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***2018  
Annual  
Report***

***Strengthening our Region for 45 Years***

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- City of Osceola
- Clarke County Development Corporation
- John Wayne Birthplace Society, Ltd. Of Winterset

### Diamond (\$1,500)

- Creston City Water Works
- First National Bank of Creston & Afton
- Iowa State Savings Bank of Corning, Creston, Diagonal, & Lenox
- Lenox Municipal Utilities

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- Garden & Associates, Ltd. of Creston

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- FNB Bank of Fontanelle & Greenfield
- Gilbert True Value of Leon & Osceola
- Lenox Development Corporation
- Ringgold County Development Corporation
- Saylor Realty, LLC of Osceola
- Southwestern Community College
- State Bank of Brooks
- Union State Bank of Greenfield
- Union State Bank of Winterset

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



## A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

This *Annual Report*, covering January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, details the activities and services of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments. SICOG's Board of Directors is proud to present it to our membership and to this regional community.

SICOG is viewed in different ways by the cities, counties, public agencies and economic development groups with whom the organization most directly interacts. A variety of descriptive labels may be applied to this association of governments, now entering its 46th year. It can be said that SICOG is a component of the regional development system; it is a shared technical resource pool for local governments; and it is a forum for multi-jurisdictional planning and problem solving. SICOG's staff provides grantsmanship, technical assistance and planning assistance to local governments. Additionally, your staff provides data, maps and land information for all kinds of purposes, loans for job creation and for first time homebuyers, rehabilitation of housing, assistance with senior housing needs, workforce housing, and help during natural disasters.

It is important to emphasize that SICOG is *whatever* our member governments want it to be. The democratic process, by its members, defines and limits the work of the organization to those activities that hold the greatest promise for enhancement of the quality of life in the region. SICOG does not impose taxes, nor does it enact law. Its work program is a reflection of the collective determination of the regional community we serve. SICOG's focus has been on economic development, planning, program development, analysis, and service delivery.

SICOG's vision is to be a "catalyst for cooperation, efficiency, economic advancement and well-being". As we go excitedly into SICOG's 46<sup>th</sup> year, our main objective is continuing to improve our cities, counties and regional community, with SICOG acting as the catalyst. The new projects being proposed, considered and not yet thought of, will help to make this area of Iowa grow. We urge you to learn more of what SICOG can do for you and your communities.

The pages that follow offer a summary of the work completed by SICOG's staff. The project boards, cities, counties, development corporations, all of our partners, and the organization's thirteen-member executive board have provided policy direction and have guided the organization over the past year.

The members of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments have reason to be confident in the agency's good stewardship of the human and financial resources available to it. SICOG has earned a reputation for high-quality performance and the effective pursuit and utilization of external funding to address targeted needs within the agency and the region.

While the path we have followed over the years has sometimes been steep, we continue to seek new opportunities and blaze new routes for the betterment of the area. Each year SICOG endeavors to be as productive as the last. Each year we have done something better. 2018 was no exception.

SICOG's Board of Directors will continue to address the issues that are important to our members. Our goal, as it has been, is to make SICOG your source for economic development, housing, community development, planning, transportation, and facilitation.

**2018 SICOG REGIONAL PRIORITIES**

1. **Housing** – Ensure adequate Housing for all citizens of the region, with emphasis on housing for persons of low and moderate income, elderly, and special needs.
2. **Economic Development** – Invigorate the regional economy through local development.
3. **Transportation** – Enhance the regional transportation system to encompass all modes of transportation for a stronger community and economic stability.
4. **Local Planning & Management** – Expand and improve the functions of local governments and regional service groups related to community development.
5. **Recreation** – Develop new and improve existing recreational facilities.
6. **Community Services** – Improve existing facilities and public protection services and develop or improve social, cultural, and educational opportunities for southern Iowa residents.
7. **Sewer** – Protect the environmental quality in the region.
8. **Elderly** – Provide for the housing, transportation, and health care needs of elderly persons in southern Iowa.
9. **Comprehensive Planning** – Develop and implement local and regional comprehensive planning practices.
10. **Youth** – Provide programs and facilities to enrich the lives of youth in southern Iowa.
11. **Water Resources** – Secure and improve water resources to meet residential, commercial, industrial, and civic needs.
12. **Rural Health** – Improve access to and quality of primary health services to all citizens in southern Iowa.
13. **Solid Waste** – Divert solid waste from landfills to protect and improve the region's ecosystem.
14. **Social Services** – Encourage the development and implementation of local education, training, and prevention programs to promote the prosperity of communities.
15. **Energy** – Encourage the conservation of energy and the use of alternative energy sources in southern Iowa.
16. **Value-added Agriculture** – Encourage the diversification of agricultural-related products in southern Iowa.
17. **Other** – Provide assistance to communities in the areas that are not currently addressed by other priorities.



The priorities created as part of the CEDS process help to define the mission of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments, which is “to provide and coordinate community and economic development services primarily through the delivery of planning services, technical program assistance, grant writing, and grant administration to assist local governments and others in their efforts to improve the social and economic well-being of the region.”

## REVOLVING LOAN FUND ACTIVITY IN 2018



**SICOG is a leader in the continued development of southern Iowa.** SICOG is a designated United States Economic Development District (EDD), which allows direct access to the federal government and its economic programs. Through SICOG's assistance, thousands of jobs have been created or retained through programs sanctioned by the Economic Development Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, USDA Rural Development, and the State of Iowa. SICOG and its affiliates are fortunate to be able to offer financing to businesses, cities, and homebuyers in the southern Iowa region through Revolving Loan Fund programs.

### Industrial/Business Revolving Loan Fund

Since the inception of the Industrial/Business Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) in 1987, more than \$6 million has been loaned to job creators throughout the region. The initial capitalization of the fund was provided by the U.S. Economic Development Administration to help ensure economic growth in the SICOG region. Industries and businesses which provide permanent jobs and training opportunities for the target population of unemployed, underemployed, and minority citizens and meet the established RLF criteria are considered eligible for an RLF loan. To date, 3,742 jobs have been created or retained because of the assistance afforded by the RLF. As a SICOG affiliate, Southern Iowa Development Group (SIDG), implements and promotes the Industrial/Business RLF program and has supported two additional capitalization efforts in 1994 and 2009. The RLF has made 87 loans totaling \$6,228,011.91 and has in turn revolved more than five times. At year-end, the fund has \$258,000.00 available to assist with job creation and retention in the region.

### Community Investment Revolving Fund

The Community Investment Revolving Fund (CIRF) is a loan program available to SICOG member communities with a population under 3,500. CIRF was created and capitalized in 1998 as an alternative form of financing for unforeseen, emergency related community improvements. Such improvements include, but are not limited to: fixing broken public water or wastewater lines, repairing a fire truck, replacing damaged or defective equipment, or replacing the roof on City Hall due to leaks. Many communities in the region do not have large operating budgets and often cannot handle the burden of urgent, one-time expenditures. Originally, when the program was created, the loan limit was \$5,000.00. As a result of growth in the fund and a demand for higher priced projects, the loan limit is now \$20,000.00. At year-end 2018, \$27,000.00 was available for new loans.

### Housing Revolving Loan Fund

In 1990, SICOG, in concert with Southern Iowa Development Group (SIDG) developed and capitalized the Housing Revolving Loan Fund (H-RLF). The H-RLF was created with the sole purpose of funding a first-time homebuyer program. The H-RLF loan is available to eligible homebuyers in SICOG's eight county region where a 25% local match has been provided. Today, the program has provided 692 loans to first-time homebuyers. The low-interest loans serve as a means to assist with the largest barrier to new buyers, the down payment. SIDG provides a dollar for dollar match up to \$5,000.00 towards a down payment on a house in the SICOG region. The SIDG has loaned \$2,435,078.00 to assist first-time homebuyers purchase homes totaling \$31,473,733.00. In calendar year 2018, three loans were made to first-time homebuyers in the region.

## 2018 GRANT ACTIVITY

### CDBG Grants Awarded

In 2018, SICOG submitted 6 CDBG grant applications totaling over \$1.8 million on behalf of our members. Of these, 5 applications were awarded. Bedford, Lamoni, and Murray received funds for owner-occupied rehabilitation programs involving 6 homes each. The City of Creston received a Downtown Revitalization program façade grant for 13 building facades. Lamoni earned a CDBG water-sewer grant for the installation of a disinfection treatment system at its wastewater treatment facility. SICOG is administering all five awards.

### COPS – School Violence Prevention Program Awarded

The City of Creston, in collaboration with the Creston Community School District (CCSD), was awarded a \$500,000 grant through the U.S. Department of Justice COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) School Violence Prevention Program. With these funds, CCSD will build on existing efforts to ensure the safety of students and staff in and around school property. This award was the only one made in Iowa during the 2018 competition.



### Two Community Catalyst Grants Awarded

Late in 2017, the Iowa Economic Development Authority announced the creation of a new program called the Iowa Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program. Through this grant, cities in Iowa could apply for up to \$100,000 to invest in underperforming downtown and other commercial buildings with the goal of renovating those properties in partnership with private building owners and other interested parties. With over 50 applications submitted for the \$1 million available, 18 awards were made statewide. Two of those awards were for downtown building renovations in Clearfield and Lenox, each receiving \$100,000. Both projects involve businesses on the main floor and residential on the upper floor of the two-story buildings. The Lenox project later received an Iowa Brownfields Tax Credit of nearly \$80,000 for their project.

### Two Wellmark Foundation Grants Awarded

Two Wellmark Foundation Small MATCH grants were awarded for trails in Lamoni and Osceola. Both projects extend paved multipurpose trails already growing in popularity in each community and provide more access to lakes just outside or on the edge of each city, thereby expanding the impact of each trail to include more natural amenities, including access to fresh air and wildlife within minutes of home. The Small MATCH program funded \$25,000 with a required \$12,500 match.



### Creston Awarded USDA Funds for Co-working Space

USDA provided a \$50,000 grant to the Union County Development Association (UCDA) to purchase and renovate a building in downtown Creston for their offices and a co-working space. The idea behind the co-working space is a supervised space where small businesses and startups can share office space, equipment, and staff while the business tries to get off the ground. The hope is that the small businesses incubated from the co-working arrangement will grow to occupy their own commercial space in the county. In addition to shared resources, the partners and general public can learn from visiting speakers and experts in the business world. Another benefit is that a prominent building is saved and eventually two workforce housing spaces will be available upstairs.

### Mount Ayr Awarded 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Grant

The City of Mount Ayr was awarded a 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Count grant from the Iowa Council of Governments and the Iowa Department of Public Health. The grant amount was \$23,000 to help Mount Ayr implement systemic changes in their community to promote healthy living with smart daily choices. Projects currently underway in Mount Ayr include expansion of the community garden, increasing donations of fresh produce to the local food pantry, increasing the number of places for physical activity, and increasing community-volunteering opportunities.



**2018 GRANT ACTIVITY**

**Creston McKinley Park Aquatic Center Awarded DEKKO Grant**

The child-focused DEKKO Foundation awarded the City of Creston a grant of \$1.5 million toward the McKinley Park Aquatic Center. This grant will fund \$500,000 by the summer of 2019 if matching funds are raised and then another \$1 million upon successful fundraising of the remaining project, which will cost nearly \$5.5 million.

**Adair Downtown Façade Program is Complete**

The City of Adair was awarded \$300,000 in CDBG funds from IEDA to complete a downtown building storefront façade improvement project. Adair’s project involved 15 buildings along its main street (Audubon Street). This project invested nearly \$800,000 in these buildings and included door and window replacement, tuck point work, brick and masonry repairs, painting, electrical upgrades, new signs, awning replacement, and more. Each owner and the City of Adair participated in the project. SICOG administered this grant with the team of City staff, a local volunteer project coordinator, Cornerstone Commercial Contractors as the construction team, and Genesis Architectural Design as the architect.

**Murray Received TAP Grant**

SICOG assisted the City of Murray with a \$95,232 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for a recreational trail to be built in a new sports park in Murray. The trail will surround the ball fields in the park, giving spectators and others a chance to get exercise when watching games and providing a safe place for leisurely walks. The TAP program in Clarke County is funded through SICOG’s sister organization, Chariton Valley Planning and Development.

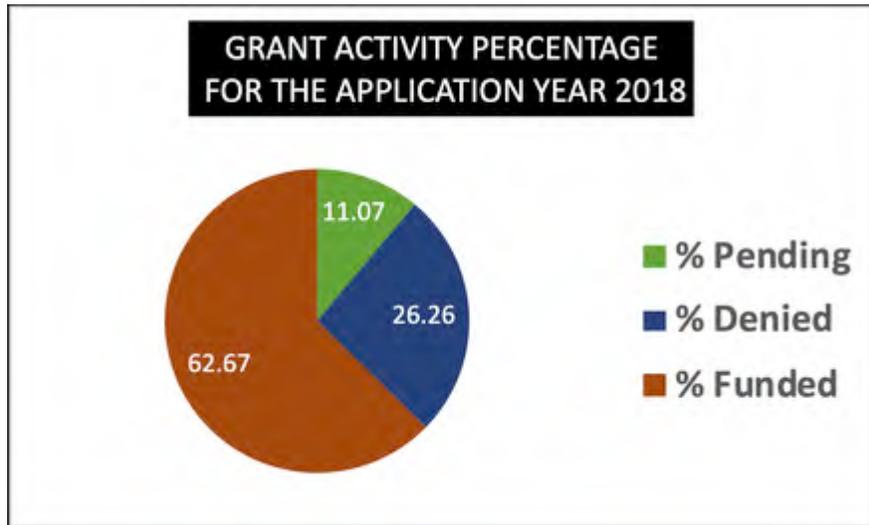
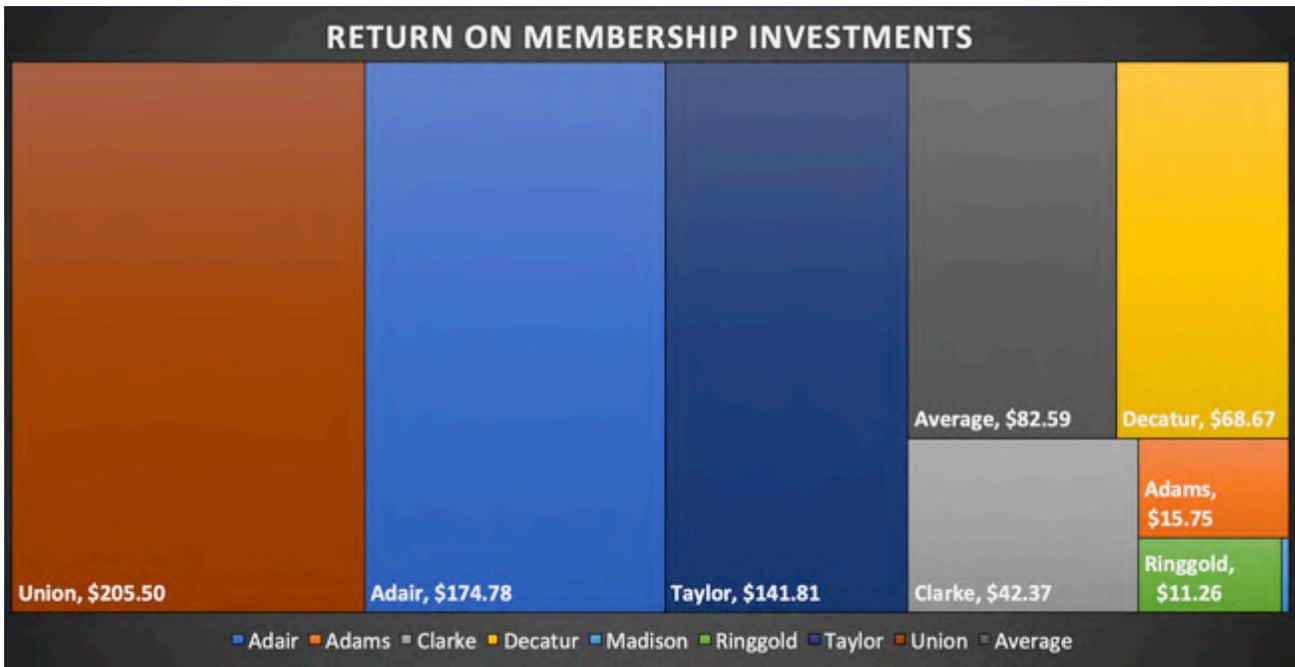
**Prescott Awarded FEMA Fire Grant**

Prescott Fire Department received \$45,390 from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for firefighting equipment and personal protective equipment for the firefighters. This grant funded 95% of the cost for necessary equipment to keep our firefighters safe and provide protection to Prescott area residents and businesses.

**2018 Grant Activity Housing Sustainability (Rehabilitation)**

During 2018, SICOG administered \$2,041,600 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for housing sustainability (rehabilitation) programs located in Bedford (5 homes), Earlham (5 homes), Lamoni (6 homes), Mount Ayr (6 homes), Creston (6 homes), Bedford (6 homes), Lamoni (6 homes), and Murray (6 homes). Investments by each of these cities, totaling \$90,000, leveraged federal dollars from the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) to fund improvements to the safety, efficiency, sustainability, and livability of these forty-six owner-occupied homes. During late 2018, SICOG began work on potential applications for 2019 housing rehabilitation funds for three cities.





### HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF GRANT FUNDING BY SICOG MEMBERSHIP

| COUNTY          | 1972 THROUGH 2017       | CALENDAR 2018         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Adair County    | \$8,890,286.74          | \$1,218,750.00        |
| Adams County    | \$15,128,094.40         | \$63,465.00           |
| Clarke County   | \$24,975,938.34         | \$393,482.00          |
| Decatur County  | \$18,690,276.34         | \$580,750.00          |
| Madison County  | \$14,378,740.34         | \$8,750.00            |
| Ringgold County | \$15,258,694.74         | \$57,750.00           |
| Taylor County   | \$19,586,364.37         | \$540,726.00          |
| Union County    | \$35,817,204.43         | \$2,575,750.00        |
| Region          | \$6,503,724.00          | \$236,396.00          |
| Dexter          | \$745,785.00            | 0.00                  |
| New Virginia    | \$622,046.00            | 0.00                  |
| Van Meter       | \$223,537.00            | 0.00                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>\$160,820,691.70</b> | <b>\$5,675,819.00</b> |

**2018 PLANNING ACTIVITY**

**Comprehensive Planning and Zoning**

In 2018, SICOG completed work on the Clarke County Comprehensive Plan. SICOG also continued work on plans for Creston, Lenox, and Leon. The plans will guide development decisions within these towns and two miles outside of their city limits. SICOG continues to focus on local planning and management in order to help our members function more efficiently and make sustainable development decisions.



**Hazard Mitigation Planning**

SICOG continued preparation of hazard mitigation plan updates for counties and the jurisdictions within them. In 2018, SICOG completed the effort to incorporate the Adair County Hazard Mitigation Plan into Guthrie County on a multi-county plan. SICOG also finished a draft of the Ringgold County Comprehensive Plan. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State of Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (IHSEMD) fund the plans. The plans address hazards that affect all areas of each county and identify their assets and how they could be affected. The planning process involves a series of public meetings where information is discussed to help understand the risks and determine which projects should be pursued, and then prioritize those projects. A completed hazard mitigation plan, once adopted by local jurisdictions such as the county, cities, and schools, and approved by FEMA, opens the door to FEMA and State funding for hazard mitigation projects. Such projects include tornado safe rooms, flood control projects, electric facility upgrades, and many other infrastructure projects.

**Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**

SICOG staff members have been busy over the past year working on the 2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) that is designed to bring together public and private sectors in the creation of an economic road map to guide and support our regional economy. The CEDS document includes background information on the region and outlines a plan of action that promotes economic development and opportunity. Development of the CEDS involves a very detailed and thorough process that provides many benefits for the SICOG region. Numerous cities, counties, economic development groups, and various SICOG boards participated in a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis, on-line surveys, and met to discuss their goals, priorities, and projects planned for the coming years. This annual process assists our member organizations in prioritizing their activities and focuses the efforts of the SICOG organization toward helping our communities, businesses, and organizations reach these goals.



**RPA 14/ATURA Transportation Planning**

SICOG provides for the administration of the RPA 14/ATURA region (Adams, Taylor, Union, Ringgold, and Adair Counties) and establishes continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative region-wide transportation planning within the five-county area. Activities during 2018 included the development of planning documents, ongoing planning activities of a technical nature in support of regional transportation issues and priorities, establishment of methods to be employed in the conduct of specific transportation planning work elements, and provision of opportunities for public input and comments. During calendar year 2018, over \$6.1 million in projects were programmed for fiscal year 2019 in the region.



## 2018 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REPORT

### ADAIR COUNTY

County – Floodplain management; funding options  
 County – Incorporate Adair County Hazard Mitigation Plan to Guthrie County  
 Adair – CDBG DTR façade; grant administration  
 Adair – Downtown building renovation; Catalyst grant  
 Adair – Fire department station/equipment grants  
 Adair – Water plant; USDA funding secured  
 Bridgewater – City park improvements; funding secured  
 Bridgewater – Downtown building; funding discussion  
 Fontanelle – CDBG housing rehabilitation; application  
 Fontanelle – Sewer plant improvements; funding discussion  
 Fontanelle – Various projects; discussion  
 Greenfield – Downtown building renovation; Catalyst application  
 Greenfield – Housing study  
 Greenfield – Traffic issues; funding discussion

### ADAMS COUNTY

County – Hotel; funding options  
 Corning – Comprehensive planning; discussion  
 Corning – Sidewalk trail connections; funding discussion  
 Prescott – City building/library renovations; funding secured  
 Prescott – FEMA grant application for fire equipment

### CLARKE COUNTY

County – Comprehensive plan  
 County – East Lake Park campground project; funding secured  
 County – Zoning and flood plain management ordinance updates  
 Murray – CDBG housing rehabilitation; grant administration  
 Murray – CDBG storm water; grant administration  
 Murray – CDBG water mains; grant administration  
 Murray – Sports complex; funding options  
 Osceola – Childcare need; funding options  
 Osceola – Comprehensive plan amendment; discussion  
 Osceola – Industrial roadway; funding options  
 Osceola – Police equipment; funding discussion  
 Osceola – Senior facility; discussion  
 Osceola – Staffing for full time fire chief; funding application  
 Osceola – Trails; funding discussion  
 Osceola – Water plant; funding discussion

### DECATUR COUNTY

Davis City – CDBG sewer; grant administration  
 Davis City – Potential building demolition; funding discussion  
 Garden Grove – Various city projects; discussion  
 Lamoni – Airport road improvements; funding discussion  
 Lamoni – CDBG housing rehabilitation; application  
 Lamoni – CDBG housing rehabilitation; grant administration  
 Lamoni – CDBG WWTF; application  
 Lamoni – CDBG WWTF; grant administration  
 Lamoni – Downtown improvements and derelict buildings; discussions  
 Lamoni – Senior housing; discussion  
 Lamoni – Trail projects; funding secured  
 Leon – CDBG housing rehabilitation; application assistance  
 Leon – Comprehensive plan

### MADISON COUNTY

County – Cedar Bridge; CAT grant application  
 County – Comprehensive plan; discussion  
 Earlham – CDBG housing rehabilitation; grant administration  
 Earlham – Water tower replacement; funding discussion  
 Earlham – Zoning; discussion  
 Winterset – Assisted living facility; discussion  
 Winterset – CDBG DTR façade; grant administration  
 Winterset – Community Catalyst; grant discussion  
 Winterset – Trails; funding options

### RINGGOLD COUNTY

County – Hazard mitigation plan; update  
 Diagonal – Urban revitalization plan; discussion  
 Mount Ayr – 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices; grant administration  
 Mount Ayr – CDBG housing rehabilitation; grant administration  
 Mount Ayr – CDBG water mains; grant administration  
 Mount Ayr – Fire Truck; funding secured



## 2018 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REPORT

### TAYLOR COUNTY

Clearfield – City park restroom; funding discussion  
 Clearfield – Downtown building renovation; Catalyst grant funding secured  
 Clearfield – Library equipment; funding secured  
 Lenox – CDBG WWTF; grant administration  
 Lenox – Comprehensive plan  
 Lenox – Downtown building renovation; various grant funding secured  
 Lenox – Housing; discussion  
 Lenox – Library equipment; funding secured  
 Lenox – Trails; grantsmanship  
 Lenox – Water mains; funding discussion  
 Lenox – Zoning map

### UNION COUNTY

County – 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices; application  
 County – Disaster Recovery Housing; grant administration  
 County – LEC emergency medical dispatch; funding discussion  
 Afton – Childcare needs; discussion  
 Afton – Downtown building renovation; Catalyst grant  
 Afton – Downtown building renovation; derelict building  
 Creston – Additional police officer; funding secured  
 Creston – Amendment for the Highway 34 URP  
 Creston – Assistance with tax abatement and TIF updates  
 Creston – CDBG DTR façade; grant administration  
 Creston – CDBG housing rehabilitation; grant administration  
 Creston – Collapsing building; funding discussion  
 Creston – Comprehensive plan  
 Creston – Downtown building renovation funding; Catalyst and USDA  
 Creston – Fire equipment; funding secured  
 Creston – Historic Preservation Commission; discussion  
 Creston – Housing planning and programming  
 Creston – North Side Hotel TIF/URP  
 Creston – NSP loan forgiveness assistance  
 Creston – Police car; funding secured  
 Creston – Police equipment; funding secured  
 Creston – Swimming pool improvements; funding options  
 Creston – Uptown Creston projects; funding options  
 Creston – Wastewater treatment facility upgrades; CDBG grant application  
 Creston – Water lines; funding options  
 Creston – Wellmark Foundation Walking Audit  
 Creston – Zoning update; discussions  
 Shannon City – City building improvements; funding secured

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Dexter – Meeting and tour with city on various projects  
 Dexter – Housing rehabilitation; began application  
 New Virginia – Park improvements; funding assistance  
 Van Meter – Library; funding options

### ATURA

ATURA – Administration  
 ATURA – Long Range Transportation Plan  
 ATURA – Passenger Transportation Plan  
 ATURA – Public Participation Plan  
 ATURA – Southern Iowa Trolley; planning/funding  
 ATURA – STBG application and ranking process  
 ATURA – TAP grant assistance  
 ATURA – Traffic counters  
 ATURA – Transportation Improvement Program  
 ATURA – Transportation Planning Work Program

### SICOG REGION

Region – Attended annual CDBG training  
 Region – Attended various grant trainings and webinars  
 Region – Attended various planning workshops  
 Region – Assisted Governor's office with Opportunity Zones  
 Region – Regional CEDS planning  
 Region – Secured funding for the SICOG Housing Trust Fund  
 Region – Worked with US Census Bureau on initial efforts for Census 2020  
 SICOG – Annual report  
 SICOG – EDA Planning Grant FY19  
 SICOG – Government Results & Performance Act to EDA  
 SICOG – SAM registration; SICOG & SIDG  
 SICOG – Update CDBG language  
 SICOG – Update SICOG Disaster Plan

### NON-MEMBERS OR MISCELLANEOUS

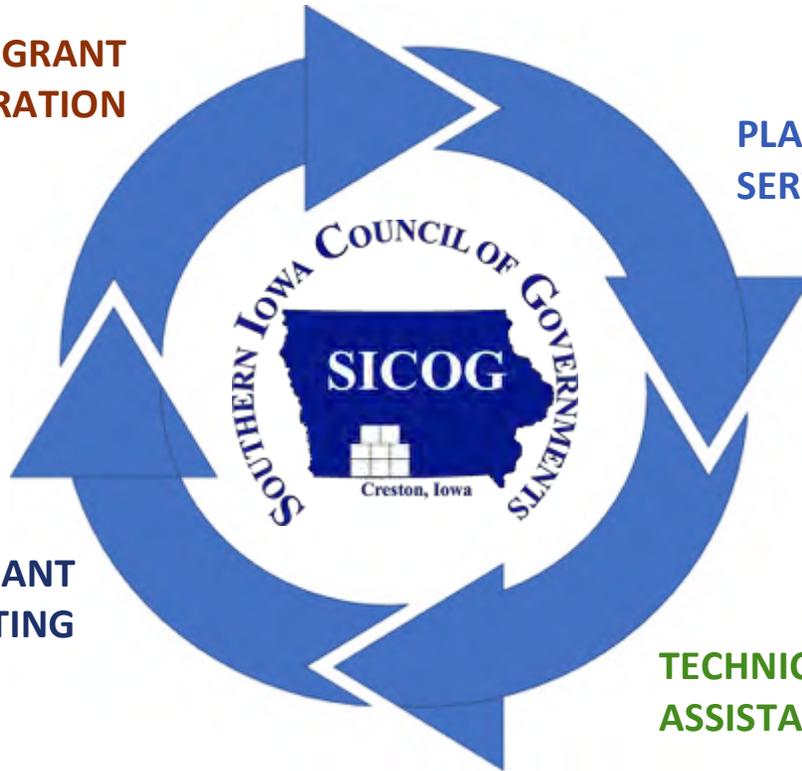
Adair County Historical Society – Museum projects  
 Adair County Hospital – Funding options  
 Bedford – CDBG housing rehabilitation grant administration  
 Clarke County Hospital – New ambulance; funding options  
 Creston Community Schools – COPS School Violence Prevention; funding secured  
 Creston Community Schools – Tornado safe room application  
 Greenfield/Adair Co. MATURA – Neighborhood center; funding options  
 Greenfield Senior Citizen Housing Corp – Apartment renovations; funding secured  
 Precious People Learning Center (Lenox) – Grantsmanship  
 Ringgold Co. Family Resource Center (Mount Ayr) – Childcare facility; funding options  
 Stuart – Comprehensive plan; discussion  
 Tinker Tots Childcare Facility (Bedford) – Childcare facility; funding options

**GRANT  
ADMINISTRATION**

**PLANNING  
SERVICES**

**GRANT  
WRITING**

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