

FUNDING UPDATE

INFORMATION ON UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Iowa Local Comprehensive Planning Grant Program Due September 30th

Cities and counties are eligible to receive up to \$50,000 to cover 50% of the cost to complete a comprehensive plan that follows smart planning principles. Only 2008 disaster counties (Carroll, Crawford, Dallas, Greene, and Guthrie) are eligible. Grants are intended to support development of comprehensive plans that will guide long-term recovery efforts and subsequent decisions that reduce existing or future development in disaster-risk areas. Smart planning components are found at <http://rio.iowa.gov/resources/legislation.html>. Local comprehensive plans that incorporate strong implementation strategies to attract economic development, protect and preserve community resources, improve resiliency to disasters, and encourage a strong community identity will be considered for funding. For additional information please contact Joe Behrens at 712-775-7810 or via email at jbehrens@region12cog.org.

REAP Applications Due August 15th

The Iowa DNR will be accepting applications for its REAP City Parks and Open Spaces and County Conservation Grant Programs. Grants for up to 100% of project costs awarded may be used for the acquisition, establishment and maintenance of natural parks, preserves and open spaces. For additional information on the REAP program, please contact Chad Schreck at 712-775-7812 or via email at cschreck@region12cog.org.

Keep Iowa Beautiful Beautification Grant Applications Due August 20th

The Iowa DNR is now accepting applications for the Beautification Grant program for communities with populations of 5,000 or less. Eligible projects include litter prevention, recycling education/implementation, flower & tree/shrub planting and landscaping, public nuisance abatement, and removal or renovation of derelict buildings including asbestos abatement and removal and recovery of reusable materials. Maximum grants are \$5,000 for beautification projects and \$15,000 for derelict building projects. For additional information on the Keep Iowa Beautiful Community Beautification program, please contact Karina Ward at 712-775-7814 or via email at kward@region12cog.org.

Safe Routes to Schools Applications Due October 1st

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a national program to promote walking and bicycling to school through the "5 Es": engineering, education, enforcement, encouragement, and evaluation. SRTS was established under the 2005 SAFETEA-LU federal transportation bill. Eligible projects include recreational trails, sidewalks, signage, crosswalks, and safety or educational programs. For additional information on the SRTS program, please contact Casey Mai at 712-775-7816 or via email at cmai@region12cog.org.

Local Development RISE Applications Due September 1st

The RISE fund was created to assist cities and counties construct or improve streets and roads for speculative industrial areas. Competitive projects are eligible for up to 50% grant funding for total project costs.

Statewide Transportation Enhancements Due October 1st

Approximately \$4-million will be available statewide for transportation enhancement projects in the areas of recreational trails, historic preservation of transportation related structures and scenic and landscape projects. The maximum grant amount is 70% of the total project cost.

Federal Recreational Trails Applications Due October 1st

The Federal Recreational Trails Program is targeted to both motorized and non-motorized recreational trails. The maximum grant amount is 80% of the total project cost. For additional information on these transportation related funding programs contact Chris Whitaker at 712-775-7811 or via email at cwhitaker@region12cog.org.