Homes for Iowa Groundbreaking

Hammers in Great Success

Homes for Iowa had their groundbreaking ceremony in Newton, Iowa, to launch the prison-built housing initiative in partnership with Iowa Prison Industries. Governor Reynolds, Lt. Governor Gregg, IFA/IEDA Director Debi Durham and Sen. Mark Lofgren gave remarks. An initiative first brought by Mike Norris, SEIRPC, and championed by Sen. Mark Lofgren has developed into a realistic plan to address affordable housing in Iowa. Dan Clark with Iowa Prison Industries has been a driving force and great partner in getting the program started.

ICOG and its members are excited for this project and how far we have come in just one year to bring this endeavor to a reality. Debi Durham announced at the groundbreaking that the Iowa Finance Authority’s board approved a $1.2 million grant for Homes for Iowa, which will help sustain the program into the future.

There was a huge attendance at the ceremonial hammering of the first nails by key community and legislative leaders. The Homes for Iowa board is now working on logistics for delivery of homes yet this year.

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Region XII RLF Available Funds

Region XII Development Corporation (RDC) currently has over $1,400,000 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.
The COG’s Partnership Program is an opportunity for private, non-government businesses and organizations to become a part of the COG’s mission to provide various needed services to the region’s cities and counties. The COG appreciates the investments made so far this year by the 2018 Partners listed below. For more information on the Partnership Program, contact Rick Hunsaker at rhunsaker@region12cog.org. This list is up to date as of June 27, 2019.

**BRONZE MEMBERSHIP - $250**
- Agri Drain Corporation, Adair
- Audubon State Bank, Audubon
- Availa Bank, Carroll
- Badding Construction, Carroll
- Breda Savings Bank, Breda
- Carnaval Savings Bank, Winterset
- Crawford County Memorial Hospital, Glidden
- Drees Company, Carroll
- Exchange State Bank, Exira
- Farmers State Bank, Wall Lake
- Farmers State Bank, Yale
- Farner-Bocken Company, Carroll
- Greene County Development Corporation, Jefferson
- Guthrie County Bank, Jefferson
- Guthrie County REC, Guthrie Center
- HGM Associates, Council Bluffs
- Home State Bank, Jefferson
- Iowa Corn Processors, Glidden
- Iowa State Bank, Sac City
- Mid-Iowa Insurance & Real Estate, Carroll
- POET Biorefining, Coon Rapids
- Raccoon Valley REC, Glidden
- Sac Economic & Tourism Development, Wall Lake
- United Bank of Iowa, Carroll
- West Central Iowa Rural Water Association, Manning

**GOLD MEMBERSHIP - $1,000**
- Bank Iowa, Denison
- Computer Concepts of Iowa, Inc., Carroll
- Guthrie County REC, Guthrie Center
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**SILVER MEMBERSHIP - $500**
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Paige Alesch has joined the COG as an Iowa Waste Exchange Representative. She was born and raised in Sac City. After high school she earned her Bachelor of Biological Science from South Dakota State University. She enjoys spending time with her family outdoors and reading. She is looking forward to familiarizing herself with her new position and helping clients in this area make a positive impact on the environment and their communities.

Nathan Haberl has joined Region XII as a summer intern. Nathan is a Carroll native and a 2017 graduate from Carroll High School. He will be entering his junior year at Iowa State in the fall where he is studying finance and ag business. In his free time, Nathan enjoys hunting and fishing, four-wheeling, kayaking, and spending time with friends and family.

Western Iowa Transit is pleased to announce the hiring of new employees to fill transit driver vacancies throughout our region. Alan Perry of Auburn, Iowa, has joined the team of drivers and will be providing transit services in Sac and Carroll Counties. Dale Wolterman of Carroll has been hired to work out of the Carroll office.
Iowa Waste Exchange Year in Review

The end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 marks Region XII Council of Governments’ 12th year administering the Iowa Waste Exchange (IWE) program. The IWE – which began as a pilot program at Indian Hills Community College in 1990 - is a free, confidential and non-regulatory program of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). IWE Area Resource Specialists provide a variety of services throughout the entire state of Iowa (service graphic on EPC brochure lists all services provided.) The primary objective of the program is to assist Iowa Business and Industry in reducing their landfilled waste and reducing costs associated with this waste. Since 1990, IWE has assisted over 60,000 clients and has diverted over 4 million tons of material from Iowa landfills - saving Iowans over $110 million. In FY 2019 alone, under Region XII Administration, the program diverted nearly 120 tons of material and saved Iowan’s over $4 million.

The success of the program has not gone unnoticed by those outside of Iowa. In FY 2019, IWE Area Resource Specialists were solicited to offer guidance and technical assistance to Colorado Recycles in launching a similar program in Colorado in FY 2020. In addition, Maryland Department of the Environment solicited IWE to obtain, duplicate, and adapt the Iowa School’s Food waste Minimization Toolkit to accommodate schools in Maryland. The toolkit was created by IWE as the result of a year-long pilot project with 11 Iowa schools.

For more information regarding the Iowa Waste Exchange Program and to learn how Area Resource Specialists can assist your business visit the Iowa Waste Exchange web page by clicking HERE.

The Iowa School’s Food Waste Minimization Toolkit can be downloaded HERE.

THE REVIEW

FY 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

- **TONS OF WASTE DIVERTED**
  - 119,474
  - Includes 62,000 tons of Organic Waste
  - A DNR Targeted Material

- **DOLLARS SAVED BY IOWANS**
  - 4,219,836
  - Includes $3,942,318 From Diversion
  - $277,517 Other Savings

- **CLIENTS SERVED**
  - 3,285
  - Agricultural Pursuits
  - Business/Industry
  - Schools/Colleges
  - Governmental Entities
  - Municipalities
  - Hospitals and Clinics
  - Non Profits
  - Private Citizens

SERVICES PROVIDED
- Identified Marketable Waste and Revenue Streams
- Administered Waste Sorts
- Located Markets for Value Added Byproducts
- Located Byproducts for Production
- Wrote/Reviewed Grants, Loans, SOPs, Hazardous and Non Hazardous Waste Management Plans
- Presented at Conferences, Workshops, Lunch and Learns and Other Public Speaking Events
- Authored Guest Articles
- Administered/Organized Special Projects and Collection Events

SUCCESS STORIES

The City of Des Moines and Operation Downtown have established a recycling program aimed at creating a cleaner and greener Downtown Des Moines. Recycle DSM aligns with the City of Des Moines’ comprehensive plan, PlanDSM, which calls for the reduction of solid waste headed to the landfill. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources’ Iowa Waste Exchange (IWE) program has assisted with the pilot and the continued expansion of the program, which has included the Historic East Village, Western Gateway Park, Iowa Events Center and the Court Avenue Farmer’s Market. IWE provided continual assistance in assessing and expanding the program.

According to Amy Lego, Executive Director for Operation Downtown, “The Iowa Waste Exchange, has been an incredible resource for Recycle DSM, Downtown Des Moines’ public space recycling program. With her recycling expertise, our Area Resource Specialist has directed waste audits and generated results for various recycling districts. The results from the audits and tracking have helped shape our education campaign and improve future (or expanded) recycling efforts. She has given us recycling contacts and program tips and even reviewed and edited a recycling grant application. Her enthusiasm and willingness to help has been a great asset to our staff and the Recycle DSM program.”

Additional information on Operation Downtown and the RecycleDSM initiative can be found at http://www.operationdowntown.com. Additional IWE success stories can be found at www.iowadnr.gov/FABA.

NATIONAL REPLICABILITY

In FY 2019, IWE and DNR staff members were solicited by Recycle Colorado to provide technical assistance and guidance for a similar program they will be launching in FY 2020.

In FY 2019, IWE was contacted by Maryland Department of the Environment to obtain and duplicate a Waste Minimization Toolkit created by IWE for schools in Iowa. The Toolkit was developed as the result of a year-long School Waste Minimization pilot project. DNR and Iowa Department of Education partnered on the project. You may access the toolkit at www.iowadnr.gov.
### June 2019 Grant Update

#### Upcoming Grants

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<th>Deadline</th>
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<td>Peter Kiewitt Foundation</td>
<td>Community development and recreation projects</td>
<td>July 15, 2019, October 15, 2019, January 15, 2020, 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>Iowa West Foundation</td>
<td>Community development, economic development, education and human needs projects</td>
<td>July 17, 2019, November 15, 2019, March 15, 2020</td>
<td>Local governments and non-profit organizations in Audubon, Carroll and Crawford Counties.</td>
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<td>National Endowment for the Arts</td>
<td>Project based funding for projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities.</td>
<td>August 9, 2019</td>
<td>Local Governments and 501(c)(3) 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>
<td>Cities and Counties</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>
<td>Cities and Counties</td>
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<td>Federal Rec Trails Program</td>
<td>Acquisition, construction, or improvement of recreational trails and trail related facilities.</td>
<td>October 1, 2019</td>
<td>Cities and Counties</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>October 1, 2019, January 1, 2020, April 1, 2020, July 1, 2020</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>October 1, 2019, January 1, 2020, April 1, 2020, July 1, 2020</td>
<td>Local governments, public or private groups</td>
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<td>Branching Out</td>
<td>Tree planting</td>
<td>November 1, 2019</td>
<td>Cities served by Alliant Energy</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>
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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>
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<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>
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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>
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<td>New Cooperative Foundation</td>
<td>Enhancements to emergency and medical services in rural communities. Community events and celebrations as well as local civic betterment projects. Fundraising events in support of community programs and projects.</td>
<td>Open</td>
<td>Local governments, private non-profits</td>
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### Recently Awarded Grants

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<td>City of Bagley</td>
<td>$500,000</td>
<td>Rural Water System Connection</td>
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<td>Grow Greene County</td>
<td>City of Churdan</td>
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<td>City of Churdan Park</td>
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<td>Grow Greene County</td>
<td>Scranton Community Center</td>
<td>$60,000</td>
<td>City of Scranton Community Center &amp; City Hall Repairs</td>
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<td>Community Catalyst</td>
<td>City of Casey</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
<td>The Heritage Building Renovations</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 Whitaker, cwhitaker@region12cog.org or 712-775-7811, for assistance in locating funding opportunities.
Western Iowa Transit Utilizing New Driver Training Program

WIT staff is always looking for ways to improve the training we provide for its transit drivers. Staff recently discovered a training program on the market called “Taptco Paratransit Operator Development Course.” WIT staff reviewed the content and found that the topics covered were relevant to daily transit operations as well as being offered in a format that was very user friendly. The Iowa DOT approved a 100% training fellowship to cover the costs of the course, so WIT decided to purchase the program. Course materials have been delivered and selected components have been utilized at a driver training held on April 25th. The course materials include training teaching guides, behind the wheel instruction guides, study guides for both large and small transit operators and seven DVDs that cover 28 Paratransit related subjects. Going forward, the training will be also be utilized during individual training at the time of hire as well as during group trainings.

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