



REGION XII

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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DEPARTMENT

I-JOBS FUNDING UPDATE

*SERVING AUDUBON, CARROLL, CRAWFORD, GREENE, GUTHRIE, & SAC COUNTIES
CITIES OF LINDEN, MINBURN, PERRY AND REDFIELD*

Governor Announces I-JOBS Program

The **\$830 million I-JOBS initiative** includes several components including funds for disaster recovery and prevention and local infrastructure. Following is a description of I-Jobs funded programs that communities in the Region XII service area could access:

Disaster Recovery & Prevention. The newly created I-Jobs Board of Directors will administer funding in this category. The \$118.5 million Local Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program will assist with disaster rebuilding, reconstruction of local public buildings, flood control, and flood prevention projects. An applicant for a competitive grant shall not receive more than \$50 million in financial assistance. Competitive Grants will be up to 75% of the total cost for replacing or rebuilding existing disaster related property or up to 50% of the total cost for all other projects. **This application period is open now with an initial grant round deadline of August 3 and a Letter of Intent to Apply is required before submitting an application.**

Environment and Water Quality. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) will program wastewater infrastructure funds as follows: \$35 million will go to communities under 10,000 population and project will be prioritized on affordability. Maximum grant is \$2 million. **Application deadline is March 30, 2010 with an anticipated award date of June 2010.** \$20 million will be programmed for water and wastewater projects with over 10,000 population. These projects will be based on environmental benefits. **This application deadline in October 30, 2009.**

Surface water infrastructure projects as well as soil conservation programs will receive \$25 million and will be administered by IDNR and IDALS. Application details and deadlines will be announced in the future.

Housing. The Iowa Finance Authority will administer 3 housing related programs under I-Jobs for disaster damaged housing, affordable housing and public shelters. **Application Deadline is July 15.**

Transportation. I-Jobs Transportation dollars will be allocated through existing IDOT programs. Cities and Counties will also receive direct, formula based funding for street, bridge and road improvements.

Additional information about I-Jobs is available at www.ijobsiowa.gov. If your city or county is interested in submitting an application or you have questions regarding this program please contact any of the following local assistance staff at the COG at 712-792-9914 or via e-mail. Please respond as soon as possible if you would like assistance with your application.

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