

Strengthening Southeast Iowa
in Des Moines, Henry, Lee and Louisa Counties since 1973

SEIRPC

MISSION STATEMENT:

... To provide quality direct and technical services, to promote intergovernmental cooperation and to effect a strengthening of the governmental units of the region...

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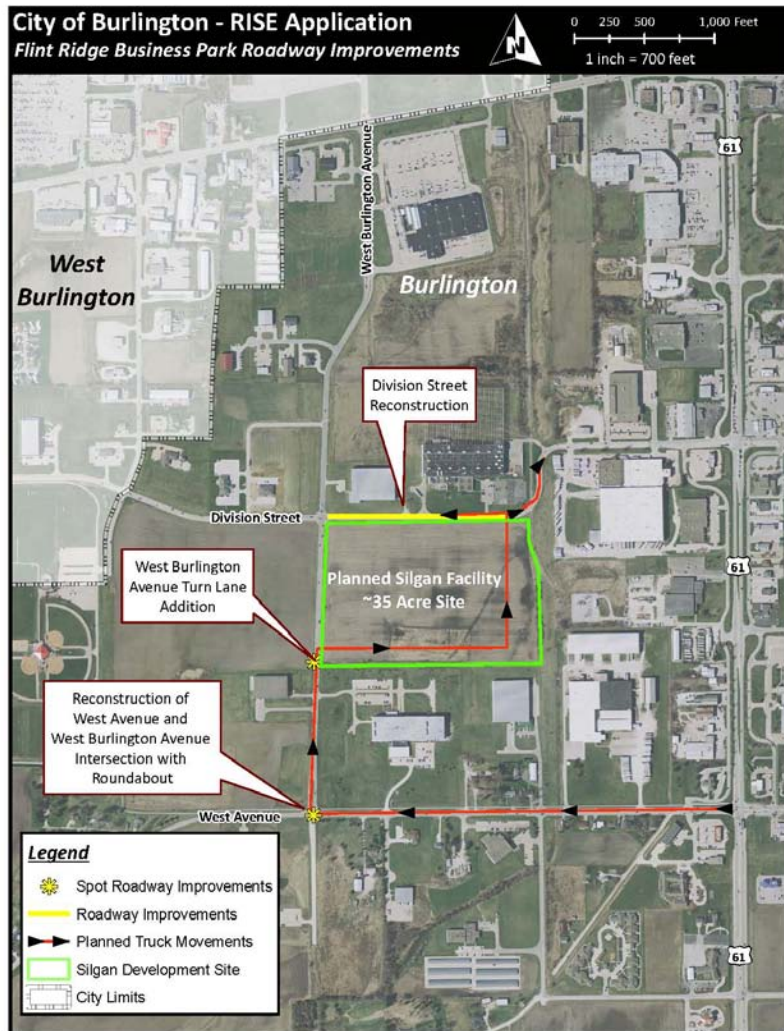
HISTORY:

SEIRPC was incorporated in 1973 by local governments in Southeast Iowa and is recognized in Chapter 28H of the Iowa Code.

SERVICES:

- Transportation Planning
- Special Studies and Plans
- Land Use Planning
- Land Use Administration
- Project Management
- Community Development
- Ordinance Codification
- Grant writing & administration
- GIS Mapping
- Revolving loans for business
- Public transportation, van pools, employee transportation
- Housing development & rehabilitation
- Program management
- GIS mapping and analysis
- Economic Development Services

Burlington Receives \$1.3 million for Road Improvements



SEIRPC assisted the City of Burlington and Grow Greater Burlington successfully apply to Iowa DOT and receive a \$1.3 million RISE grant to improve infrastructure around the new Silgan Container plant.

SEIRPC Five-Year Impact

SEIRPC released its five-year impact figures at the March Full Board of Directors meeting held at SEIRPC offices.

As part of a statewide effort through its industry association, Iowa Association of Regional Councils (IARC), each of Iowa's 17 regional councils calculated the same data.

The last five years have been highly influenced by two events: the 2008 floods and the American Recovery Act, commonly known as the Stimulus Act.

SEIRPC filled a variety of roles during flood recovery, but most importantly utilized partnerships in the region to access needed grant funds and capital.

The partnerships SEIRPC develops and maintains with its members and other regional entities is key to delivering effective services.

As a result, SEIRPC has secured \$55 million of outside funds for southeast Iowa over the last five years and helped create or retain 303 jobs.

Thank you for your partnership with SEIRPC.

SEIRPC Five-Year Impact Figures

- **303** jobs created or retained through RLF assistance;
- **\$14.1 million** of federal transportation funds programmed through the TIP;
- **195** homes rehabilitated;
- **75** homes financed through down payment assistance;
- **\$27.2 million** secured and administered for water/sewer projects
- **642,900** public transit rides provided
- **\$55 million** in outside funds secured



Inspections for Small Communities

SEIRPC is providing electrical and nuisance inspection services for two southeast Iowa cities. Danville is receiving electrical inspection services, and New London will soon receive nuisance inspection services after a contract is developed.

If you have inspections that need completed, including but not limited to: lead abatement, nuisance, rental, electrical, or building, call SEIRPC and talk to Mike at 319-753-4310.

Housing Funds Available

Great River Housing, Inc. (GRH) is taking applications for rehabilitation, down payment assistance and other affordable housing projects. Funding is income qualified. Please call Stacey at: 319-753-5107.

Traffic Engineering Assistance

Iowa DOT has traffic engineering assistance available through its Transportation Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP). The program awards 100 in-kind hours from professional engineers to work on a variety of traffic engineering issues, typically traffic safety and operational improvements. Data collection required in the application is available from SEIRPC. Applications are not for planning, but to address current issues or problems.

No local match is necessary, and applications are taken until resources are exhausted.

Applications are typically turned around in 30 days and subject to approval from Iowa DOT District and Office of Traffic and Safety staff.

For more information, contact Zach James at 319-753-4313 or zjames@seirpc.com.

SEIRPC Announces New Staff and a Retirement

Two new staff have joined SEIRPC -

Nicole Baker of Fort Madison has accepted the position of Transit Director, effective April 28. As a school transportation director, Nicole has led two different school district's transportation departments, the latest in Fort Madison.



SEIRPC looks forward to Nicole starting and getting to know SEIBUS. A native of northeast Iowa, Nicole is a graduate of the University of Iowa.

Emery Ellingson is now a regional planner with SEIRPC. After several months into his six-month internship, Emery was brought on in a full-time capacity.



Emery has local government experience in Kansas, and is a certified residential building inspector. A native of southwestern Wisconsin, he is a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota.

Bob Kuskowski, Transit Director, plans to retire on April 27, after six-plus years of service to SEIRPC. Bob will stay with SEIRPC on a part-time basis to manage building maintenance.



He is the longest-tenured transit director in SEIRPC history, and made demonstrable improvements in system efficiency and customer service. Now he will have even more time to golf and spend time with family. Thank you for your service Bob!

Available Funding Sources

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



Available Funding Sources (cont'd)

SOURCE/PROGRAM	USES	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	DUE DATE
Regional Surface Transportation Program (STP)	Applications are submitted to SEIRPC for primarily road projects. Competitive awards are made to cities and counties separately. Contact SEIRPC for additional information.	Local governments	12/1/2015
Regional Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Program	Applications are submitted to SEIRPC for alternative transportation projects like trails, and trail bridges, roadway beautification and other uses. Contact SEIRPC for more information.	Local governments	12/1/2015
CDBG Sustainable Community Demonstration	Innovative and creative projects to support community sustainability. Projects might include green energy and streetscape or stormwater projects.	Local governments	12/1/2015
CDBG Funds, IEDA	Housing Applications	Local Governments	12/15/2015
State Revolving Fund (IFA)	Assist in financing design and construction of wastewater facilities, clean water infrastructure, drinking water infrastructure, soil and erosion control and storm water projects.	Local Governments	Ongoing
CDBG Economic Development Set Aside, IEDA	Grants and loans to businesses expanding or starting up. Contingent on businesses giving hiring preference or effort to LMI individuals.	Local Governments	Ongoing
Brownfields Tax Credits, IEDA	Assist in redevelopment of brownfield or grayfield sites, including vacant, industrial, commercial or downtown properties.	Local governments, non-profits, private business	Ongoing
Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy, IDOT	Funding to provide transportation access to businesses expanding, starting or relocating from out of state. Local development 50% (Feb 1 and Sept 1) Immediate Opportunity 80% cost share.	Local governments	Ongoing
Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP), Iowa DOT	Provides 100 hours of engineering assistance for operations and traffic safety issues.	Local governments	Ongoing
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Iowa DOT	Provides grants for low-cost, systemic safety improvements in the \$10,000/mile range, focusing on lane departure crashes.	County governments	Ongoing
CDBG Public Facilities Set Aside, IEDA	Grants and loans to local governments for infrastructure supporting job creation for low to moderate income workers	Local Governments	Ongoing



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