institutions of higher learning

The following are eligible to apply for a loan from the MDO as an ultimate recipient:

- Businesses with 10 or fewer full time employees, and located in an eligible area

Eligible Projects

- Working capital
- Debt refinancing
- Purchase equipment, supplies, real estate

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

- Grants are available to provide technical assistance to rural micro-entrepreneurs or microenterprises, up to \$205,000 annually. Funding at the requested level is not guaranteed, and at least 15 percent matching funds are required.
- Loans of \$50,000 - \$500,000 may be used for establishing a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund managed by the MDO. Total aggregate debt is capped at \$2.5 million.

Deadline

Open

Award Announcements:

Awards are announced on an ongoing basis.

Website

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-microentrepreneur-assistance-program>

Scotts Miracle-Gro: Gro1000 Grassroots Grant

Grant Summary

Funding provided for the creation of community gardens and green space.

Eligibility

501(c)(3) Organizations helping to foster community spirit and public service

Eligible Projects

Grassroots Grants are awarded to local communities to help bring pollinator habitats, edible gardens and public green spaces to neighborhoods across the United States.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Up to \$1,500

Deadline

January 2 – February 19, 2018

Award Announcements

By May

Website

<http://scottsmiraclegro.com/corporate-responsibility/gro1000/>

Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area General Grant

Grant Summary

Funding to support sites, attractions and events of educational value that focus on America's agricultural stories – past and present.

Eligibility

Non-profit organizations, local/regional governments or federally recognized Indian tribes with projects located within the Heritage Area.

Eligible Projects

Planning assistance, educational programs, interpretation, marketing, exhibits displays, event programs, and interpretive signage.

Geographic Focus

Northeast Iowa

Award Amounts

Up to \$10,000

Deadline

September

Award Announcements

November

Website

<http://www.silosandsmokestacks.org/partner/grant-opportunities/general-grants/>

ShopKo Foundation - Community Charitable Grants

Grant Summary

The Shopko Foundation provides grants and scholarship opportunities to enhance the lives of our neighbors in every community we serve. With Shopko's origin in the Pharmacy business, our focus is narrow to maximize impact: the health and wellness of citizens of all ages and the educational needs of students.

Eligibility

Your organization must be a federally tax-exempt section 501(c)(3) charitable organizations or an accredited school.

Eligible Projects

The health and wellness of citizens of all ages and the educational needs of students.

Geographic Focus

Within 25 miles of a Shopko store.

Award Amounts

Community Health and Wellness - \$1,000; Educating Youth Grants - \$2,500.

Deadline

Community Health & Wellness, and Educating Youth Grants are reviewed on a quarterly basis by our Committee in January, April, July, and October.

Award Announcements:

Ongoing

Website

<http://www.shopko.com/foundation>

Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants

Grant Summary

Also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program, this provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes or grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

Eligibility

- Must be the homeowner and occupy the house
- Must be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere
- Have a family income below 50 percent of the area median income
- For grants, be age 62 or older and not be able to repay a repair loan

Eligible Projects

- Loans may be used to repair, improve or modernize homes or remove health and safety hazards
- Grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Maximum loan is \$20,000. Maximum grant is \$7,500. Loans and grants can be combined for up to \$27,500 in assistance.

Deadline

Open

Award Announcements:

Awards are announced on an ongoing basis.

Website

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants>

Small Business Administration 504 Loan Program

Grant Summary

The SBA 504 Loan program is the Small Business Administration's (SBA) economic development financing program that helps American small businesses grow while benefiting communities through tax base expansion, business growth and job creation. Loans are available for all types of small, for-profit businesses to purchase and/or renovate capital assets including land, buildings, and equipment.

Eligibility

A small business is defined as having net worth under \$15 million and net annual profit under \$5 million with some exceptions.

Eligible Projects

Purchase of land and/or construction of new buildings, Purchase and/or renovation of existing buildings, Acquisition/installation of machinery, Construction and/or remodeling of buildings on leased land

Geographic Focus

ECIA region

Award Amounts

\$50,000 minimum loan amount

No maximum project size; \$5 million maximum loan amount

If business is a manufacturer or energy-related project, \$5.5 million maximum loan amount

Deadline

N/A

Award Announcements

N/A

Website

<http://www.eciabusinessgrowth.com/loans/sba504.cfm>

Snowmobile Trail Grant Program

Grant Summary

The snowmobile trail grant application constitutes a formal request for a cooperative agreement with the Iowa State Snowmobile Association to develop, and/or maintain snowmobile trail grooming equipment and/or trail facilities.

Eligibility

Incorporated private organizations, cities, and counties are eligible to apply for snowmobile grants.

Eligible Projects

Trail grooming, trail maintenance, equipment purchases, operation and maintenance of snowmobile trail groomers, and insurance through an insurance agent.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Up to \$500

Deadline

May 1

Award Announcements

June

Website

<http://www.iowasnowmobiler.com/>

Solid Waste Alternatives Program

Grant Summary

Funding provided to reduce the amount of solid waste generated and landfilled in Iowa.

Eligibility

Any unit of local government; Public groups; Private groups; Individuals

Eligible Projects

- Waste reduction equipment and installation
- Recycling, collection, processing, or hauling equipment (including installation)
- Development, printing and distribution of educational materials
- Planning and implementation of educational forums, workshops, etc.
- Purchase and installation of recycled content products
- Salaries directly related to implementation and operation of the project

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Up to 75% of the total project cost

Deadline

Due to continued increasing interest and participation in the DNR's Solid Waste Alternatives Program (SWAP), coupled with decreased available funding, the DNR will not currently accept new funding proposal requests.

Award Announcements

N/A

Website

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Waste-Planning-Recycling/SWAP>

Spahn and Rose Lumber Company Charitable Foundation

Grant Summary

The foundation supports hospitals and organizations involved with arts and culture, education, health, youth development, and human services.

Eligibility

Non profits

Eligible Projects

General support

Geographic Focus

Service area

Award Amounts

Average grant - \$2,500

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

Rolling

Website

<https://inrc.law.uiowa.edu/grants/spahn-rose-lumber-company-charitable-foundation>

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants

Grant Summary

SAFER offers grants to support activities in two activities: 1. Hiring of Firefighters 2. Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters

Eligibility

Hiring of Firefighters: Career, combination, and volunteer fire departments. Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters: Combination fire departments, volunteer fire departments, and national, state, local, or federally recognized tribal organizations that represent the interests of volunteer firefighters are eligible to apply (career fire departments cannot apply)

Eligible Projects

Hiring of Firefighters: Hire new, additional firefighters. Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters: R&R Coordinator, Program Manager, Grant Administrator, and Marketing Program

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

\$345 million available in funding; Approximately 300 awards

Deadline

April

Award Announcements

September

Website

<https://www.fema.gov/staffing-adequate-fire-emergency-response-grants>

State Historical Society of Iowa - Country School Grant Program

Grant Summary

The Country School grants were created in 1999 and have awarded nearly \$225,000 in funding for more than 50 projects across the state. The program funds preservation and maintenance of Iowa's one and two-room country schools. The funds may also be used for interpreting the history of country schools or for educational activities taking place in a country school.

Eligibility

Non-profit organizations including schools and historical societies

Eligible Projects

Eligible activities include the preservation and maintenance of a one-room or two-room country schools in Iowa. In addition to preservation efforts, grant funds may be used for historical interpretation or educational activities relating to the school. Priority is given to projects that include an educational component.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Up to \$5,000

Deadline

April 25

Award Announcements:

Ongoing

Website

<https://iowaculture.gov/about-us/about/grants/country-school-grant-program>

State Historical Society of Iowa - Historical Resource Development Program

Grant Summary

The purpose of the HRDP Grants Program is to provide funds to preserve, conserve, interpret, enhance, and educate the public about the historical resources of Iowa.

Eligibility

Non-profit organizations including libraries, historical societies, preservation commissions, business districts, museums, etc.

Eligible Projects

Examples of projects in the Historic Preservation category are: - Acquire, develop or preserve real property listed on the National Register of Historic Places; - Purchase equipment to rehabilitate a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places; - Survey historic and prehistoric sites; - Nominate properties to the National Register of Historic Places; - Interpret historic properties and sites; - Educate the public; train staff; or hire consultants who are experts on historic preservation.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Up to \$50,000

Deadline

April 25

Award Announcements

Within three months of grant submission

Website

https://iowaculture.gov/about-us/about/grants/historical-resource-development-program?year=2013&page_size=5&page=4#award-history

Stormwater Best Management Practices Loans

Grant Summary

This program facilitates low-interest loans to private and public entities for implementing environmentally responsible strategies for storm water management.

Eligibility

Cities and counties; Developers; Home and landowners; Watershed organizations; Businesses

Eligible Projects

- Infiltration practices, soil quality restoration, native landscaping.
- Detention basins.
- Pond / wetland system.
- Grassed waterways.
- Pervious concrete or asphalt, modular paving systems

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Minimum of \$5,000 3% fixed interest loan

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

There is a quick turnaround for notification of award funding (No exact time given)

Website

<http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/stormwaterBMPLoans.asp>

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP)

Grant Summary

This federal program was established to aid public road jurisdictions with funding for roads on federal-aid routes or bridges on any public road, provide funding for transit capital improvements, provide funding for transportation planning activities.

Eligibility

Public agencies with public road jurisdiction, public transit responsibilities or transportation planning responsibilities.

Eligible Projects

Road projects: A minimum of 20 percent non-federal match is required (80 percent federal funding). Road projects must be on a federal-aid road, which includes all federal functional class routes except local and rural minor collectors.

Bridge projects: Replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, protection, and anti-icing/deicing for bridges and tunnels on any public road, including construction or reconstruction necessary to accommodate other modes, are eligible. Additionally, construction of new bridges and tunnels on a federal-aid highway are also eligible. A minimum of 20 percent nonfederal match is required (80 percent federal funding).

In addition to the STBGP funds distributed to the RPAs and MPOs, a portion of STBGP funds have been dedicated for bridge projects meeting the criteria specified under the Highway Bridge Program (see page 16 of DOT Funding Guide after you click the link in this summary).

Transit projects: See page 59 of DOT Funding Guide after you click the link in this summary.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Varies according to RPA/MPO guidelines

Deadline

RPAs/MPOs may have different deadlines for applications

Award Announcements

The average length of this acceptance decision process is nine months.

Website

http://www.iowadot.gov/pol_leg_services/Funding-Guide.pdf

The Wellmark Foundation - MATCH Grant Program

Grant Summary

The Matching Assets to Community Health (MATCH) grant program is a challenge grant designed to bring other funders together to support larger community health projects needing potentially higher levels of funding or collaboration. Supports nonprofit organizations and community groups that develop and implement sustainable projects that focus on active living and healthy nutrition.

Eligibility

- Must be classified as a Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code or a governmental entity
- Must be an organization within the states of either Iowa or South Dakota or seeking funding support for grant funding restricted for use in Iowa or South Dakota
- Cannot be a private foundation under Section 509(a)
- Cannot be an individual
- Must not have a contractual relationship with Wellmark, Inc., Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa, Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Dakota or Wellmark Health Plan of Iowa, Inc. This does not include having health insurance coverage through Wellmark.

Eligible Projects

Our funding focuses on sustainable initiatives targeting **access to and consumption of nutritious foods** (Improving access to locally sourced foods, Supporting connections between local food systems and health, Improving nutrition in school settings) and **promoting safe and healthy environments in which to be active** (Providing safe, accessible venues for physical activity in a community, Advancing active transportation concepts, Promoting trail development) — now and for generations to come.

Geographic Focus

Iowa and South Dakota

Award Amounts

Large MATCH: Challenge grants to be matched 100 percent up to \$100,000

Small MATCH: Challenge grants up to \$25,000 to be matched 50 percent

Deadline

Large – February 23; Small – June 8

Award Announcements

Large – May; Small – August

Website

<https://www.wellmark.com/foundation/rfps.html>

Theisen's More for Your Community

Grant Summary

The Theisen's More for Your Community corporate grant program annually makes grants to all Theisen's store communities.

Eligibility

501c3 organizations in Theisen's store communities

Eligible Projects

The program grants to agencies that most effectively, directly serve the basic needs of families and children, which includes food, shelter, education, safety and health.

Geographic Focus

Market area

Award Amounts

Maximum request is \$5,000. Awards range between \$300 and \$5,000.

Deadline

August 15th.

Award Announcements

Mid-October

Website

<http://www.dbqfoundation.org/nonprofits/grant-opportunities>

Traffic Safety Improvement Program

Grant Summary

Funds to cities and counties for roadway safety improvements, research, studies or public information initiatives.

Eligibility

Cities, counties or the Iowa DOT may request funding for use on any public roads

Eligible Projects

Site-specific projects

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

\$500,000

Deadline

August 15

Award Announcements

Notice of approval will be sent by mid-December, and funds will be available on July 1. Funding for approved projects may be available sooner, if requested, and on a case-by-case basis.

Website

<https://iowadot.gov/traffic/traffic-and-safety-programs/tsip/tsip-program>

Trees for Kids and Trees for Teens

Grant Summary

This grant is designed to provide hands-on learning opportunities and to connect youth with nature through tree planting on school grounds and other public areas.

Eligibility

- Local and State governments (school districts, cities, counties)
- Service organizations with 501(c) 3 status
- Service organizations without 501(c) 3 status (These organizations will be required to involve local governments in the holding of funds)

Eligible Projects

Funding is for \$1,000 – 5,000 per project and can be used to purchase trees and mulch.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Up to \$5,000

Deadline

March/September 1

Award Announcements

Mid-March/Mid-September

Website

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Conservation/Forestry/Educational-Opportunities>

TREES PLEASE!

Grant Summary

Funding provided for windbreaks, shade and beautification of parks, roadways and other common areas for communities both large and small.

Eligibility

Communities receiving utility service from Mid-American Energy.

Eligible Projects

Tree-planting in city-owned parks, roadways and other common areas.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

50% discount for each tree planted

Deadline

The third Friday in October

Award Announcements

Applicants are notified the second week of December if they have received an award, and if so, the dollar amount of the award.

Website

http://www.midamericanenergy.com/ee/ia_res_trees.aspx

Union Pacific – Building Community Local Grants Program

Grant Summary

We have carefully aligned our Local Grants cause areas to our company's unique heritage, strengths, and assets. Specifically, we prioritize funding for direct services and efforts that build the capacity of organizations focused on the following causes within our local operating communities: Safety, Workforce Development, Community Spaces.

Eligibility

All grant recipients must be non-profit, charitable organizations tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and further, be classified as an organization described in sections 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) under 170 (b)(1)(A)(vii) of the code.

Eligible Projects

Safety, Workforce Development, Community Spaces

Geographic Focus

Union Pacific communities

Award Amounts

\$2,500 - \$25,000

Deadline

June 1

Award Announcements

September

Website

<https://www.up.com/aboutup/community/foundation/grant-program/app-process-timeline/index.htm>

United States Tennis Association-Facility Assistance Program

Grant Summary

As a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to "promote and develop the growth of tennis," the USTA recognizes the importance of making financial investments in the infrastructure of tennis facilities to foster the sport's continued growth.

Eligibility

Schools and organizations looking to construct or repair tennis facilities

Eligible Projects

There are four categories of financial assistance: Line Grants; Basic Facility Improvements (Category I); Resurfacing, Converting existing courts, Lighting (Category II); New construction, Existing reconstruction (Category III), Live streaming and/or player analysis technology (Category IV)

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Line Grants - \$4,000 max; Basic Facility Improvements (Category I) - \$4,000 max; Resurfacing, Converting existing courts, Lighting (Category II) - \$10,000 max; New construction, Existing reconstruction (Category III) - \$20,000; Live streaming and/or player analysis technology (Category IV) - \$10,000.

Deadline

Applications are open and recipients will be contacted by a representative

Award Announcements

Ongoing

Website

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/organize/grants-and-assistance/national/about-usta-facility-assistance.html>

United Way of the Tri-State Area – New and Targeted Initiatives

Grant Summary

Our mission is to connect people and resources to advance the health, education and income of those in need.

Eligibility

501(c)(3) organizations

Eligible Projects

Targeted Health Focus Areas, for programs: using evidence-based approaches to address the growing obesity rate in the region through healthy nutrition and/or activity or access to healthy food*; assisting individuals and families engage in behaviors that support their health, wellness and safety; improving access to addictions/mental health services for adults and children, including services within schools*; assisting vulnerable populations to obtain needed physical and mental health care services.

Targeted Education Focus Areas, for programs: ensuring children are ready for school (Pre-kindergarten and early childhood programs); providing academic and social supports and out-of-school learning opportunities for students in low- to moderate-income families for identified unmet needs*; raising post-secondary education and career exposure*; enabling children and adults with disabilities to achieve their highest quality of life.

Targeted Income/Financial Stability Focus Areas, for programs: providing basic needs; helping adults acquire skills and credentials to attain living wage jobs and grow the local economy*; helping reduce poverty by reducing barriers to work readiness*; helping increase financial stability for low income working individuals and families.

*Identified as new and targeted needs in the greater Dubuque community.

Geographic Focus

Iowa (Allamakee, Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, Fayette, Jackson); Illinois (Carroll, Jo Daviess); Wisconsin (Grant, Lafayette)

Award Amounts

\$25,000 max

Deadline

LOI – February 1; Full application – March 13

Award Announcements

May

Website

<https://dbqunitedway.org/cms-view-page.php?page=2017-2018-funding-request-for-proposals-rfp>

USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant

Grant Summary

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

Eligibility

- Public bodies
- Community-based non-profit corporations
- Federally-recognized Tribes

Eligible Projects

Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses. Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements
- Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Max funding is dependent on the number of grant requests received and the total grant dollars available.

Deadline

Open

Award Announcements:

Ongoing

Website

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/had-cf_grants.html

USDA Farm to School Grant

Grant Summary

The purpose of the USDA Farm to School Grant Program is to assist eligible entities in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools.

Eligibility and Eligible Projects

- Implementation grants are intended to help schools, school districts, state and local agencies, Indian tribal organizations, small- and medium-sized agricultural producers or groups of small- and medium-sized agricultural producers, and non-profit entities working with schools or school districts to scale or further develop existing farm to school initiatives.
- Planning grants are for schools or school districts, state and local agencies, Indian tribal organizations, small- and medium-sized agricultural producers or groups of small- and medium-sized agricultural producers, and non-profit entities working with schools or school districts that are just getting started on farm to school activities. These funds are intended to help these entities organize and structure their efforts for maximum impact by embedding known best practices into early design considerations.
- Training grants are intended for state and local agencies, Indian tribal organizations, small- and medium-sized agricultural producers or groups of small- and medium-sized agricultural producers, and non-profit entities to support trainings that strengthen farm to school supply chains, or trainings that provide technical assistance in the area of local procurement, food safety, culinary education, and/or integration of agriculture-based curriculum.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Implementation awards - \$50,000 - \$100,000; Planning awards - \$20,000 - \$50,000; Training awards - \$20,000 - \$50,000.

Deadline

December 8

Award Announcements:

May/June

Website

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/farmentoschool/farm-school-grant-program>

Wahlert Foundation

Grant Summary

Embracing Christian values and guided by compassion for those less fortunate, the Wahlert Foundation continues the legacy of the Wahlert family by acting as a steward of the Foundation's assets for the betterment of life in the Dubuque, Iowa, community by giving primarily in the areas of education, food, shelter, human services, and a limited funding of the arts.

Eligibility

Non Profit Organizations

Eligible Projects

Grants are made for basic human needs, such as: emergency assistance for families, medical care for seminarians from foreign countries, domestic violence prevention, food and housing for the needy, scholarships for low-income students, crisis care for children, food vouchers, and safety upgrades for a homeless shelter.

Geographic Focus

Dubuque area

Award Amounts

Average grant award is \$1,000

Deadline

Applications are accepted during the months of June, July and August

Award Announcements:

September

Website

<http://wahlertfoundation.org/pages/application.html>

Walmart Community Grant Program

Grant Summary

Through the Community Grant Program, our associates are proud to support the needs of their communities by providing grants to local organizations. Application may be submitted at any time during this funding cycle.

Eligibility

Organizations applying must meet the one of following criteria:

- An organization holding a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), (4), (6) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- A recognized government entity: state, county, or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes;
- A K-12 public or private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university; or
- A church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large.

Eligible Projects

Hunger relief and healthy eating; Health and human service; Quality of life; Education; Community and economic development; Diversity and Inclusion; Public Safety; Environmental sustainability

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Awarded grants range from \$250 to \$2,500.

Deadline

Between February 1 and December 31

Award Announcements

Applications may be submitted at any time during this funding cycle. Please note that applications will only remain active in our system for 90 days, and at the end of this period they will be automatically rejected.

Website

<http://corporate.walmart.com/walmart-foundation/community-grant-program>

Water and Waste Disposal Loan/Grant

Grant Summary

Provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

Eligibility

- Most State and local governmental entities
- Private non-profits
- Federally-recognized Tribes

Eligible Projects

- Drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage and distribution
- Sewer collection, transmission, treatment and disposal
- Solid waste collection, disposal and closure
- Storm water collection, transmission and disposal

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Determined by amount of self-contribution

Deadline

Open

Award Announcements:

Awards are announced on an ongoing basis as long as funds are available.

Website

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program>

Women's Giving Circle

Grant Summary

Non-profit organizations serving Greater Dubuque are invited to complete an application requesting the treasure, time and talents of Circle members.

Eligibility

501(c)3 nonprofit organizations that have been in active service to the public for at least one year prior to the application. Organizations must operate in a manner that no applicable anti-discrimination laws are violated. Only one proposal may be submitted per organization.

Eligible Projects

Grants are awarded to organizations which provide a service to individuals that create a bridge to self-sufficiency and/or significantly address barriers to opportunity.

Geographic Focus

Dubuque, Delaware, Jackson, Jones, Clayton, Allamakee, Delaware and Clinton Counties

Award Amounts

Up to \$5,000

Deadline

April 16

Award Announcements:

By June 15

Website

<http://www.dbqfoundation.org/nonprofits/grant-opportunities>

Workforce Housing Tax Credits

Grant Summary

This program provides tax benefits to developers to provide housing in Iowa communities, focusing especially on those projects using abandoned, empty or dilapidated properties.

Eligibility

Developer must build or rehabilitate at least four single-family homes or at least one multi-family building containing three or more units or at least two upper story units

Eligible Projects

Housing development located on a gray field or brownfield site, Repair or rehabilitation of dilapidated housing stock, upper story housing development, new construction in a greenfield (community with demonstrated workforce housing needs)

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Total project costs may not exceed \$200,000 per unit for new construction or \$250,000 per unit for historic rehabilitation. Total project costs for projects under the Small Cities set aside may not exceed \$215,00 per unit

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

N/A

Website

<https://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/WHTC>

YO-HO TOOLS FOR A MORE BEAUTIFUL IOWA

Grant Summary

12/2017: 2018 funding information yet to be released. Funding provided to community groups and organizations to purchase up to \$200 in Yo-Ho Tools to assist in clean-up and beautification projects.

Eligibility

Community groups; Civic organizations; Local clubs; Service clubs; Betterment/beautification groups; Youth groups; Schools; Churches

Eligible Projects

Yo-Ho garden shovels, spades, rakes, hoes, shears, pruners, trimmers and hand tools and must be purchased at ACE Hardware, True Value Hardware, Hardware Hank or Fleet Farm stores.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Up to \$200

Deadline

Typically in March

Award Announcements

Mid-April

Website

<http://www.KeepIowaBeautiful.com/grants/yo-ho-tool-grant>