

Louisa County X99 Oakville Bridge Completed



The X99 Oakville Bridge project is complete and open for traffic. The bridge was ready for replacement before the 2008 floods, and experienced pier erosion during the floods, further degrading the structure.

The project faced challenges, but excellent communication among the county, county engineer, Oakville, HR Green, EDA and IEDA, and SEIRPC made the project a success.

SEIRPC wrote EDA (\$10,013,000) and CDBG (\$1,557,000) grants for the project through flood recovery appropriations. The total grant amount for the project (\$11,570,000) was the most in SEIRPC history for grant writing and administration on a single project. The award was the second largest in the Denver region of EDA in its history.

Thank you to IEDA Community Development Division and EDA Denver Region for their outstanding assistance and funding commitment.

Congratulations to Louisa County and Oakville on the new bridge!

Season's Greetings from SEIRPC



Mount Pleasant Awarded RISE Grant

The City of Mount Pleasant was awarded a RISE grant of \$115,220 for the 620' extension of Savannah St to the new Crossroads Business Park. The Iowa DOT funds will create access to the business park from Washington St./US 34 Business. The business park will host businesses providing professional services. Please contact Zach James with questions! zjames@seirpc.com, 319-753-4316.

Take the Annual Survey

SEIRPC conducts an annual survey of its members and regional partners in order to stay current with regional needs, trends or opportunities.

SEIRPC can use the information to find grants, complete plans or assist members and partners in other ways.

Please follow the link below and let us know what you think. [LINK TO SURVEY](#)

Need Inspections?

SEIRPC has fielded several calls asking about resources for nuisance, building or electrical inspections.

SEIRPC has provided inspection services in several areas: electrical inspections for Danville and Fort Madison, lead abatement inspections for the region, emergency demolition inspections for Des Moines and Louisa Counties and zoning, subdivision and flood plain development inspections in Des Moines County.

Further expertise could be provided for building, nuisances or other types of inspections. SEIRPC has a part-time certified electrical inspector, a certified residential building and plumbing inspector and certified lead inspectors.

If you have a need for an inspection service, please contact us. If several communities have a need, it makes service provision more efficient for SEIRPC. Please contact Mike Norris for additional information: mnorris@seirpc.com, 319-753-4310.

Staffing Updates

SEIRPC has some new faces in the office; Emery Ellingson (planning intern) and Jared Lassiter (regional planner).

Emery Ellingson hails from Platteville, WI, and previously worked for Garden City, KS as a planning tech and building inspector.

Jared is from Janesville, WI, and recently graduated from UW Milwaukee with a master's degree in planning. Jared also has full time experience with Brookfield, WI.

Both Emery and Jared will work under the purview of Zach James, Planning Director.

Jake Burgus of Mediapolis will depart SEIRPC in January for warmer climes after six months with SEIRPC as a planning intern.

SEIRPC will also seek a new transit director in January, as Bob Kuskowski has officially announced his retirement at the end of February. Bob will stay on part-time assisting SEIRPC with building maintenance and operations.



Available Funding Sources

| SOURCE/PROGRAM | USES | ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS | DUE DATE | |
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| CDBG Funds, IEDA | Downtown Revitalization/Façade program | Local Governments/non profits | January | 1/1/2015 |
| Water Recreation Access Grant, IDNR | IDNR funding for docks, boat ramps, shoreline projects, etc. | Local governments | January | 1/1/2015 |
| Iowa Great Places, IEDA | Funding for cultural initiatives and major projects that make an area unique. | Local governments | January | 1/1/2015 |
| Alliant Energy Foundation | Community Enhancement Projects. | Local governments, non-profits | January | 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 | February | 2/1/2015 |
| Historic Resource Development Program, HIS | Funding for historic preservation projects. | Local governments, non-profits | April | 4/1/2015 |
| Iowa Arts Council Project Grants, IAC | Funds public arts projects and programs | Artists, local governments, schools, non-profits | May | 5/1/2015 |
| Affordable Housing Program, FHLB | Grant program through Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of Des Moines that funds rental and homeownership projects. | Cities, counties, non-profits with a partnership through local banks. | May | 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 | May | 5/1/2015 |
| 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 | June | 6/1/2015 |
| Community Attraction and Tourism, IEDA | Tourism, recreation, entertainment capital projects | Local governments, non-profits | July | 7/1/2015 |
| State Rec Trail Grant, IDOT | Grants for recreational trails | Local governments | July | 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 | August | 8/1/2015 |
| CDBG Funds, IEDA | Water/Sewer applications | Local Governments | November | 11/15/2015 |
| CDBG Funds, IEDA | Housing Applications | Local Governments | November | 12/15/2015 |
| CDBG Funds, IEDA | Community Facility applications | Local Governments/non profits/daycares/senior living | December | 12/1/2015 |

Available Funding Sources (cont'd)

| SOURCE/PROGRAM | USES | ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS | DUE DATE | |
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| Solid Waste Management Grant, IDNR | Funds to help with various solid waste projects including studies and implementation. | Local governments | December | 12/1/2015 |
| Solid Waste Alternatives Program, IDNR | Programs to encourage landfill alternatives - recycling, diversion, etc. | Local governments | December | 12/1/2015 |
| 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 | December | 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 | December | 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 | December | 12/1/2015 |
| 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 | |
| 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 | |
| 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 | |

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