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New !

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Home Repair Block Grant Program—IFA

The Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) launched a new program with \$4 million. The grant is pretty flexible. As a pilot project, a city can design the boundaries of the rehab projects, the type of units involved, the number of units, ownership or rental, and size of overall project up to \$1 million grant.

Work must be in the direct vicinity of the downtown area – namely about a block around the ring of the downtown – and be affordable housing for those below 80% of the area median income. We recommend you determine where your project may be located. Contact CVPD about additional information for the project design and outreach to the intended properties.

The goal of the program is to work with towns already working on downtown revitalization by enhancing the quality of the area around the downtown. A 25% match to the grant amount is required, but the sources of the match can be flexible and does not necessarily have to come from local general funds. More details can be found at <https://www.iowafinance.com/home-rehabilitation-block-grant-pilot-program/>. Applications are due in March but please contact CVPD as soon as you determine you have interest in the program.

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City Codification Services - Does your code need updated?

Under the Iowa Code, Section 380.8, cities are required to re-codify or update every five years. This ensures that the codebook is up-to-date and that changes are properly documented. CVPD can provide codification services to do this work on a contractual basis.

Chariton Valley Planning & Development maintains a model code of ordinances through consultation with an attorney which is current with the Iowa Code and is hired by the Iowa Association of Regional Councils (ICOG). The COG will work with the city clerk/administrator to prepare a new Code of Ordinances and update the current codes with updates. Chapters from the model code may be added or removed from the city's code depending on the individual city's needs, ordinances specific to the city will be added based on the city's latest ordinances and amendments. CVPD will provide a draft code to the city for review with their attorney, and upon completion of review discuss any revisions requested by the city. CVPD will then prepare a final version of the code incorporating the revisions and assist with adoption procedures. Currently, the City of Albia is in the process of updating their codes collaborating with CVPD.

Resilience Toolkit

The Iowa Association of Regional Council Of Governments (ICOG) in conjunction with its member Councils of Governments have worked on a Resilience Toolkit for small business, nonprofit and communities.

The purpose of this toolkit is to help entities with preparing to be resilient, managing to be resilient, marketing to be resilient and financing to be resilient. Each of these four sections are important and have step-by-step guides to assist. The toolkit was designed to assist with today's struggling times and help keep businesses going.

Visit <https://www.iowacog.com/projects> and click the "Promotional Materials" button. You will be redirected to a password protected page. Use password IowaResiliency2021 to access the promotional materials page with four sample social media posts, graphics and a media release for you to use within your organization at your discretion. Please reach out to staff@iarcog.com or nmoore@charitonvalleyplanning.com with any questions.

Centerville 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Initiative Funded

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced that Centerville will be one of five new communities to receive funding for the 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Count Program. This year the Centerville Lakeview Elementary School was chosen and will receive 4 new bottle refill/water stations in the gymnasium.

CVPD serves as administrator of funds in the region, providing strategic planning assistance to community 5-2-1-0 committees, program guidance, and fiduciary oversight. The 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Count initiative, brings evidence-based strategies for healthy living into communities, schools, early care and out-of-school programs, health care practices and workplaces. These efforts are designed to reach children and adults where they live, learn, work and play. More information about the program can be found at www.iowahealthieststate.com. **For more information on 5-2-1-0 or how to get involved with a committee please contact Nichole at the CVPD office.**

Preserving Properties Program

The Most Endangered Properties Program started in 1995 to educate Iowans about the special buildings, sites, and structures that are slowly and gradually slipping away from us. Preservation Iowa designated 7 properties as 2021 Most Endangered Properties and some of these properties have been highlighted in other preservation publications since their designation.

In the past 25 years, Preservation Iowa has designated over 200 archeological sites, churches, landscapes and a variety of other buildings in 69 Iowa counties.

If you know of an important building that is threatened, Preservation Iowa encourages you to nominate it as one of the 2022 Most Endangered Properties. A panel of judges reviews each nomination based on four criteria:

- * The (historic) significance of the building, site, or structure.
- * Present Condition.
- * The urgency & nature of the threat.
- * The possible solutions that would remove threats to the place.

The nomination form is available to download at: www.preservationiowa.org



HFI - New Homes for \$90,000 including delivery!

Homes for Iowa, Inc. (HFI) is a nonprofit organization aiming to increase the supply of affordable housing in rural areas. In partnership with Iowa Prison Industries, houses are being constructed at a new Housing Production Center at the Newton Correctional Facility.



The program will allow inmates to learn trade skills such as plumbing, electrical work, and carpentry. Iowa Association of Regional Councils of Government manage the program in coordination with HFI and other community partners.

CVPD is your local contact for inquiries and applications. The homes are purchased directly from HFI and delivered to the designated site for \$90,000 for a 3 bedroom 2 bath home. Households earning up to 100% of the state-wide median income are eligible buyers of the finished home.

Developers/Homeowners are responsible for lot acquisition, site preparation, foundation, utility hook-ups, concrete work, and any additions such as the garage.

Contact CVPD at nmoore@charitonvalleyplanning.com or call 641-437-4359 for more information or to schedule a meeting to go over information.

Transportation Planning - Updates!

The CVTPA Long-Range Transportation Plan looks out to 2045 and provides the long-range vision, policies, and decision-making framework that will guide investments in the local transportation system over the coming years. The plan covers all modes of transportation in the state, for both people and goods.

The RPA 17 will also be updating the Regional Trails Plan during this process. The document will present current trails located in the 7 county region as well as identify possible expansion or improvements. The region has prioritized regional trail connectivity and intend to support local trails committees by hiring a consultant to develop feasibility study.

The newly developed State Long Range Plan has provided a significant outline of measures the local planning affiliations can follow. However, it is essential to provide locally driven data and challenges for the region. RPA 17 is now in the process of updating the local document and hosting public transportation meetings. If you are interested in participating, please feel free to reach out to CVPD by email or phone on the contact information in this document.

CVPD PROJECTS BY COUNTY

Appanoose County

Ongoing transportation administration to county with county engineers, & transit providers; Passenger Transit Mtgs, Davis Bacon monitoring Centerville sidewalk project; Public informational meetings for Transit Planning, Regional Trails & Long Range Planning; county transportation brochures distributed, Centerville TAP project, Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan meetings & document.

Lucas County

Ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers, & transit providers, Public informational meeting for Transit Planning, Regional Trails & Long-Range Planning. Passenger Transit Mtgs, county transportation brochures distributed, Lucas County Employee Manual, Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan meetings & document, City of Chariton Employee Manual, Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan meetings & document.

Monroe County

Ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers, & transit providers, and beginning Public informational meeting for Transit Planning, Regional Trails & Long-Range Planning, Passenger Transit Mtgs, county transportation brochures distributed, Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan meetings & document, Albia Zoning Code Update, Albia Ordinance Code Update, City of Lovilia CDBG application,

Wayne County

Ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers, & transit providers; Public informational meeting for Transit Planning, Regional Trails & Long-Range Passenger Transit Mtgs, Planning, county transportation brochures distributed, HMP grant proposal, Hazard Mitigation Plan Contract, City of Corydon Employee Manual update, supportive services for housing development

For current information visit **CHARITON VALLEY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT** on [Facebook](#) or www.cvpdcog.com



Funding Options for Your Projects!

<u>Source/Program</u>	<u>Funding Uses</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	Hazard mitigation plans and projects, including tornado safe rooms, building and utility retrofits, minor flood control projects, elevations and relocations of buildings in flood hazard areas and storm water management projects (Eligible: local governments and some nonprofits)	Floating (NOIs as soon as possible)
CDBG COVID funds	\$21 million available for various CDBG fundable projects, such as water and sewer mains, downtown housing, façade= improvements, childcare assistance, and more (Eligible: local governments)	Open window until funds are expended
IEDA Downtown Housing Grant	Projects creating or improving under 10 housing units are eligible for \$100,000 to \$300,000. Projects creating 10-plus units are eligible for \$100,000 to \$600,000. These do not have rigorous environmental, income limitations, rental rate limitations, and labor standards requirements. Homes must be in or adjacent to downtown areas and can include conversions of former schools and other properties. (Eligible: local governments, with partners being developers and property owners)	December 1
IDNR Derelict Building Program	Funding is available for certified asbestos inspections, removal and disposal of asbestos, structural engineering analysis, Phase I and II environmental assessments, building deconstruction, and building renovation. (Eligible: Cities population 5,000 or less)	December 1
Home Rehabilitation Block Grant Pilot Program	This is a new grant provided by the IFA for cities to cause the rehabilitation of affordable housing – owner and/or renter – within about a block of a downtown area. (Eligible: Local governments)	January 1, 2022
Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership RFP	RFHP is anticipating approximately \$300,000 for on-the-ground fish habitat restoration grants and anticipates funding 4-6 projects in the \$10,000-\$75,000 range (Eligible: local governments, fishery owners)	January 1, 2022
RISE Local Development Grant	Funding to provide road/street access to expand business opportunities (Eligible: local governments)	January 1, 2022
USDA Rural Business Development Grant	Applications will compete in two separate categories, business opportunity grants and business enterprise grants, for use in funding various business and community projects that serve rural areas. (Eligible: local governments and some nonprofits)	January 1, 2022
KIB's Paint Iowa Beautiful	Program that provides donated paint for community beautification projects (Eligible: Local governments, non-profits, and civic groups)	February 1, 2022
CDBG Community Facilities and Services	This annual competitive program offers grants to assist communities for a variety of projects including day care facilities, senior centers, vocational workshops and other community services such as storm water projects. (Eligible: local governments)	Ongoing, until funds run out
Iowa Historic Preservation Tax Credits – small projects	Up to 25% of project cost in the form of a State tax credit to offset the costs of the building rehabilitation or restoration. Project must affect a designated historic building on the National Register of Historic Places. Projects can have eligible costs up to \$750,000. (Eligible: property owners – governments can partner to mobilize the project)	Ongoing

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Alliant Energy Foundation Community Grants Program	Grants for playgrounds, health and wellness projects, public safety, education, culture and arts, and other local needs (Eligible: local governments and non-profits in communities served by Alliant Energy)	Ongoing
ITC/ IRDC "Power of Connection" Community Grant Program	Grants up to \$5,000 for capacity building, strategic planning, studies or assessments for a variety of community programs and issues (Eligibility: rural communities)	Ongoing
Highway Safety Improvement	Provides grants for low-cost, systematic safety improvements in the \$10,000/mile range, focusing on lane departure crashes. (Eligible: local governments)	Ongoing
Small Town Sign Replacement Program	The program will provide up to \$5,000 for signs and signposts per applying community on a first-come, first-served basis. (Eligible: local governments)	Ongoing
Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP)	Provides 100 hours of engineering assistance for operations and traffic safety issues. (Eligible: local governments)	Ongoing

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations.

Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

This application has a short window for you to develop a competitive application. It opens on November 8, 2021 and will close Friday, December 17, 2021. In order to be eligible, you must have.

-SAM.gov registration: Update your city's SAM.gov registration. It must be renewed annually. An application cannot be started until your city has an active SAM's number.

-a complete needs assessment of your equipment, gear, and vehicle needs and condition. The most competitive applications will have completely documented the existing condition of equipment and why your department needs to update it or add to your inventory.

-Obtain an informal cost quotation. Please note that once awarded a formal bidding process will need to be completed.

For additional information about the FY2021 application visit Assistance to Firefighters Grants | FEMA.gov

www.cvpdcog.com

Chariton Valley Planning & Development Recently developed a new website. Please visit www.cvpdcog.com to find exciting news and projects going on in our 4 county Council of Government region or in our 7 county transportation Regional Planning Affiliation area!

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS—CONTRACTED SERVICES

- Provide administrative, management assistance, Technical Assistance, Project Development
- Prepare updates to model codes , Assist local governments in preparation or revision of local ordinances.
- Coordinate on new or updated comprehensive plans or other functional plans.
- Prepare local government brochures, fact sheets, or other promotional materials.
- If there is a service you need assistance with, just ask. We can provide outreach to consultants when needed.
- Transportation Planning
- Grant Administration ,Community Assessments , Grant/Funding Alerts , Community Profiles , Funding Searches
- Environmental Planning , Hazardous Mitigation Planning
- Personnel Policy Development & Updates
- Lead Inspections
- Regional Planning Services – Zoning

Some services require additional contract billing for costs. (Contact Nichole with questions)

RPA 17 UPDATING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DOCUMENTS

DOT's Regional Planning Affiliations are funded through FHWA and FTA sources, as well as local financial support. RPAs provide the Iowa DOT with the following required items.

- **Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)**—outlines the annual transportation planning activities each MPO/RPA will undertake during the next state fiscal year.
- **Public Participation Plan (PPP)**—outlines the process each MPO/RPA will follow to adequately involve the public in the their transportation planning activities.
- **Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**—provides direction and guidance for each MPO/RPA to make efficient transportation investment decisions over a 20-year planning horizon.
- **Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP)**—promotes joint, coordinated passenger transportation planning programs and provides needs-based justification for passenger transportation projects.
- **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**—identifies the capital and non-capital transportation projects proposed for federal-aid funding or action for each MPO/RPA over the next four-year period.

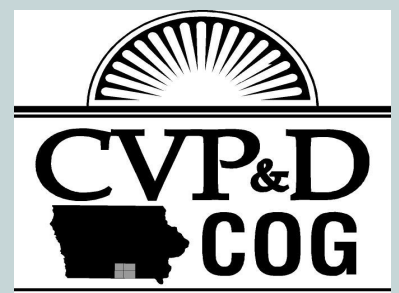
RPA 17 (CVPD) will be completing new PTP, PPP and LRTP over the next two years. Annual document completion include TPWP and TIP.

RPA 17 TAP applications for enhancement projects are due annually December 1.



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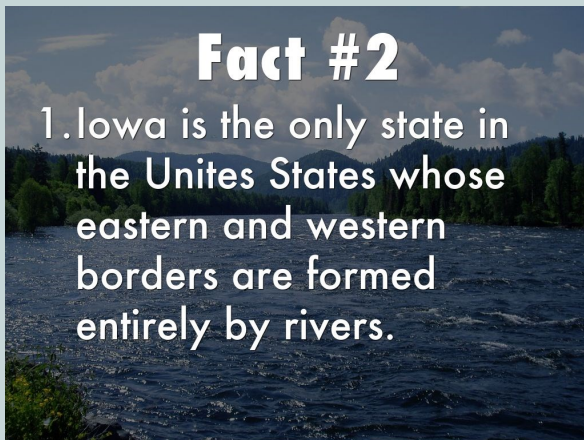


Centerville's Historic Trolley service is provided by the Centerville Historic Preservation Corporation (HPC). The trolley provides services to Centerville & Appanoose County area. If you are looking for a unique way to travel book the trolley and enjoy! Narrated historic tours are available by appointment and tours can be customized to fit any group's needs. The trolley is frequently rented for weddings, events, and tour groups! The ADA accessible trolley is available year-round, and the bench seating accommodates 22 to 28 adults.

The valued volunteers of HPC along with CVPD work together on the historic transportation preservation trolley needs and scheduling. CVPD works on this as a cherished component of Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation planning efforts in the region. CVPD assists the corporation to ensure operation of the trolley for future uses.

If you looking for wedding, party or family gathering transportation—now is the time to book your dates. Call or text Nichole at 641-895-8812 to get more information about rates and times or email at: centervillehistorictrolley@gmail.com

FUN FACTS:



Fact #2

1. Iowa is the only state in the United States whose eastern and western borders are formed entirely by rivers.

Eastern Goldfinch



The Eastern Goldfinch is Iowa's state bird. It was chosen as the state bird because it is commonly found in Iowa and often stays through the winter. In late July or early August they build their nests from plant materials and line them with thistles. The blue white eggs of the Eastern Goldfinch incubate for 2 weeks and young birds leave the nest when they are 2 to 3 weeks old.