

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

When approved for the grant, you will receive notification of what you have qualified for. This amount is removed off the cost of the AED machine at the time of purchase.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

N/A

Deadline

Open

Award Announcements

Approval is usually received within 1-3 weeks.

Website

<http://www.aedgrant.com/apply-aed-grant.htm>

AARP Community Challenge

Grant Summary

The AARP Community Challenge provides small grants to fund "quick-action" projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages.

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

Please see the website for the most current priorities.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

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

Deadline

MARCH 15, 2023

Award Announcements

July

Website

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/>

Alliant Energy Community Tree Planting Program

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

Up to \$5,000

Deadline

November 1

Award Announcements:

February

Website

<https://www.alliantenergy.com/communitysupportandsafety/communityprograms/onemilliontrees/communitytreeplantingprogram>

Alliant Energy Foundation – Community Grants

Grant Summary

Alliant Energy and the Alliant Energy Foundation build stronger communities through investments in organizations and the communities we serve in Iowa and Wisconsin, taking an intentional approach guided by our Focus Areas to advance short and long-term goals in four major categories listed under eligible projects.

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:

Hunger and Housing: Clothing, household needs; Food, nutrition; Housing, shelter; Transportation

Workforce Readiness: Agriculture; Literacy; STEM; Transportation; Workforce Development; Youth Development and Mentoring.

Environmental Stewardship: Environmental conservation; Environmental education; Park updates; Trail projects

Community Safety and Engagement: First responders; Community events; Playground updates; Disaster readiness and relief

Geographic Focus

Market area

Award Amounts

Grants start at \$500 unless noted otherwise. Please see the following for specific giving amounts:

<https://www.alliantenergy.com/communitysupportandsafety/grantssponsorships/whatwasfunded>

Deadline

Rolling – January 15, 2025; May 15, 2025; September 15, 2025

Award Announcements

April 1, 2025; August 1, 2025; December 1, 2025

Website

<https://www.alliantenergy.com/communitysupportandsafety/grantssponsorships/givingforgood>

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

March 8, 2024

Award Announcements

March

Website

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

Black Hills Energy

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; School districts

Eligible Projects

Responsible energy and environmental stewardship; education and workforce development; strong communities and helping people.

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. Projects include trees planted in the public right of way between streets and buildings, schools and public buildings. Past projects funded have included schools, parks, nursing homes, street trees, residential plantings and replacement of storm-damaged trees.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Up to \$5,000

Deadline

November 1

Award Announcements

Announcements coincide with the spring planting seasons

Website

<https://treesforever.org/power-of-trees/>

Build with Bags

Grant Summary

The Build with Bags program is a cooperative effort of the Iowa Grocery Industry Association, Keep Iowa Beautiful, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Metro Waste Authority and Plastic Recycling of Iowa Falls. The cornerstone of Build with Bags is a grant program that provides funds for the purchase of recycled plastic playground equipment, benches and tables, and more.

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

May 2 ,2025 (March in prior years)

Award Announcements

April 22

Website

<https://www.iowagrocers.com/build-with-bags-grant-application.html>

Business Leadership Network

Grant Summary

The UI College of Public Health's Business Leadership Network (BLN) Community Grant Program supports programs and activities that build collaborations and support community well-being.

Eligibility

Nonprofit organizations and local government entities.

Eligible Projects

Public health-related initiatives and projects. Has a minimum 1:1 local cash or in-kind match.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Max \$3,000

Deadline

Winter

Award Announcements

Website

<https://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/bln-community-grant-program/>

CDBG - Employment Transportation

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.iowaeda.com/cdbg/employment-transportation/>

Casey's

Funding Overview:

We believe in neighbors helping neighbors. That's why we're committed to helping local organizations make a difference in their communities. We are proud to contribute to organizations through sponsorships, food and monetary donations.

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
- Political organizations
- Research projects, assessments or special studies
- Adult sport teams and leagues
- Pageants
- Conferences, conventions, seminars or expos
- Employee appreciation events
- For-profit companies raising money for a charitable cause
- Organizations soliciting funds for overseas causes
- Organizations who give to charities we already support and give to directly

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/donation-requests>

CDBG - Career Link

Grant Summary

The Career Link program is an industry-driven training program that invests in projects that assist low and moderate income individuals obtain the training and skills they need to move into available higher-skill, higher wage jobs. Employers assist training providers with designing a training curriculum based on the company's needs. Training models must be based on documented training needs in the defined service area and must establish partnerships linking potential program participants with business needs and job opportunities.

Eligibility

At least 51% of those trained must be low to moderate income, as defined by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Counties and cities with populations under 50,000, except those designated as HUD entitlement areas, are eligible to apply on behalf of a training provider/ entity within their jurisdiction. Funds will flow through the local government to the entity providing training/services.

Eligible Projects

The Career Link program can cover activities such as training costs, childcare for training participants and transportation.

Development of a Career Link project includes: Identification of training needs among area employers; Development of training curriculum based on employer needs and input; Determination by employers on how many jobs/positions they will have available; Identification of training provider(s); Develop project budget.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Up to \$3 million in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are available on an annual basis through the state of Career Link program.

Deadline

Rolling, as long as funds are available

Award Announcements

Rolling

Website

<https://www.iowaeda.com/cdbg/career-link/>

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

Ongoing basis while funds are available

Award Announcements

TBD

Website

<https://www.iowaeda.com/cdbg/community-facilities/>

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

Rolling

Award Announcements

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

Website

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

CDBG—Housing - Upper Story Conversion

Grant Summary

The program is funded through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and must primarily benefit low- and moderate-income individuals.

Eligibility

This annual competitive program assists communities with preserving existing housing stock and creating new housing opportunities. The eligible housing activity includes: Upper story housing conversion.

Eligible Projects

The Upper story housing conversion program provides assistance for the conversion of existing downtown building space into new residential units. Lower-level commercial with upper story housing; considered two separate projects. Projects must primarily benefit low- and moderate income persons (per the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development definition). Non-entitlement cities and counties are eligible applicants.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

The maximum award under this program is \$600,000 - \$550,000 inclusive of project and administrative costs and an optional additional amount of \$50,000 for Green Streets Criteria.

Deadline

November 1, 2022

Award Announcements

November-December

Website

<https://www.iowaeda.com/cdbg/housing-rehabilitation/>

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. 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.

Eligibility

Cities and Counties

Eligible Projects

To be eligible for funding, at least 51% of project beneficiaries (residents served by the project) must be low to moderate income. For these purposes, “low and moderate income” is defined as persons with incomes at or below 80% of the area median income as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Current income levels can be found on the IEDA website:

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

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Maximum funding requests is \$500,000, regardless of population.

Deadline

May 1

Award Announcements

March, September

Website

<https://www.iowaeda.com/cdbg/water-sewer/>

CDBG – Downtown Revitalization 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. Community leaders can use this program to rehabilitate blighted downtown buildings.

Eligibility

Cities and Counties

Eligible Projects

The project must meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Slum and Blight National Objective.

- To meet this objective, the application must document the extent or seriousness of deterioration in the area to be assisted, showing a clear adverse effect on the well-being of the area or community and illustrating that the proposed activity will alleviate or eliminate the conditions causing the deterioration
- A comprehensive building survey as well as a city resolution is necessary to meet this national objective

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Max is \$650,000

Deadline

November

Award Announcements

November - December

Website

<https://www.iowaeda.com/cdbg/downtown-revitalization-fund/>

CHALLENGE AMERICA: Grant Program

Grant Summary

Challenge America offers support primarily to small organizations for projects in all artistic disciplines that extend the reach of the arts to populations that are underserved.

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

Possible projects include, but are not limited to: arts programming, including commissioning or presentation of artists or artwork; marketing and promotional activities; and organizational planning. Projects may consist of one or more specific events or activities, and should not cover an entire season of programming.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Fixed amount of \$10,000 and require a minimum \$10,000 match.

Deadline

April

Award Announcements:

December

Website

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

Childcare Challenge Funding Opportunity

Grant Summary

The Childcare Challenge Fund will support regional and community projects to establish local childcare facilities and increase the availability of quality, affordable childcare for working Iowans.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include businesses, non-profits and consortiums in good standing with the State of Iowa. IWD encourages applicants to cultivate partnerships to enhance project activities and outcomes. If an employer is not the lead applicant, applicants are required to include a letter of commitment from an employer as a key project partner with the application submission.

Eligible Projects

The fund can be used to support new construction of a childcare facility, rehabilitation of an existing structure as a childcare facility, or the retrofitting and repurposing of an existing structure for use as a childcare facility. It cannot be used for administrative expenses of operating the program or implementing the project.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

\$100,000

Deadline

February 12, 2021 – Due December 23, 2024

Award Announcements:

Not later than February 19, 2021

Website

<https://www.futurereadyiowa.gov/childcarechallenge>

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 Family Foundation Small Grant Program

Grant Summary

Clif Family Foundation Small Grants Program supports daily operating costs for innovative small and mid-sized groups working to strengthen our food system, enhance equitable community health outcomes, and safeguard our environment and natural resources.

Open Call: These grants support general operating cost or specific projects and applicants must be registered as (or fiscally sponsored by) a 501(c)3 organization. The Foundation reviews applications twice a year; the deadlines are **March 1 and August 1**. Grant announcements occur approximately four months after the deadline. Typical grants range from \$5,000 - \$50,000 and last for one year.

Eligibility

501c3 organizations

Eligible Projects

Priority is given to applicants that:

Address two or more of our funding priorities at the same time:

- Strengthen our food system
- Enhance equitable community health outcomes
- Safeguard our environment and natural resources

Demonstrate strong community ties.

Operate within viable and clearly defined plans for positive change.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

\$5,000 - \$50,000

Deadline

March 1 and August 1

Award Announcements:

June, October, February

Website

<https://cliffamilyfoundation.org/about-us>

Clinton County Community Development Association

Grant Summary Our purpose is to provide financial assistance through our grant programs for local organizations and charities that work to improve the overall vitality and quality of life in our county, through their educational, social, cultural, and environmental programs and initiatives.

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

Spring grants: 4:30 P.M. on the 2nd Wednesday in March (check for April 2025)

Fall grants: 4:30 P.M. on the 2nd Wednesday in August

Award Announcements

Spring grants: 3rd Wednesday in June

Fall grants: 3rd Wednesday in November

Website

<https://clintoncountydevelopment.org/grants/>

Collins Community Credit Union – Charitable Giving

Grant Summary

Collins Community Credit Union is committed to actively supporting the communities we serve through financial contributions as well as volunteer services by our team members.

Eligibility

501(c)(3) organizations

Eligible Projects

Because the requests are so great, we have identified four core focus areas for priority consideration:

Financial Literacy

Children's Charities

Medical Research

Civic organizations and activities

Geographic Focus

Only organizations within Collins Community CU's [field of membership](#) will be considered for funding.

Award Amounts

n/a

Deadline

n/a

Award Announcements

Website

<https://www.collinscu.org/charitable-giving-guidelines>

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: Late January

Full-App: (by invitation ONLY) Mid-April

Award Announcements:

June

Website

<https://www.iowaeda.com/downtown-resource-center/community-catalyst/>

Community Foundation of Cedar County

Grant Summary

The Community Foundation of Cedar County is here to help our community's charitable projects and programs contribute to the quality of life in our area. One of the ways that is done is through grantmaking. The Foundation annually distributes funds from its endowment earnings to numerous area non-profit organizations to fulfill our mission, "To enhance the quality of life in the communities we serve by encouraging permanent charitable giving to meet the needs of present and future generations." The Community Foundation has a broad, flexible purpose providing support to a wide variety of non-profit organizations.

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

2023 Spring Grant Award: up to \$7,500

2023 Fall Matching Grant Award: up to \$10,000

Deadline

Spring Grant cycle – **opens:** January 1, 2024 **deadline:** February 28, 2024 **notification:** May 2, 2024

- Fall Matching Grant cycle - **opens:** September 1, 2024 **deadline:** October 11, 2024

Website

<https://www.qccommunityfoundation.org/communityfoundationofcedarcountygrant>

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: Individual and team leadership; Organization-wide planning and development; Equity, diversity, and inclusion; Network development; Communications; Evaluation and learning planning; Digital and physical security.

Geographic Focus

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

Award Amounts

\$3,500-\$15,000

Deadline

Available May 5, due by June 2, 2025

By July 17 – finalist organizations will be invited to pitch a proposal in September

Award Announcements

October 17, 2022

Website

<https://dbqfoundation.org/grants>

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 the program:

- is designed to provide opportunities, and/or raise awareness for issues that local individuals (0-25) are facing.
- will provide opportunities for the community to participate, removes barrier, and promote inclusion
- improves quality of life for the most disadvantaged youth in our community
- leads to long-term, sustainable solutions
- specifically addresses at least one of YAPPERS' 4 Promises: General health; Stable living; Effective education; Career advancement.

Geographic Focus

Dubuque County

Award Amounts

Up to \$3,000

Deadline

March 8

Award Announcements

May

Website

<https://www.dbqfoundation.org/grants/yappers-grants>

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

September 30

Award Announcements

Late November

Website

<https://dbqfoundation.org/grants#community-foundation-of-jackson-county-grants>

Creative Leadership Grants

Grant Summary

The 2019 program provides grants for innovative, creative leadership team building within elementary/middle schools. Beginning December 1, 2018, submit your application for the opportunity to receive a grant to help build your school's creative capacity. Receive a gift — every Early Bird application submitted before midnight on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 will receive a Crayola product Classpack®. **2/2021: Crayola is currently re-imagining their grant program to better support the realities of 21st century teachers and learners. With their new program, they aim to provide even more exciting, innovative and creative opportunities for elementary/middle schools. 5/1/2024 product donations and cash grants only available to schools and nonprofit organizations in Lehigh and Northampton counties in Pennsylvania and Phillipsburg/Warren County, New Jersey.**

Eligibility

Elementary/middle schools where principles 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

TBD

Award Announcements

TBD

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

February 23, 2025.

Award Announcements

By July 1

Website

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

Dollar General Literacy Foundation

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

For successful applicants whose efforts result in effective waste minimization and/or related education in Dubuque County.

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/environmental-education/grants-financial-assistance-program/>

Dubuque Racing Association

Grant Summary

Applications should tie to the mission of People Attraction: Population Growth, Retention and Tourism. This aligns with the DRA's mission of providing social, economic and community betterment and lessening the burden of Dubuque city and area government, as well as our vision of being a dynamic community resource, acting as a catalyst to enhance the quality of life and financial well-being of the tri-state community. Historically, the DRA has funded mostly material items, in 2022 we shifted this model and funding preference will be given to applications with capacity building alongside of material purchases.

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
- Civic and community development
- Education
- Emergency services
- Health & Human Services
- Recreation
- Veterans

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

Core (requests up to \$50,000); opens May 5, 2025 - due May 16, 2025.

Mission (requests from \$50,000 to \$100,000); opens April 8, 2024 – due April 19, 2024

Award Announcements

Core: Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Mission: May and/or June 2024

Website

<https://dradubuque.com/grant-process>

Dupaco Foundation

Grant Summary

The Dupaco Foundation further illustrates Dupaco's mission to improve your financial and personal well-being. It was established in 2011 to honor the retirement of longtime Dupaco President and CEO, Robert W. "Bob" Hoefer. And it provides support for many of our strategic partnerships and financial empowerment programs. 2/29/2024: Dupaco Foundation is launching a new grant program to support nonprofit organizations and is not accepting applications at this time. The Nonprofit Grant Program will be an annual, competitive grant. **Check back in April 2024 for more information.**

Eligibility

501c3 organizations.

Eligible Projects

We support individuals facing financial hardship and need due to emergencies caused by health, weather, storm, fire, earthquake, or other catastrophic event.

We support nonprofit 501c3 organizations that serve children, adults, and families in need with a focus on financial capability, economic self-sufficiency, social empowerment, and wellness with a goal toward long-term sustainability.

We support education through our annual scholarship program serving students attending a four-year college/university or a community college or technical school. For more information <https://www.dupaco.com/community/scholarships/>.

Geographic Focus

Dupaco service area

Award Amounts

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

Deadline

May 31: Deadline for submission of grant applications for June awards

June 15: Notification for June award cycle

November 1: Deadline for submission of grant applications for December awards

December 15: Notification for December award cycle

Award Announcements

TBD

Website

<https://www.dupaco.com/community/dupaco-foundation/>

Dutrac Charitable Giving

Grant Summary

We're proud to support charitable organizations that enhance the lives of our members and the communities in which they work and live.

Eligibility

501c(3) or (6) organizations.

Eligible Projects

Donations must benefit non-profit organizations with tax exemption under Section 501c(3) or (6) of the Internal Revenue Code which are considered charitable, civic, educational, recreational and/or receive the majority of their support through outside funding. Requesting entities must conduct activities in a community, or within an adjacent community, in which DuTrac has a place of business.

Geographic Focus

Dutrac service area

Award Amounts

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

Deadline

A minimum of 30 day's notice is required for consideration.

Award Announcements

Rolling

Website

<https://www.dutrac.org/connect/charitable-giving/>

Dyersville Area Community Foundation

Grant Summary

Eligibility

Non-profits with a 501 C (3) status in Dyersville, Earlville, Farley, Luxemburg, New Vienna, Petersburg, and Worthington.

Eligible Projects

The Foundation does not fund: Office supplies, salaries or postage type products; Organization capital campaigns; Projects that have been started prior to receiving award notification; Project that were funded the previous year that have not had substantial enhancement.

Geographic Focus

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

Award Amounts

\$500 - \$2,600

Deadline

August 31

Award Announcements:

September 30

Website

<https://dbqfoundation.org/grants#dyersville-area-community-foundation-grants>

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. 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. The first step is submitting a Letter of Intent to apply.

Contact Alaina.Santizo@iowaeda.com or Macie.Pohlman@iowaeda.com about current deadlines before applying.

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

CAT Board meets monthly to review applications, award subject to available funds.

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.iowaeda.com/enhance-iowa/>

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

\$500,000 per site

Deadline

Grant is to open late September, early October with 60 day due date

Award Announcements

Summer

Website

<https://www.epa.gov/grants/fy21-guidelines-brownfield-cleanup-grants>

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.
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- 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 \$375,000

Deadline

Grant is to open late September, early October with 60 day due date

Award Announcements

Spring/Summer

Website

<https://www.epa.gov/grants/fy21-guidelines-brownfield-assessment-grants>

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

Specific information about deadlines is provided in competitive announcements.

Award Announcements

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

The 2024 AHP application period will open on April 1, 2024.

Award Announcements

Awards will be announced December 2024.

Website

<https://www.fhlbdm.com/products-services/affordable-housing/>

US Bank – Community Possible Grant Program

Grant Summary

We support organizations and programs through Operating grants, Program or project grants, or Capital grants, that advance the following funding priorities: Work – Workforce Education and Economic Prosperity; Home – Neighborhood Stability and Revitalization; Play – Arts, Culture and Places to Play. **In 2021, we are switching to an invitation-only grant application; moving away from three payout cycles and instead making quarterly payouts to provide funding when it is needed most. – submit Letter of Interest to be considered for the grant application.**

Eligibility

For nonprofit organizations new to U.S. Bank Foundation, a Letter of Interest will be available in January 2021. Community Affairs Managers will review Letter of Interest submissions periodically to learn about new and innovative programs and organizations in their regions and markets. After reviewing a Letter of Interest, a Community Affairs Manager may reach out with a request for a full application. You can access the Letter of Interest by clicking the “Submit a letter of interest” link at the bottom of this page. Letters of Interest may be submitted at any time during the year.

Eligible Projects

Play: Programs that provide access to cultural activities, visual and performing arts, zoos and aquariums and botanic gardens for individuals and families living in underserved communities; Funding for local arts organizations that enhance the economic vitality of the community; Programs that provide funding for arts-focused nonprofit organizations that bring visual and performing arts programming to low- and moderate-income K-12 schools and youth centers.

Work: Investing in the workforce - Small business technical assistance programs; Job-skills, career readiness training programs with comprehensive placement services for low- and moderate-income individuals entering or reentering the labor force. Providing pathways for educational success - Organizations and programs that help low- and moderate-income and at-risk middle and high school students prepare for post-secondary education at a community college, university, trade or technical school and career readiness; Programs and initiatives at post-secondary institutions that support access to career and educational opportunities for low- and moderate-income and diverse students. Teaching financial well-being for work and life - K-12 and college student financial literacy; Adult and workforce financial literacy; Senior financial fraud prevention; Military service member and veteran financial literacy.

Geographic Focus

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

Award Amounts

\$5,000 - \$10,000

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

Rolling

Website

<https://www.usbank.com/about-us-bank/community/community-possible-grant-program.html>

Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program

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 Wildfire 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

\$35.5 million available in funding; Approximately 100 awards

Deadline

Jan 21, 2022

Award Announcements

August

Website

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

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

The Foundation looks for projects which: Address significant community issues; Present innovative, creative, and practical proposals which build on community strengths; • Present clear work plans which show the ability to achieve the project's goal; Focus on strategic innovations that encourage cooperation, create efficiencies and reduce duplication of services; Develop the leadership potential of the community; Involve the people served in the planning and implementation of the program; Demonstrate quality, vision, effectiveness, collaboration and good management; Provide a plan for sustainability beyond the funding period.

Geographic Focus

Delaware County

Award Amounts

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

Deadline

Available Feb. 1, Due March 15, 2023

Award Announcements

May

Website

<https://dbqfoundation.org/grants#foundation-for-the-future-of-delaware-county-grants>

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. Early submission is encouraged.

Award Announcements:

Within 60 days of receiving application.

Website

<https://www.gp.com/stewardship/faqs/>

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; Your organization charges a participation fee of \$299 or below; 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

All approved organizations will: Gain access to our catalog of available inventory, which displays the equipment, apparel, and footwear that we have available; Be able to use up to six (6) equipment requests over a two-year period. You will be required to sign a release form and pay a shipping and handling fee prior to receiving each donation. The fee will always equal 5% of the total retail value of the items; for example, if the total value of your items equals \$2,000, you will be asked to provide \$100, etc. There is no maximum fee.

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

Rolling

Website

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

GreenState Foundation

Grant Summary

The GreenState Foundation was founded to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve in Iowa and Illinois. We do this by promoting the financial health and well-being of our neighborhoods, schools, and our society at large. We give generously to programs and projects that assist in making every place a better, safer place to live, work and play.

Eligibility

501c3, Public School, or Government Agency

Eligible Projects

The GreenState Foundation's vision is to provide our members and communities with solutions to improve financial health & inequities, address the shortage of affordable housing, and sustain our environment.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Unknown

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

Rolling

Website

<https://www.greenstatefoundation.org/>

Havlife Tri-States Grants

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, in Iowa and parts of Illinois and Wisconsin.

Award Amounts

\$1,500-\$12,500

Deadline

December, April, July

Award Announcements

January, May, August

Website

<https://tristates.havlife.org/grants/>

Redevelopment Tax Credits Brownfield/Grayfield Sites

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 \$15 million per fiscal year with a maximum award per project of \$1.5 million

Deadline

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

Award Announcements

October

Website

<https://www.iowaeda.com/redevelopment-tax-credits/>

Iowa Arts and Culture Grants

Grant Summary

[Arts Partnership Grants](#) are discretionary grant awards for projects that align with one or more current and funding priorities and strategic goals in the Iowa Arts Council 2022-2026 Strategic Plan.

[Cultural Capacity Building grants](#) provide general operating support over a three-year period to eligible arts, cultural and humanities organizations in Iowa. Organizations with annual operating expenses above \$10,000 that demonstrate a commitment to enhancing their cultural and managerial excellence and community service are eligible to apply. Applicants must complete an online application by May 15, 2024, on iowaartscouncil.slideroom.com.

[Art Project Grants](#) provide support for projects that accelerate momentum in an applicant's artistic career or practice, arts and cultural organization or community through a high-quality arts project or learning experience. Eligible art projects must include exceptional arts activities, involve collaboration, provide access to Iowans and demonstrate public value. Applicants must complete an online application by September 17, 2024, on iowaartscouncil.slideroom.com. Deadline: April 22, 2025 Deadline: September 23, 2025

[Inspire Iowa Cultural Tourism Grant](#) program supports a limited number of highly visible and high-impact arts, culture and heritage events, performances, productions or exhibitions. Projects will attract new visitors to Iowa communities and showcase our state as a cultural tourism destination. Submit an online application by June 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. for award period of July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2026.

[Iowa Artist Fellowship Program](#) support to individual artists who demonstrate exceptional creativity in the arts and a commitment to contributing to the vitality of the arts in Iowa. The program advances the artistic careers of Iowans through funding and professional development.

[Iowa Community Cultural Grants](#) enhance Iowa communities through the development of festivals, music, drama, cultural programs and tourism projects that provide jobs for Iowans while promoting Iowa's cultural, ethnic and historical heritages.

[Iowa Screenwriters Grant](#) is intended to provide support to Iowa's screenwriters to undertake activities that advance their artistic practices and elevate the creative screenwriting industry in Iowa. It is a career advancement grant for Iowa screenwriters and focuses on providing professional development tied to an active screenplay that the applicant is working on. Applicants must complete an online application by April 22, 2025, on iowaartscouncil.slideroom.com for the funding July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

[Certified Local Government grant program](#) is open to those Iowa cities, counties and land use districts that have signed a Certified Local Government Agreement with the State of Iowa and National Park Service. In order to be eligible to apply for this grant opportunity, the Certified Local Government must also be in good standing and current in its submission of Iowa Certified Local Government annual reports.

[Iowa Arts & Culture Emergency Relief Fund](#) provides short-term financial assistance to eligible organizations impacted by natural disasters, emergencies and other unforeseen events that pose an active threat to publicly-accessible artistic or cultural resources.

Website

<https://culture.iowaeda.com/grants/>

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 (check for November)

Award Announcements

Within four months of deadline date

Website

<https://iowadot.gov/transportation-development/local-systems/grant-programs/iowa-clean-air-attainment-program-icaap>

Iowa Finance Authority Bonds

Program Summary

Through its Private Activity 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

IRS regulations regarding qualified private activity bonds are detailed and stringent. Examples of private activity bonds that are tax-exempt include: Privately-owned solid waste disposal facilities; Qualified affordable multifamily residential rental projects; Industrial revenue bonds; Bonds for projects of 501 (C) (3) private non-profit corporations.

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, a Private Activity 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

<https://www.iowafinance.com/private-activity-bond-program/>

Iowa Great Places

Grant Summary

Great Places Designation: The Iowa Great Places program seeks to recognize communities that take action to enhance their local places while staying true to the qualities that makes them unique. Designated communities have demonstrated a vision that values their cultural assets while challenging themselves to set realistic goals for advancing their quality of life. The program goals are to cultivate the unique and authentic qualities of Iowa neighborhoods, districts, communities and regions in order to make them great places to live and work through professional development training; technical assistance opportunities; a network of vibrant communities and passionate leaders; and access to other state and local resources.

Great Places Funding (only to designated communities): The program provides Iowa Great Places designation, the opportunity to apply for grant funding to support vertical infrastructure expenses as defined by the Iowa Code 8.57 for projects dedicated to developing cultural assets in the community, and the opportunity to apply for endorsement resulting in additional consideration from partner state agency programs for projects that develop assets in the following areas: Arts and Culture; Architecture; Diversity; Entrepreneurial incentive for business development; Historic Fabric; Housing Options; Natural Environment; Amenities.

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 = \$227,355 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

<https://iowadot.gov/lrtf/Grants>

Iowa Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)

Grant Summary

The goal of this Iowa DOT funded program is to provide an avenue for smaller cities, less than 10,000 population, to be able to obtain a basic work zone sign package that is in compliance with the 2009 MUTCD and to make their work zones safer for operations personnel, and motorists.

Eligibility

City

Eligible Projects

It is currently proposed that the materials to be included in the package will be the following:

- One Lane Road Ahead Signs
- Road Work Ahead Signs
- Be Prepared to Stop Signs
- Type III Barricades
- 28" Traffic Cones
- Class 2 Safety Vests
- Sign Stands
- 42 inch Channelizers

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Deadline

December 31

Award Announcements

January/February

Website

<https://iowaltap.iastate.edu/iowa-ltap-work-zone-sign-package-program/>

Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation – Mini Grant Program

Grant Summary

Founded in 1987, the Foundation has a mission to provide resources to deliver the benefits of parks and recreation to all.

Eligibility

Eligible Projects

Anything to do with outdoor recreation.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Max grant amount is \$1,000

Deadline

Application available annually: October 15 – January 31 (check for December fund alert)

Award Announcements

Rolling

Website

<https://iapra.org/foundation/>

Iowa Rural Development Council Power of Connection Grant

Grant Summary

This innovative economic development program is designed to pair rural communities seeking assistance with IRDC resource teams. Those teams drive both community conversations and solution development for problems or projects. Ultimately, grants of up to \$5,000 – funded by ITC Midwest and the IRDC – may be awarded to rural communities for capacity building, strategic planning, studies or assessment.

Eligibility

Rural communities.

Eligible Projects

The ITC/IRDC “Power of Connection” Community Grant Program will have three major objectives:

- Provide technical assistance and the potential for grant funding to rural communities seeking to build capacity, drive new projects, expand leadership opportunities and plan strategically;
- Make use of existing resources to provide a broad portfolio of services to communities, filling a current need for this comprehensive review;
- Enhance under the umbrella of IRDC the coordination and collaboration of the 100+ entities who are members of the Council.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

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Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

Rolling

Website

<https://iowardc.org/itc-midwest-irdc-launch-new-grant-program/>

Trails Visioning

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

September

Award Announcements

Website

<https://treesforever.smapply.org/prog/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. 5/23/25 grant opportunity not currently found on their website

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

All project expenses (grant request plus cash match) must directly relate to the implementation of a tourism-related marketing initiative, meeting or event and be incurred within the next calendar year.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

\$2,500 to \$5,000 and require a 25% cash match.

Deadline

September

Award Announcements

November

Website

<https://www.traveliowa.com/industry-partners/grants/iowa-tourism-grants/>

Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning

Grant Summary

Iowa communities that need to improve their transportation systems, such as entrance corridors, streetscapes, sidewalks, or trails, are encouraged to apply for Community Visioning. We give priority to communities that lack planning resources within the city government.

Eligibility

Communities in need of transportation enhancement planning assistance and with populations of fewer than 10,000 residents

Eligible Projects

Trees Forever field coordinators provide structured facilitation of the visioning process. Landscape architecture consultants collaborate with design interns to provide design assistance under the direction of ISU. ISU also provides research-based community assessments and directs transportation plan development by consultants. Iowa DOT provides review and technical assistance for transportation enhancement concept planning.

A webpage is created for each community and linked to existing community websites and social media. During the visioning process, program reports, meeting announcements, and pictures are posted to keep everyone informed and involved. At the end of the visioning process, the community will receive a series of display boards that include conceptual drawings and images illustrating the transportation plan. Implementation strategies will be developed and communicated in an 8½ by 11-inch feasibility study. All products will be available electronically after the process is completed on the program website in order to facilitate grant writing and community development needs. Communities selected for Community Visioning agree in writing to commit \$2,000 toward implementation of a project proposed through the visioning process. See <https://www.communityvisioning.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/VisAppInfoSheet2021.pdf> for more info.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

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

Deadline

September 1

Award Announcements

Website

<https://www.communityvisioning.org/apply/>

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. Iowa's TAP program can be accessed in two ways. Statewide and multi-regional projects should apply directly to the Iowa DOT by October 1 annually for consideration in the Statewide TAP program. Access to funding for smaller, local projects is dependent on geographic location. Iowa's Transportation Management Areas (TMA), Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), and Regional Planning Affiliations (RPA) will select local projects for funding.

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 typically but deadlines vary between funding agencies.

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. The entity must be on the National Register of Historic Places and be declared of state or national significance to qualify.

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 grant seekers 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 \$2 million, although a range of \$250,000 to \$500,000 is more common.

Deadline

Jeffris Heartland Fund – Rolling

Capital Campaign Challenge Grants – Invitations to submit a proposal are extended by the Foundation via letter on or about May 15 of each year. Once invited, proposals are due between July 1 and Aug 1

Award Announcements

Jeffris Heartland Fund – 30 days of receipt of the application

Capital Campaign Challenge Grants – mid-June

Website

<https://www.jeffrisfoundation.org/>

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 Dream Playground Contest Grant

Grant Summary

Together, we're awarding five (5) \$20,000 playground equipment grants to communities through the Let's Play Dream Playground Contest to get more kids playing. (Type of grant and community eligibility changes each year)

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

Please see website for priority communities.

Award Amounts

Five, \$20,000 grants

Deadline

May

Award Announcements:

Late June

Website

<https://kaboom.org/grants/lets-play-dream-playground>

KaBOOM! Let's Play Community Construction Grants

Grant Summary

Build it with KABOOM! pairs one of our dedicated funding partners with a community partner, that's you, who then come together to plan and build a brand-new playground. Our community-built playgrounds generate a tangible, achievable win for your community, transforming your space into a great place to play for kids and families.

Eligibility

Build it with KABOOM! grant opportunities are based on geographic locations where and when KABOOM! currently has funding. KABOOM! encourages potential community partners to apply in advance. As grant opportunities present themselves, KABOOM! can quickly be in touch with you to schedule the next steps in the application process.

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

Please see website for priority communities.

Award Amounts

\$15,000

Deadline

TBD

Award Announcements:

2 months after each funding application cycle deadline

Website

https://kaboom.org/grants/build_it_yourself

KUBOTA HOMETOWN PROUD™

Grant Summary

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Geographic Focus

Please see website for priority communities.

Award Amounts

\$15,000

Deadline

TBD

Award Announcements:

2 months after each funding application cycle deadline

Website

https://kaboom.org/grants/build_it_yourself

Keep Iowa Beautiful Hometown Pride

Grant Summary

Bottomline: A program that brings community members together to improve their hometown. The program is built on community coaching to rural communities across Iowa. The coaching provides technical and financial source assistance, through trained coaches, to local residents, city councils, city clerks and managers to enhance and support the plans and visions for the future of the communities both culturally and economically. It builds a sense of pride and respect along with a sense of vitality and action.

Eligibility

Iowa counties and communities

Eligible Projects

Contact KIB and arrange for a presentation on Hometown Pride program. Our staff will be happy to meet with your county economic development group, board of supervisors, community foundation or other responsible groups or individuals to discuss the program and provide complete details on how to apply:
ktechau@keepiowabeautiful.org

Geographic Focus

Iowa counties and communities

Award Amounts

Deadline

Award Announcements

Website

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

Keep America Beautiful/Coca-Cola Public Spaces Recycling Bin Grant Program

Grant Summary

While most Americans have access to recycling in their homes, finding recycling bins in public spaces such as downtown areas, athletic fields or event venues can be a challenge. As we increasingly live “on-the-go” lifestyles, research and common sense tell us that people are less likely to recycle if they don’t have a convenient access to recycling bins. The Keep America Beautiful/Coca-Cola Public Spaces Recycling Bin Grant Program is designed to help communities overcome this barrier by providing recycling bins in public spaces.

Eligibility

Grants are offered to Keep America Beautiful affiliates, government and public agencies, nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, religious organizations, colleges and universities, K-12 schools, and other community groups.

Eligible Projects

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

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

n/a

Deadline

December

Award Announcements

June

Website

<https://kab.org/grants/coca-cola/>

Kwik Star/Kwik Trip - Kwik Trip Kares

Grant Summary

Request Examples: Police and Fire Departments; Food Pantries; Capital Campaign Projects

Eligibility

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

Eligible Projects

Donations providing the basic human necessities to those in need will always be our first priority (ex: food, water, shelter and safety)

Geographic Focus

Market area

Award Amounts

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

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

Rolling

Website

<https://www.kwiktrip.com/community/donations/kwik-trip-kares>

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, campgrounds and multipurpose trails.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

<u>Population</u>	<u>Max Award</u>
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	\$175,000
Over 75,000	\$200,000

Deadline

March 15, 4:30 p.m.

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

April

Website

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

Local Foods, Local Places

Grant Summary

Local Foods, Local Places supports locally led, community-driven efforts to protect air and water quality, preserve open space and farmland, 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

November

Award Announcements

Within two months of grant submittal

Website

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

Main Street Iowa

Grant Summary

The Main Street Iowa program works with a select group of communities that have successfully completed a competitive application process and are committed to exceptionally high standards for downtown economic development. As a Main Street America™ Coordinating Program, over 50 communities in Iowa are connected to a network of 40 programs across the country representing over 1,200 communities.

Utilizing the Main Street Approach, communities capitalize on the unique identity, assets and character of their historic commercial districts. The Main Street Approach consists of tightly integrated components making up a common-sense, strategy-driven framework that guides community-based downtown revitalization efforts. Locally developed strategies are implemented through comprehensive work in four broad areas, known as the Four Points: Economic Vitality, Organization, Promotion and Design.

Eligibility

All Iowa Cities

Eligible Projects

Assistance from the Main Street Iowa team includes training workshops, architectural and design assistance, business assistance, and a number of other technical assistance opportunities.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

N/A

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

Rolling

Website

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

McDonough Foundation

Grant Summary

The mission of the McDonough Foundation is to promote charitable, educational and health related activities and opportunities to children and families in Eastern Iowa. 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 or 170 (C) organizations in the Iowa counties of Dubuque, Delaware, Clayton, Jones, Jackson, Fayette and Buchanan

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 30

Award Announcements

July

Website

<http://mcdonoughcharitablefoundation.org/>

McElroy Trust

Grant Summary

The McElroy Trust only supports programs, projects or endeavors that help young people.

Eligibility

Nonprofit charitable organizations (501(c)3) and governmental entities, like school districts or

Eligible Projects

Projects benefitting youth

Geographic Focus

Allamakee, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Chickasaw, Clayton, Delaware, Fayette, Grundy, Tama, and Winneshiek counties.

Award Amounts

Between \$5,000 and \$443,000

Deadline

Rolling in relation to board meetings, which are June, September, October, December

Award Announcements

After board meetings

Website

<https://www.mcelroytrust.org/grants>

MidwestOne Foundation

Grant Summary

The MidWestOne Foundation supports non-profit groups, institutions, schools, and organizations that enhance the cultural well-being of the communities we serve.

Eligibility

Non-profit groups, institutions, schools, and organizations that enhance the cultural well-being of the communities we serve.

Eligible Projects

We predominately support capital and building campaigns that benefit the greater good over time. If you have a grant request for programming, operational expenses or event sponsorships, please submit that directly to your local MidWestOne Bank location or by contacting us.

Geographic Focus

Service area

Award Amounts

More than seventy-five percent of our grants are made for requests under \$20,000, and nearly half of the funds granted are for requests of \$5,000 and under.

Deadline

The Foundation Board meets quarterly in March, June, September and December. To be considered for a grant, applications must be received by the first of each of those months.

Award Announcements

After board meetings

Website

<https://www.midwestone.bank/about/midwestone-foundation>

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. The program makes matching grants to nonprofit organizations and local government units that operate baseball and/or softball programs. **Please check back in January 2025.** (Nothing Jan 2nd, check for April fund alert)

Eligibility

The program is open to any independent Upper Midwest or Southwest Florida 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. Non-essential items, such as lights, bleachers, grandstands, restrooms, batting cages and scoreboards, do not qualify for support. Routine maintenance of fields does not qualify. **Communities that have not received a Twins Fields for Kids grant receive higher priority.**

Geographic Focus

Upper Midwest and Southwest Florida

Award Amounts

\$1,000 to \$15,000

Deadline

January/February/March

Award Announcements

TBD

Website

<https://www.mlb.com/twins/community/fund/grants>

National Endowment for the Arts - Grants for Arts Projects

Grant Summary

These grants support arts projects that use the arts to unite and heal in response to current events; celebrate our creativity and cultural heritage; invite mutual respect for differing beliefs and values; and enrich humanity. **Check back in December 2024**

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

The Arts Endowment encourages projects that use the arts to unite and heal in response to current events, as well as address any of the following:

- Celebrate America's creativity and/or cultural heritage.
- Invite a dialogue that fosters a mutual respect for the diverse beliefs and values of all persons and groups.
- Enrich our humanity by broadening our understanding of ourselves as individuals and as a society.
- Originate from or are in collaboration with the following constituencies encouraged by White House Executive Orders:
 - Historically Black Colleges and Universities,
 - Tribal Colleges and Universities,
 - American Indian and Alaska Native tribes,
 - African American Serving Institutions,
 - Hispanic Serving Institutions,
 - Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, and
 - Organizations that support the independence and lifelong inclusion of people with disabilities.

*1965 Enabling Legislation for the National Endowment for the Arts in the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Applicants may request cost share/matching grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Designated local arts agencies eligible to subgrant may request from \$10,000 to \$150,000 for subgranting programs in the Local Arts Agencies discipline. A minimum cost share/match equal to the grant amount is required.

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 provides support to selected nonprofit organizations around the country to host dynamic community-wide reading programs, each designed around a single NEA Big Read title. Organizations apply for funding through a grants program managed by Arts Midwest. Each community program that receives an NEA Big Read grant—which ranges between \$5,000 and \$20,000—is also provided with resources, outreach materials, and training on various aspects such as working with local partners, developing public relations strategies, and leading book discussions and Q&As.

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 (Intent to Apply by Wednesday, January 10, 2024 - submit application form by Wednesday, January 24, 2024)

Award Announcements:

Summer

Website

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

National Endowment for the Arts - Our Town

Grant Summary Our Town is the National Endowment for the Arts' creative placemaking grants program. Through project-based funding, we support projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes. Successful Our Town projects ultimately lay the groundwork for systemic changes that sustain the integration of arts, culture, and design into local strategies for strengthening communities. These projects require a partnership between a local government entity and nonprofit organization, one of which must be a cultural organization; and should engage in partnership with other sectors (such as agriculture and food, economic development, education and youth, environment and energy, health, housing, public safety, transportation, and workforce development).

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

We encourage applications for artistically excellent projects that: Bring new attention to or elevate key community assets and issues, voices of residents, local history, or cultural infrastructure; Inject new or additional energy, resources, activity, people, or enthusiasm into a place, community issue, or local economy; Envision new possibilities for a community or place - a new future, a new way of overcoming a challenge, or approaching problem-solving; Connect communities, people, places, and economic opportunity via physical spaces or new relationships; Honor traditions shaped by the lived experience of a community's residents, such as music, dance, design, crafts, fashion, cuisine, and oral expression. **For Fiscal Year 2024, we are particularly interested in arts, culture, or design projects that address health or well-being, transportation or infrastructure, or climate-related challenges within a community.**

Geographic Focus National

Award Amounts Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$150,000, with a minimum cost share/match equal to the grant amount.

Deadline

August (5/1/25 New application guidelines are anticipated in May 2025 – check for September) **-5/23/25 website says "Deadline has passed"**

Award Announcements

April

Website

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

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 - March 3, 2025 for three other grants under this umbrella

Award Announcements

Within eight weeks of the application deadline

Website

<https://savingplaces.org/preservation-funds>

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 14

Award Announcements

Mid April

Website

<https://keepiowabeautiful.org/grants-scholarships/grants/paint-iowa-beautiful/>

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

<https://iowadot.gov/transportation-development/grant-programs/grant-program-list/pedestrian-curb-ramp-construction>

PeopleForBikes Industry Grant Program

Grant Summary

The PeopleForBikes Industry 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. The next round of PeopleForBikes' Industry Community Grant Program opens on September 1, 2024. Applicants can submit a Letter of Interest through a form on this website until October 11, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PT.

We look forward to continuing to support work that aligns with PeopleForBikes's mission — making biking better for everyone and getting more people on bikes more often.

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

\$5,000 - \$10,000

Deadline

October 31 (check in August for September funding round)

Award Announcements

May

Website

<https://www.peopleforbikes.org/grants#application>

Federal Recreational Trails (FRT)

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. Funds are intended for recreational trails. They may not be used to improve roads for general passenger vehicle use or to provide shoulders or sidewalks along roads.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Up to 80% of the project cost

Deadline

October 1

Award Announcements

Within three months of deadline.

Website

<https://iowadot.gov/modes-travel/trails/federal-state-recreational-trails>

State Recreational Trails (SRT)

Grant Summary

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

Eligibility

A state or local government agency, a municipal corporation, a county or a nonprofit organization.

Eligible Projects

Maintenance 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 (limited to 5 percent of a state's funds).

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Up to 80% of the project cost

Deadline

July 1

Award Announcements

Within three months of deadline.

Website

<https://iowadot.gov/modes-travel/trails/federal-state-recreational-trails>

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) – Conservation Education Program CEP Large Grant

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. ***NOTE* This grant opportunity is currently moving through an Administrative Rules Update with no clear dates for grant submittal in calendar year 2025 at this time. Once Rules are approved, notice will go out to inform interested parties of the new application deadlines.**

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

November 17

Award Announcements

June and November

Website <https://iowadnr.slideroom.com/#/login/program/85956>

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 – Relate to an immediate, nonspeculative opportunity for permanent job creation or retention. Jobs created are to be value-adding in nature (e.g., manufacturing, industrial, nonretail). Relocation of jobs within the state does not qualify.
- Local Development – Support local economic development but 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

Immediate Opportunity – Up to 80 percent of RISE eligible project costs or up to \$12,000 per RISE eligible job created or maintained. Actual RISE dollars awarded per job is variable and depends on job quality (e.g. benefits, turnover, etc.), wage rates compared to the laborshed wage, and capital investment commitments.

Local Development – Up to 50 percent of RISE eligible project costs for most projects. Iowa's Certified Sites may be eligible for up to 70 percent RISE funding depending on the size of the site.

Deadline

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

Award Announcements

Unknown

Website

<https://iowadot.gov/transportation-development/local-systems/grant-programs/revitalize-iowas-sound-economy-program-rise>

Rural Business Development Grants

Grant Summary

The purpose of the program is to promote economic development and job creation projects through the awarding of grant funds to eligible entities. Applications will compete in two separate categories, business opportunity grants and business enterprise grants, for use in funding various business and community projects that serve rural areas.

Eligibility

Grants may be made to a Public Body/Government Entity, an Indian Tribe, or a Nonprofit entity primarily serving rural areas.

Eligible Projects

There is no maximum grant amount; however, smaller requests are given higher priority. There is no cost sharing requirement. There are two types of RBDG projects, Opportunity grants and Enterprise grants. Opportunity type grants are limited to up to 10 percent of the total Rural Business Development Grant annual funding. Enterprise type grants must be used on projects to benefit small and emerging businesses in rural areas as specified in the grant application.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

\$10,000 to \$500,000

Deadline

February 28, 2025

Award Announcements

Within six months of deadline

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

Rural Child Care Planning program

Grant Summary

The Rural Child Care Planning program seeks to support the use of data and analysis by rural communities to determine the specific needs and solutions for child care in their area.

Eligibility

Iowa businesses, colleges and universities, city or county government, federally tax-exempt nonprofit agencies and foundations

Eligible Projects

Projects/programs must exist in and benefit a community in Iowa with a population of 20,000 or fewer and not contiguous to a city with a population of 40,000 or greater. If a countywide project, must be in one of the 88 least populous counties.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

\$10,000

Deadline

August 29

Award Announcements

Within one month of deadline

Website

<https://opportunityiowa.gov/community/revitalization/center-rural-revitalization/rural-child-care-planning-program>

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 Zwingie. 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 County Engineer before submitting the application to verify the project's eligibility.)

Geographic Focus

Clinton County, Delaware County, Dubuque County, Jackson 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

https://eciatrans.org/grants_rfps/rctp.php

Rural Housing Assessment Grant Program

Grant Summary

The Rural Housing Assessment Grant program supports the use of publicly available, online information through the “Profile of Iowa” tool and rural community efforts to interpret publicly available hard data to implement changes through development codes, local ordinances and housing incentives specific to individual community needs. In partnership with Iowa State University (ISU) Extension and Outreach’s Rural Housing Readiness Assessment workshops, program funding will empower communities to assess the current development environment and enact changes resulting in the creation of policies and procedures attractive to potential developers.

Eligibility

Local city and county governments, or federally recognized tribal governments physically located in Iowa are eligible.

Eligible Projects

The government must exist in and benefit a community in Iowa with a population of 20,000 or fewer and not contiguous to a city with a population of 40,000 or greater. County-wide projects must be one of the 88 least-populous counties in Iowa.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Up to \$10,000

Deadline

August 29

Award Announcements

Within one month of deadline

Website

<https://opportunityiowa.gov/community/revitalization/center-rural-revitalization/rural-housing-assessment-grant-program#:~:text=The%20Rural%20Housing%20Assessment%20Grant,specific%20to%20individual%20community%20needs.>

Rural Innovation Grant Program

Grant Summary

The Rural Innovation Grant program seeks to support creative ideas that address current issues and challenges faced by rural communities associated with the themes of community investment, growth and connection. This grant is designed to support the implementation stage of projects. The program includes three distinct funding options: Rural Grocery, Rural Food Processors, and Economic Gardening.

Eligibility

An Iowa business that is incorporated in the state of Iowa or authorized to do business and is operating in the state of Iowa.

Eligible Projects

Projects/programs must exist in and benefit a community in Iowa with a population of 20,000 or fewer and not contiguous to a city with a population of 40,000 or greater. If a countywide project, must be in one of the 88 least populous counties. The program includes three distinct funding options: Rural Grocery, Rural Food Processors, and Economic Gardening.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

\$5,000 to \$25,000

Deadline

March

Award Announcements

Within one month of deadline

Website

<https://www.iowaeda.com/center-for-rural-revitalization/rural-innovation-grant/>

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
- Improving real estate

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

- Grants are available to provide technical assistance to rural micro-entrepreneurs or microenterprises, up to \$100,000 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

Quarterly starting in September

Award Announcements:

Awards are announced on an ongoing basis.

Website

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

KidsGardening Grants

Grant Summary

KidsGardening offers a variety of grants to new and existing youth garden programs across the nation. Each funding opportunity has its own timeline, defining features, eligibility requirements, and reporting expectations. We encourage you to explore our grant programs below to see which one might be the best fit for your particular situation. If something catches your eye, you can find more details on each grant's homepage.

Eligibility

501(c)(3) Organizations

Eligible Projects

See website

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

See website

Deadline

See website

Award Announcements

See website

Website

<https://kidsgardening.org/grant-opportunities/>

Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area Large & Small Project Grants

Grant Summary

In 2021, Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area will be offering TWO new Program Awards, replacing former General Grants Program. Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area (SSNHA) established the Small and Large Projects Program Awards to support sites, attractions and events of educational value that focus on America's agricultural stories as it relates to the 37 counties of northeastern Iowa.

Eligibility

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

Eligible Projects

Large Project Awards – To leverage larger and varied local support for planning assistance, educational programs, interpretation, marketing, exhibit displays, interpretive signage and other special projects. Large Project Awards will be \$3,000 or above.

Small Project Awards – Provide SSNHA Sites with financial support including planning assistance, educational programs, interpretation, marketing, exhibit displays, interpretive signage and other special projects. Small Project Awards will be below \$3,000.

Geographic Focus

Northeast Iowa

Award Amounts

Large - \$3,000 or above; Small – Below \$3,000

Deadline

Not offered in 2025 due to uncertainty with federal funding.

Award Announcements

November

Website

<https://www.silosandsmokestacks.org/partner/funding-opportunities/>

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 household income that does not exceed the [very low limit](#) by county
- 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 \$40,000. Maximum grant is \$10,000. Loans and grants can be combined for up to \$50,000 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

https://ecia.org/programs/business_growth/sba_504.php

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

4:00 PM on the following dates: January 2; July 1

Award Announcements

N/A

Website

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/environmental-protection/land-quality/waste-planning-programs/solid-waste/solid-waste-alternatives-program#:~:text=The%20Solid%20Waste%20Alternatives%20Program,source%20reduction%2C%20recycling%20and%20education.>

Spahn and Rose Lumber Company Charitable Foundation

Grant Summary

The foundation support programs that provide services for higher education, healthy communities and at-risk youth.

Eligibility

Non profits

Eligible Projects

General support

Geographic Focus

Service area

Award Amounts

Average grant - \$2,500

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

Rolling

Website

<https://spahnandrose.com/donations/>

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

\$360 million available in funding; Approximately 300 awards

Deadline

April 12, 2024

Award Announcements

July

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.

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

May 1

Award Announcements:

July 1

Website

<https://history.iowa.gov/history/grants>

State Historical Society of Iowa - Historical Resource Development Program

Grant Summary

The program provides grant funding to help preserve, conserve, interpret, enhance, and educate the public about Iowa's historical assets. The Historical Resource Development Program provides funding for documentary collections, historic preservation and museums.

Eligibility

Nonprofits, Governments, Tribes, Individuals, For-Profits.

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 with a required match

Deadline

May 1

Award Announcements

By July 1

Website

<https://history.iowa.gov/resources/grants/historical-resource-development-program>

Stormwater Best Management Practices Loans

Grant Summary

Offers low interest loans for projects to control stormwater runoff. The loans offer incentives for installing infiltration-based stormwater quality practices.

Eligibility

Developers; Landowners; Watershed organizations

Eligible Projects

- Detention basins
- Grassed waterways
- Infiltration practices
- Pervious paving systems
- Ponds or wetland systems
- Soil quality restoration
- Other practices that are shown to improve or protect water quality

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

\$5,000 and more with a maximum term of 20 years. The interest rate charged the borrower will not exceed 3%.

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

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

Website

<https://opportunityiowa.gov/community/water-quality/srf-programs/nonpoint-source-water-quality-programs/stormwater-best-management-practices-loan>

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP)

Grant Summary

This federal program was established to: Assist public road jurisdictions with funding for roads on Federal-aid routes; Assist public road jurisdictions with funding for bridges on any public road; Provide funding for transit capital improvements; Provide funding for eligible transportation planning activities for MPOs and RPAs

Eligibility

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

Eligible Projects

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), allow many types of eligible projects that can be found in 23 United States Code 133. 23 U.S.C. Section 133 provides for the use of federal funds to preserve and improve the condition and performance of any Federal-aid highway, bridge or tunnel project on any public road. (A Federal-aid Highway includes routes classified as a rural major collector or a collector street or any higher classification.) Surface Transportation Block Grant funds may also be used on pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and transit capital projects including intercity bus terminals. However, an RPA or MPO may have a more restrictive list of eligible projects, and they may approve only specific uses on an individual project basis.

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

<https://iowadot.gov/grants-programs/Federal-aid-Surface-Transportation-Block-Grant>

The Wellmark Foundation – Special Projects

Grant Summary

The Wellmark Foundation’s mission is to fund initiatives that positively impact the health of Iowans and South Dakotans. The aim of The Foundation is to move past simple “charity” and ensure we are creating social change in our states. To that end, we are seeking creative solutions that address barriers to Iowans and South Dakotans living long and healthy lives. These solutions should create a positive “ripple effect,” meaning one intervention has many downstream positive effects by addressing barriers to health where Iowans and South Dakotans live, learn, work, and play. We will fund large scale change initiatives that make life better for our residents.

Eligibility

The Wellmark Foundation seeks out community collaborators and partners for projects and programs that focus on and create a positive impact to improve the social determinants of health across Iowa and South Dakota. We invite public and nonprofit entities with aligned priorities to apply for grants from The Wellmark Foundation. Our current areas of focus are maternal and infant health, mental and behavioral health, rural community health, and healthy aging.

Eligible Projects

Our current areas of focus are maternal and infant health, mental and behavioral health, rural community health, and healthy aging.

Geographic Focus

Iowa and South Dakota

Award Amounts

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

Rolling

Website

<https://www.wellmark.com/foundation/special-projects/investing-in-long-and-healthy-lives>

Theisen's More for Your Community

Grant Summary

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.

Eligibility

501c3 organizations in Theisen's store communities

Eligible Projects

Priorities: Basic Health and Human Needs; Children's Needs; Educational Programming; Food Security; Programs and Services for Youth

Geographic Focus

Market area

Award Amounts

Average Award: \$1,600; Award Range: \$100 - \$5,000

Deadline

July 31

Award Announcements

Mid-October

Website

<https://dbqfoundation.org/grants>

Traffic Safety Improvement Program (TSIP)

Grant Summary

Funds for roadway safety improvements, traffic control devices, studies, and outreach. TSIP is defined by section 761, Chapter 164, of the Iowa Administrative Code.

Eligibility

Cities, counties and the Iowa DOT

Eligible Projects

Site-specific - construction or improvement of traffic safety and operations at a specific site or corridor with a crash history

Traffic control devices - purchase of materials for installation of new traffic control devices, such as signs, signals or pavement markings; or replacement of obsolete signs or signals

Studies and Outreach – transportation safety studies and outreach, such as signing or pavement marking research, driver education/information, work zone safety, and crash data analysis improvements.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

\$500,000

Deadline

August 15

Award Announcements

Notice of approval will be sent by mid-January, and funds will be available on July 1.

Website

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

Trees for Kids

Grant Summary

The Trees for Schools Grant provides reimbursable grants to purchase trees, mulch and supplemental watering when school is not in session (June – September).

Eligibility/Eligible Projects

The Trees for Schools grants are available to eligible public and private schools and school districts to help increase and diversify tree canopy on school grounds (an approved tree species list is in the Nursery Letter), encouraging students to take an active part in this experience and increasing the benefits trees provide to students. Eligibility is determined by 25% or higher free and reduced lunches and/or schools in communities eligible through the Forest Cover and Socioeconomic Assessment Tool.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Up to \$5,000

Deadline

March

Award Announcements

April

Website

<https://treesforever.org/trees-for-kids-trees-for-teens/>

TREES PLEASE!

Grant Summary

Our Trees Please! program promotes energy efficiency by providing windbreaks and shade to common areas such as publicly owned properties, schools and community spaces.

Eligibility

Communities receiving utility service from Mid-American Energy.

Eligible Projects

Trees purchased with program grants must provide energy efficiency benefits.

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

\$1,000 or more per community for tree planting projects

Deadline

Grant applications are sent to communities in the fall.

Award Announcements

Grants for tree-planting projects will be awarded the following spring.

Website

<https://www.midamericanenergy.com/iowa-treesplease#:~:text=Applicants%20must%20be%20an%20Iowa%20municipality%20in%20MidAmerican,community%20and%20is%20awarded%20through%20an%20application%20process>

Union Pacific – Community Ties Giving Program

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. Within each focus area, we aim to support programs and organizations working to advance the diversity, equity and inclusion of underrepresented populations within the local context and issue areas addressed.

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

Application Period (April 1 - 30, 2026)

Award Announcements

September

Website

<https://www.up.com/aboutup/community/foundation/local-grants/criteria-eligibility/index.htm>

United States Tennis Association-Tennis Venue Services Grant

Grant Summary

The USTA is pleased to offer a number of services through the Tennis Venue Services team. Complimentary business, advocacy, and technical assistance are available to facilities to help grow the game in their communities. In addition, the USTA offers a competitive grant to public facilities that can further support their facility improvements.

Eligibility/Eligible Projects

- Have a current USTA Organizational Membership
- Will Incorporate blended 36' and 60' tennis playing lines if not already present
- Tennis Courts with other sports blended lines will not be considered in the court count for funding determination (this includes pickleball lines)
- Have quality tennis programming that is open to the public.
- Have secured at least 50% of the funding necessary for the project to move forward at the scope proposed.
- Start the TVS grant process prior to construction beginning.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Since 2005, the USTA's TVS grant program has awarded more than \$19 million in TVS grants, including \$1.2 million in 2024 that impacted more than 500 courts in more than 60 communities. Facilities must be open to the public to qualify for TVS grant funding.

Deadline

Rolling

Award Announcements

The grant awards will be on a first come first serve; based upon the USTA Tennis Venue Services Grant budget.

Website

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/coach-organize/tennis-support/grants-assistance.html>

United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States - Community Impact Grant

Grant Summary

Our mission is to connect people and resources to advance the health, education and income/financial stability of those in need in our community. United Way promises to bring community partners together to reduce and prevent poverty on a scale no one can accomplish alone in priority areas of health, education, and financial stability. **The 2024-2026 Community Impact Investment Process was our most recent. The next competitive grant cycle will open in January 2026.**

Eligibility

501(c)(3) organizations

Eligible Projects

United Way's value is to provide accountability structures that monitor impact while enhancing services that address the community's immediate needs in the areas of health, education, and financial stability.

Geographic Focus

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

Award Amounts

2022-2024 Annual Funding Allocations range between \$2,750 - \$72,500

Deadline

February (next funding application year TBD)

Award Announcements

April

Website

<https://dbqunitedway.org/community-impact-grant-application>

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

Cities, villages, towns, townships, and federally recognized Tribal lands with under 20,000 residents.

Eligible Projects

You can use funds to purchase, build or improve essential community facilities, and to buy equipment and pay approved project expenses.

- Child care centers
- Libraries and educational facilities
- Facilities and equipment that support distance learning and telehealth
- Food banks and greenhouses
- Infrastructure projects such as roads, bridges, dams, harbors, and levies, along with irrigation improvements

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

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/resources/publications/fact-sheets?langcode=en>

Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant

Grant Summary

EVERY YEAR, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) awards grants to help connect students to the sources of their food through education, taste tests, school gardens, field trips, and local food sourcing for school meals.

Eligibility and Eligible Projects

Grantees may include schools and other institutions that operate Child Nutrition Programs, Indian Tribal Organizations, agricultural producers or groups of agricultural producers, nonprofit entities, and State and local agencies.

Designed to increase the availability of local foods in schools, grants can launch new farm to school programs or expand existing efforts. Funds support a wide range of activities, including training, planning, creating new menu items to serve local foods, establishing supply chains, hosting taste tests, purchasing equipment, planting school gardens, and organizing field trips to agricultural operations.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

The grant award amount and period of performance vary, so please review the latest request for applications for additional information. Applicants are required to provide matching support of at least 25 percent of the total project budget in the form of cash or in-kind contributions. In-kind contributions can include volunteers, staff, non-Federal grants, and other existing resources, such as classrooms and tools.

Deadline

After the RFA is released, applicants will have at least 60 days to complete and submit applications.

Award Announcements:

Once the RFA closes, applications are reviewed and awards are announced approximately 6 months later.

Website

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/f2s/farm-school-grant-program>

Nuisance Property and Abandoned Building Remediation

Loan Summary

This program provides financial assistance to help communities demolish or remediate buildings and structures that are a hazard to public health and safety.

Eligibility

All Iowa communities; All buildings made part of the project must be documented as representing a public nuisance through abandonment, chronic building code violations or dilapidation that is hazardous to public health and safety; Applicants must describe how demolition activities are tied to a community redevelopment effort

Eligible Projects

Funds may be utilized for residential structures with an emphasis on single family dwellings; May include properties at multiple sites and locations

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Interest rates for this loan program range from 0% to 2% and vary based on the term of the loan. Loan terms may range from 12 to 60 months. Loans available through this program do not have a minimum or maximum amount

Deadline

Ongoing

Award Announcements:

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis, as funds are available. Please contact program administrator to determine if funding is available

Website

<https://www.iowaeda.com/nuisance-property/>

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

501c3 nonprofit organizations

Eligible Projects

Grants were made for basic human needs such as: emergency financial assistance for families, domestic violence and sex trafficking prevention, food and housing for the needy, scholarships for low-income students, support for people with disabilities, and Catholic education.

Geographic Focus

Dubuque area

Award Amounts

Average grant award is \$1,000

Deadline

Applications are accepted between June 1 and September 1

Award Announcements:

September

Website

<https://wahlertfoundation.org/application-guidelines-forms/>

Walmart Community Grant Program – Spark Good

Grant Summary

Spark Good Local grants are designed to support local organizations that meet the unique needs of the communities where we operate, build pride among all associates, and deepen relationships with our customers.

Eligibility

Eligible entities must be a:

- 501(c)(3) public charity: An organization holding a current tax-exempt status and classified as a public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, listed on the IRS Master File and conducting activities within the United States; classified as a public charity under Section 509(a)(1), (2) or (3) (Types I or II); and Deed verified.
- Government entity (non-501(c)(3)): U.S. federal agencies territories and commonwealths, state agencies and departments and political subdivisions (including cities, counties, municipal agencies).
- School: All K-12 public or nonprofit private schools, charter schools, community/junior colleges, state/private colleges, or universities. Institutions must have a NCES (National Center for Education Statistics) number or 501c3 tax status and be verified with Deed.
- Church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large, such as food pantries, soup kitchens and clothing closets and Deed verified.

Eligible Projects

- **Not eligible:** Non-charities, including organizations such as 501(c)(4)s, (c)(6)s, and (c)(19)s like homeowner's associations, civic leagues, or volunteer fire companies, are not eligible.

Geographic Focus

National

Award Amounts

Awarded grants range from \$250 to \$5,000.

Deadline

Applications are accepted and reviewed on a quarterly basis:

Mar. 10 – Apr. 15, 2025; May 1– Jul. 15, 2025; Aug. 1 – Oct. 15, 2025; Nov. 3 – Dec. 31, 2025

Award Announcements

Organizations may only have a combined total number of 25 submitted and/or approved applications at any given one time for the calendar year, regardless of quarterly submission. Final decisions on applications submitted within each quarter are made prior to the next quarter's application opening.

Website

<https://walmart.org/how-we-give/local-community-grants>

Water and Waste Disposal Loan/Grant

Grant Summary

This program 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

Long-term, low interest loans; If funds are available, a grant may be combined with a loan if necessary to keep user costs reasonable.

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-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/ia>

Wells Fargo Foundation

Grant Summary

Wells Fargo and the Wells Fargo Foundation collaborate with a wide range of national and local nonprofit organizations that align with our strategic funding priorities: financial health, housing affordability, small business growth, and sustainability to address these complex societal issues and help create a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable future.

Eligibility

To receive funding for any type of grant, organizations must:

- Have tax exempt status under IRS code 501(c)(3), or be a qualified governmental agency, tribal entity or public school or school system
- Demonstrate fiscal and administrative stability
- Deliver services addressing critical community needs

Eligible Projects

Grant proposals are also evaluated based on the following considerations:

- Ability to measure and report on established outcomes-based success metrics aligned to strategic objectives, which includes providing a forecast of expected outcomes in the application and may also require periodic impact reports with actual project/program results.
- Promote innovative and scalable solutions
- Incorporate human capital and volunteerism opportunities

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

Unknown

Deadline

Open

Award Announcements:

Rolling

Website

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/community-giving/grant-process/>

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.

Eligible Projects

Requests for funding should clearly demonstrate how the grant will be used to help women and or children gain self-sufficiency; and/or significantly address barriers to opportunities for women and or children.

Geographic Focus

Dubuque, Clayton and Clinton Counties

Award Amounts

Up to \$5,000

Deadline

April 1

Award Announcements:

June

Website

<https://dbqfoundation.org/grants>

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. A Small Cities set aside for this program is available to eligible projects within the 88-least populous counties in Iowa.

Eligibility

Projects must meet one of four criteria:

- Housing development located on a grayfield or brownfield site
- Repair or rehabilitation of dilapidated housing stock
- Upper story housing development
- New construction in a greenfield site

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

This program has a per unit cost cap to ensure units created under the program are workforce housing. For FY 2026, project costs may not exceed the following per unit cost caps:

single family unit in an urban area	\$310,000
single family unit in a small city	\$325,000
multi-family unit in an urban area	\$230,000
multi-family unit in a small city	\$250,000

Geographic Focus

Iowa

Award Amounts

- Projects located in a Large Community:
 - State income tax credit of up to 10% of the first \$150k per unit with a maximum of \$15,000 tax credit per unit
 - Additional refund of sales and use taxes on project construction materials
- Projects located in a Small Community:
 - State income tax credit of up to 20% of the first \$150k per unit with a maximum of \$30,000 tax credit per unit
 - Additional refund of sales and use taxes on project construction materials

Deadline

June 10; 11:59pm

Award Announcements

August 2025

Website

<https://opportunityiowa.gov/housing/rental-programs/programs-developers-communities-and-property-owners/workforce-housing-tax-credit>