Western Iowa Advantage Annual Banquet

March 26, 2019
The Carrollton Event Center
1730 Highway 71

5:30 pm Social
6:00 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Program

Guest Speaker: Justin D. Erickson, Principal Essex Capital, LLC

Justin is founder and Principal of Essex Capital, a Midwest-based economic development consulting and site selection firm. Through Essex, Justin operates the Community Venture Network (CVN) program. CVN works on behalf of rural and out state communities across the Midwest, helping to identify expansion and partnership projects with growing businesses and matching them with communities and their economic development agencies.

Prior to founding Essex Capital, Justin worked for the Star Tribune in sales management and finance capacities and started his career in sales for Honeywell.

Justin has a BA in Finance from the Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota and previous investment banking experience with 7, 63, 79 and 24 licenses. A native of Albert Lea, Justin has spent his post high school life in the metro, save a year in Kansas City while working for Honeywell.

Join others from throughout the WIAD region to hear about recent activities, network with peers, and hear our featured speaker.

$20 per plate—Make checks payable to:
Region XII Council of Governments, P.O. Box 768 Carroll IA 51401

RSVP by March 15, 2019 by Clicking HERE or by contacting JoAnn Olberding at 719-792-9914 or jolberding@region12cog.org

Region XII RLF Assists Crossgrain Woodworking

Crossgrain Woodworking is a custom furniture manufacturing company located in Schleswig, Iowa. Devon Evers, founder of Crossgrain Woodworking, designs and creates hand crafted high quality furniture using mostly reclaimed materials. Devon started his business in a small wood shop on the family farm, but as new orders started coming in weekly, he quickly realized he needed a larger location and additional staff to be able to keep up with the demand. In 2016, Devon decided to relocate the business to 205 Cedar Street in Schleswig. With the added space he has been able to accept larger jobs; including custom cabinetry, making tables for The Stables at Copper Ridge in Denison, and the custom bar at Templeton Rye. Region XII Development Corporation was honored to assist Devon with the relocation and expansion of his business to Schleswig, where he can continue to grow and expand. A spotlight video showcasing Crossgrain Woodworking can be found HERE. The video showcases pictures of some of the company’s work and tells more about the business.

Region XII Development Corporation (RDC) currently has over $1,300,000 available in its revolving loan fund. RDC provides loans to businesses located in Audubon, Carroll, Crawford, Greene, Guthrie, and Sac counties. The revolving loan fund was created to assist new or existing businesses with development and expansion. The funds may be used for land acquisition, expansion, building construction or renovation, equipment, inventory, and working capital. The business must leverage other financing first as the RLF program is intended to be used for gap financing. The program aims to create or retain jobs, therefore all applicants must include information on jobs to be created or retained by the proposed project. For more information on applying, contact Tami Lehmann at tlehmann@region12cog.org or 712-792-9914.
City of Manning Selected as a 5-2-1-0 Community

5-2-1-0 is a messaging campaign for promoting healthy lifestyle choices for Iowa’s children, youth, and families. The campaign focuses on the early childhood, schools, worksites, before and after school programs, and healthcare sites. The 5-2-1-0 message encourages 5 or more servings of fruits or vegetables, 2 hours or less of recreational screen time, 1 hour or more of physical activity, and 0 sugary drinks daily.

Since August 2018, the City of Manning and interested individuals from the schools, daycares, healthcare providers, among other individuals have been working with Region XII COG and Wellmark to develop a plan to spend grant funds to benefit the children of Manning. After much planning and deliberation, the committee has decided to focus on water access, healthy food access, and increasing walkability.

To learn more about the 5-2-1-0 campaign you can visit the Healthiest State Initiative Website by clicking HERE.

If you would like more information about 5-2-1-0 or have any questions, please contact Lauren Subler at lsubler@region12cog.org or 712-775-7814.

AARP Community Challenge Grant now Open

AARP invites you to submit applications for quick-action projects that can help YOUR community become more livable. Applications are now being accepted for AARP Community Challenge grants to improve housing, transportation, public space, “smart cities” and other community elements that support great places for people of all ages.

Applications are due by April 17, 2019, and all projects must be completed by November 4, 2019. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org/communitychallenge. If you would like assistance in applying please contact Freddy Vasquez at fvasquez@region12cog.org or 712-775-7812.
Region XII FY 2018 Audit Released


John D. Morrow, CPA reported the organizations had revenues of $5,324,555 for the year ended June 30, 2018, which was a 17% decrease from the prior year. Support included $3,034,346 from Federal and state agencies; $1,926,165 from public support, fees, contributions, matching funds, etc; $174,619 from loan repayments; and $189,425 from interest from invested funds and loans.

Expenditures for the organizations totaled $5,470,131, an 18.6% decrease from the prior year. Program expenditures administered by the organizations included $2,554,946 for Rural Transit programs and planning, $324,799 for Workforce Development and workforce related programs, $681,667 for affordable housing and housing assistance programs, $58,487 for Western Iowa Advantage Partners, and $1,850,232 for other state and local programs.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Office of the Auditor of State’s website or the Region XII Council of Government’s administrative office.

Summit Ridge Apartment Progress

October 2018

January 2019

November 2018

February 2019

Code UPDATES

Region XII COG updates numerous codes of ordinances and zoning ordinances for cities across the region every year. Planners from Region XII work with city councils to bring ordinances up to existing state code and address the numerous issues that city governments face, from animal ordinances to golf cart regulations. Any ordinances the city has passed since the last publication of the code will also be filed in a cohesive manner. Most city councils decide to add or remove language depending on the variety of unique issues that each community faces, which often depend on the existing language as well as law enforcement application.

By state law, cities must compile their ordinances at least every five years. If your city code needs updated, contact Chris Whitaker at Region XII, cwhitaker@region12cog.org or (712) 775-7811, to discuss the project in further detail.
## March 2019 Grant Update

### Upcoming Grants

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<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Deadline</th>
<th>Eligible Applicants</th>
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<td>Union Pacific Community Grant Program</td>
<td>Projects should support one of the following categories: Community and civic: projects aimed at improving and enriching the quality of life in the community, health and human services: projects that improve the level of health care or human services in the community.</td>
<td>June 1, 2019</td>
<td>Non-profits along the UP Railroad</td>
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<td>Branching Out</td>
<td>Tree planting</td>
<td>June 1, 2019 and November 1, 2019</td>
<td>Cities served by Alliant Energy</td>
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<td>Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB)</td>
<td>Household repairs for low income households</td>
<td>June</td>
<td>Sponsors with support from FHLB Des Moines member financial institutions</td>
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<td>State Recreation Trails Fund (Iowa DOT)</td>
<td>Acquisition, construction, or improvement of recreational trails</td>
<td>July 1, 2019 and June 2, 2020</td>
<td>Local governments, non-profit organizations</td>
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<td>CDBG Water and Sewer Fund</td>
<td>Grants to assist cities and counties with sanitary sewer system improvements, water system improvements, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storm sewer projects related to sanitary sewer system improvements and rural water connections.</td>
<td>July 1, 2019, October 1, 2019, January 1, 2020, April 1, 2020</td>
<td>Cities and Counties</td>
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<td>Solid Waste Alternatives Program (SWAP)</td>
<td>Emphasis for selected projects is placed on tonnage avoided or reduced, sustainability and ability to replicate.</td>
<td>July 1, 2019, October 1, 2019, January 1, 2020, April 1, 2020</td>
<td>Local governments, public or private groups</td>
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<td>Warren H. Timmerman Charitable Trust</td>
<td>Funding for projects in Carroll County</td>
<td>July</td>
<td>Local governments, non-profit organizations</td>
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<td>Gilbert &amp; Barbara Renze Charitable Trust</td>
<td>Funding for projects in Carroll and Sac Counties</td>
<td>July</td>
<td>Local governments, non-profit organizations</td>
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<td>Iowa West Foundation</td>
<td>Community development, economic development, education and human needs projects</td>
<td>July 15, 2019, November 15, 2019, March 16, 2020</td>
<td>Local governments and non-profit organizations in Audubon, Carroll, and Crawford Counties</td>
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<td>Peter Kiewitt Foundation</td>
<td>Community development and recreation projects</td>
<td>July 15, 2019, October 15, 2019, April 15, 2020</td>
<td>Local governments and non-profit organizations within a 100 mile radius of Omaha, Nebraska</td>
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<td>River Enhancement CAT Grant (RECAT)</td>
<td>Funding for projects that improve recreation opportunities on or near rivers and lakes within cities</td>
<td>July 15, 2019</td>
<td>Local governments</td>
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<td>National Endowment for the Arts Our Town</td>
<td>Project based funding for projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities</td>
<td>August 9, 2019</td>
<td>Local governments, and non-profit organizations</td>
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<td>Resource Enhancement and Protection (Iowa DNR)</td>
<td>City parks and open space; county conservation, including land acquisition, facility repair and upgrades, and equipment; and private/public open space acquisition</td>
<td>August 15, 2019</td>
<td>Local Governments and County Conservation Boards</td>
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<td>Traffic Safety Improvement Program</td>
<td>TSIP provides safety funds to cities, counties for site specific improvements, traffic control devices or studies</td>
<td>September 1, 2019</td>
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<td>RISE Local Development Grant Program</td>
<td>Funding to provide road/street access to expand business parks and development areas</td>
<td>September 1, 2019, February 1, 2020</td>
<td>Local Governments</td>
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<td>Water Recreation Access Cost-Share Program</td>
<td>Constructing or improving boat access facilities to Iowa’s lakes and streams. Projects can include boat launching ramps, loading/off-loading docks and other structures to enhance use by the public.</td>
<td>September 30, 2019</td>
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<td>Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)</td>
<td>Provides grants for low-cost, systematic safety improvements in the $10,000/mile range, focusing on lane departure crashes</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>Counties</td>
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<td>Small Town Sign Replacement Program</td>
<td>The program will provide up to $5,000 for signs and signposts per applying community on a first-come, first-served basis</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>Cities</td>
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<td>Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP)</td>
<td>Provides 100 hours of engineering assistance for operations and traffic safety issues</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>Cities and Counties</td>
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<td>Alliant Hometown Challenge Grants</td>
<td>Dollar-for-dollar match to local fundraising for one-time safety related projects for local response teams</td>
<td>Rolling</td>
<td>Local governments, private non-profits</td>
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The 2019 Nuisance Abatement Conference will be held May 15 in Coralville. This Iowa League of Cities conference will be the annual training event that offers guidance and best practices for working through all sorts of nuisance property issues. From the basic unmowed lawn to the abandoned and derelict building, the conference will help your community improve on its nuisance abatement processes.

**Recently Awarded Grants**

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<th>Recipient</th>
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<td>City of Glidden</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td>Merle Hay Memorial Cemetery Kiosk</td>
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<td>Community Foundation of Carroll County</td>
<td>Carroll Pickleball Association</td>
<td>$2,500</td>
<td>Pickleball Court Construction</td>
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<td>HOME Down-Payment Assistance</td>
<td>Region XII COG</td>
<td>$150,000</td>
<td>City of Jefferson Down-Payment Assistance</td>
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<td>HOME Down-Payment Assistance</td>
<td>Region XII COG</td>
<td>$187,000</td>
<td>City of Manning Down-Payment Assistance</td>
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Additional grants are available through private foundations and ongoing programs. If you are looking for funding for a specific project, please contact Chris Whittaker, cwhittaker@region12cog.org or 712-775-7811, for assistance in locating funding opportunities.

**Iowa League of Cities to Hold Nuisance Abatement Conference**

Region XII COG was awarded two HOME Program grants for down-payment assistance. One award is for the City of Jefferson totaling $150,000 for 4 projects. The second award is for the City of Manning totaling $187,000 for 5 projects. Homes purchased must meet Iowa Minimum Housing Standards. Rehabilitation using these funds can be used to upgrade homes to meet these guidelines.

**Home Down-Payment Assistance Grants Awarded**

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