

# SOUTHERN IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

# 2019 SICOG PARTNERSHIPS

## Platinum (\$2,500)

- ❖ 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

## Gold (\$1,000)

- ❖ Garden & Associates, Ltd. of Creston & Oskaloosa

## Silver (\$500)

- ❖ American State Bank of Lamoni, Osceola, and Winterset
- ❖ Corning Municipal Utilities
- ❖ First National Bank of Osceola
- ❖ Gilbert True Value of Leon & Osceola
- ❖ Greater Regional Medical Center of Creston
- ❖ JEO Consulting Group, Inc. of Ankeny
- ❖ Michael Foods of Lenox
- ❖ PCSB Bank of Clarinda, Corning, Creston, Lenox, & Mount Ayr
- ❖ Snyder & Associates, Inc. of Ankeny & Atlantic
- ❖ Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative of Corning, Mount Ayr, & Stanton
- ❖ Tyler Insurance Services of Creston & Mount Ayr
- ❖ Union County Development Association
- ❖ Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. of West Des Moines

## Bronze (\$250)

- ❖ Adams Community Economic Development Corporation
- ❖ Akin Building Centers of Corning & Creston
- ❖ City State Bank of Mount Ayr
- ❖ Clarke County Hospital
- ❖ Clarke Electric Cooperative of Osceola
- ❖ Community Development Corporation of Greenfield
- ❖ Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Orient, St. Charles, & Winterset
- ❖ FNB Bank of Fontanelle & Greenfield
- ❖ Great Western Bank of Creston
- ❖ Lenox Development Corporation
- ❖ North Stone Apartments of Winterset
- ❖ 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

**INVEST. COLLABORATE. ENGAGE.**

## Directly speaking...



Timothy Ostroski, SICOG Director



Dan Christensen, Board Chairman

This Annual Report, covering January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, details the activities and services of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments. The Board of Directors and its member governments, are proud to present this report to our membership and to this regional community.

The pages that follow offer a summary of the work completed by your 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 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.

The Southern Iowa Council of Governments is proud to have served as a catalyst for cooperation, efficiency, economic advancement and well-being. Citizens and local governments alike, have been well served. As you look at this year's Annual Report, I hope you will recognize and acknowledge the success of this organization. At SICOG, we have the ability to serve and achieve because we are all working together. When we take a seat at this board table, we come together as partners building a stronger Region together. As my time as Chairman comes to an end, I can say it has been a pleasure. Thank you for the opportunity. I am personally proud to have served as the Chairman of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments. I have seen the tremendous results achieved by the organization.

Dan Christensen



## SICOG Executive Board Members

*Committed leaders dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the people in the SICOG Region.*

**COMMITMENT. KNOWLEDGE. LEADERSHIP.**

## SICOG EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dan Christensen, Decatur County – Chairman

John Twombly, Adair County – Vice-Chairman

Karen Zabel, City of Lenox Representing Taylor County – Secretary

Ron Riley, Union County – Treasurer

Doug Birt, Adams County

Marvin McCann, Clarke County

Diane Fitch, Madison County

Lyle Minnick, Ringgold County

Doug Davidson, Private Sector Representative

William Trickey, Private Sector Representative

Beth Waddle, Private Sector Representative

Tom Lesan, Member-At-Large

## SICOG STAFF

Timothy Ostroski, Executive Director

Judy Brimm, Finance Director

Jeremy Rounds, Regional Planner

Joel Lamb, Regional Planner

Stu Burzette, Transportation / Regional Planner

Nancy Groth, Office Manager & H-RLF Representative

## SICOG PROJECT BOARD

ADAIR COUNTY	DECATUR COUNTY	TAYLOR COUNTY
☐ John Twombly	☐ Dan Christensen	☐ Doug Horton
☐ Ronnie Smith	☐ Douglas Foster	☐ Karen Zabel
☐ John Larsen	☐ Allen Simmonds	☐ Frank Sefrit
☐ Tyson Sickles	☐ Craig Stogdill	☐ Chris Knox
❖ Doug Davidson	❖ Shane Akers	❖ Don Keast
❖ Paul Nelson	❖ Shannon Erb	❖ Vacant
➤ Tom Lesan	➤ Tom Lesan	➤ Tom Lesan
ADAMS COUNTY	MADISON COUNTY	UNION COUNTY
☐ Doug Birt	☐ Diane Fitch	☐ Ron Riley
☐ Bert Peckham	☐ Kelley Brown	☐ Steve Wintermute
☐ Jordan Walter	☐ Jeff Lillie	☐ Shelley Burger
☐ Gary Poen	☐ Dennis Smith	☐ Timothy Sly
❖ Beth Waddle	❖ Brian Downes	❖ Gabe Carroll
❖ Larry Kester	❖ Tom Leners	❖ Gary Riley
➤ Tom Lesan	➤ Tom Lesan	➤ Tom Lesan
CLARKE COUNTY	RINGGOLD COUNTY	LEGEND
☐ Marvin McCann	☐ Lyle Minnick	☐ Public Sector
☐ Thomas Kedley	☐ Steve Fetty	❖ Private Sector
☐ Scott Busick	☐ John Egly	➤ At-Large
☐ Denny Cottrell	☐ Thomas Giles	
❖ Bill Trickey	❖ Tracy Barnes	
❖ Joe Greving	❖ Malcolm Eighmy	
➤ Tom Lesan	➤ Tom Lesan	

# REGIONAL PRIORITIES

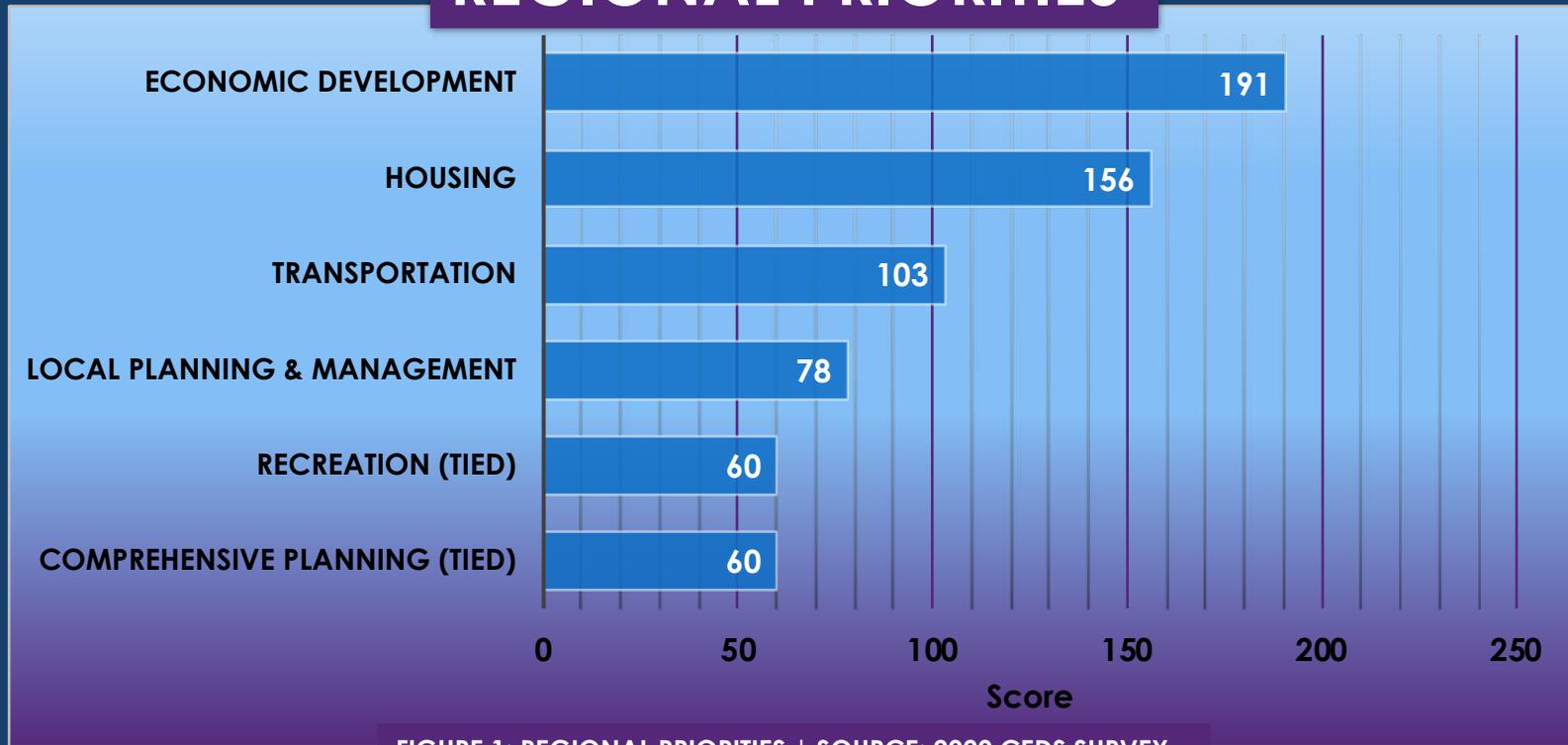


FIGURE 1: REGIONAL PRIORITIES | SOURCE: 2020 CEDS SURVEY

The graph above displays the top five priorities of the 2020 SICOG CEDS survey respondents. The scores were calculated in the following way:

The first priority of a respondent was given a score of five, the second priority was given a score of four, the third priority was given a score of three, the fourth priority was given a score of two, and the fifth priority was given a score of one. *Economic development*, *housing*, and *transportation* finished first, second, and third respectively. They were followed by *Local Planning & Management* then *Recreation* and *Comprehensive Planning* tied for fifth. This ranking is not unexpected as the only priority that is new to the top five is *Comprehensive Planning*. All other categories were in the top five in the previous year and the top four have been in those positions for the last five years with some switching in the past two years.

**OPPORTUNITIES. STRATEGIES. SOLUTIONS.**

# DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION IN 2019

SICOG and its affiliates are fortunate to be able to offer financing to businesses, cities, and homebuyers in the southern Iowa region through the programs outlined below.

## INDUSTRIAL / BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN FUND

- Since 1987, almost \$6 million has been loaned to job creators throughout the region.
- Eligible applicants: Industries & businesses which provide permanent jobs and training opportunities for the target population of unemployed, underemployed and minority citizens and meet established RLF criteria.
- This RLF has made 90 loans and has in turn revolved more than 6 times.
- At year-end, the fund has \$775,000 available to assist with job creation and retention.

## COMMUNITY INVESTMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND

- Available to SICOG member communities with a population under 3,500.
- Financing for unforeseen, emergency related community improvements.
- Includes, but 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.
- Loan limit is \$20,000. At year end 2019, \$32,000 is available for new loans.

## HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND

- Available to eligible first time homebuyers in SICOG's 8 county region where a 25% local match has been provided.
- Low interest loans of up to \$5,000 towards a down payment on a house within the SICOG region.
- To date, \$2,443,078 has been loaned to assist 694 first time homebuyers purchase homes totaling \$31,582,733.

### Comprehensive Planning and Zoning

In 2019, SICOG finished a comprehensive plan for the City of Lenox and worked on plans for the Cities of Leon and Creston, which will be complete in 2020. These plans look at long-term (20 year) growth for these communities and include goals, vision statements, and policy ideas to guide the growth and development as well as make the communities more prosperous. Each plan includes analysis of Iowa Smart Planning Principles and specific ideas to address needs in areas such as housing, business development, infrastructure, public services, community character, and land use.

### Housing Planning

In 2019, SICOG finished work on a housing study for the Greenfield Development Corporation and City of Greenfield. The goal of that study was to look at housing issues and consider housing needs for all kinds of housing. Data necessary for the city and partners to apply for Iowa Workforce Housing Tax Credits was also researched and included. As part of the study, business leaders, lenders, real estate professionals, landlords, major employers, and the general public were surveyed and interviewed.

### Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

SICOG has completed the 2020 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. This strategy was created using quantitative data as well as stakeholder input. The document includes a background summary, a SWOT analysis, an action plan, and an evaluation framework to be used in future annual reports. The goal of this document is to improve the overall economic resilience of the region.

### RPA 14 / ATURA Transportation Planning

The Transportation Affiliation serves the five county area of Adair, Taylor, Union, Ringgold, and Adams Counties. Calendar year 2019 activities included the development of the annual Transportation Improvement Program and the Transportation Planning Work Program documents as well as the 5-year Passenger Transportation Plan. Over \$8 million in projects are currently programmed over the next 3-4 years in the region through ATURA's regional Surface Transportation Block Grant fund.

# 2019 PLANNING ACTIVITIES

GOALS. OBJECTIVES. ACTION.

# 2019 Grant Activity

ENVISION. ANALYZE. IMPLEMENT.

## Historic Preservation Projects

**321 Audubon Building** – SICOG submitted a Community Catalyst Building Remediation project for this two-story corner building in downtown Adair. This is an excellent retail/office building with potential for two upper story housing units. The owner will restore the main floor for insurance and other offices along with adding upper-story housing.

**Madison County Historic Preservation Commission** – SICOG assisted the HPC in submitting a State Historic Resources Development (HRDP) application for the nomination of the Winterset City Park to the National Register of Historic Places. This approximately 80-acre park includes the popular Clark Tower and one of the famous Bridges of Madison County.

**Taylor County Historical Society** – The Taylor County Round Barn will be restored thanks to an HRDP application SICOG submitted for the Society. The sagging cupola on the top of the barn will be restored to its original shape and shored up so that it does not fail again. This round barn is one of only a few historic round barns remaining in Iowa.

**Creston Historic Preservation Commission** – SICOG submitted an application for State Certified Local Governments (CLG) funding to complete an Intensive Survey of approximately 80 buildings in Uptown Creston to see if a potential historic district exists. The intensive survey will begin in spring 2020.



321 Audubon

Clark Tower



Taylor County Round Barn

# Housing Projects

Greenfield Senior Citizen's Housing Corporation – SICOG assisted them in applying for a Federal Home Loan Bank Grant in 2018. The grant was awarded in January 2019 in the amount of \$200,000 to assist in the renovation of a 23-unit complex. The funds will assist in modernizing all the units and fully rehabilitate one unit that has water and mold damage.

CDBG 2019 Housing Rehabilitation – In 2019, the cities of Leon, Dexter and Fontanelle were each awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) to rehabilitate owner-occupied housing. Each of these communities will use the funds to rehabilitate six owner-occupied houses in order to provide economic opportunities for low and moderate income individuals and families. Previously awarded housing rehabilitation programs continue in Bedford, Creston, Lamoni and Murray.



Before



After

# Park & Recreational Projects

Bridgewater City Park – SICOG assisted the City with several funded applications in 2019 to modernize the city park, focused on new playground equipment and surfacing to make it safer and more user-friendly to all populations. Handicap accessibility is a feature of the project.

Clay Street Park – SICOG assisted Osceola with several funded applications in 2019 to build a new neighborhood park. The new playground will have user-friendly equipment and surfacing to make it safe for all users. The project will also include landscaped open space, a gazebo, restroom, and an open shelter. It will be connected to the City's growing trail network.

McKinley Park Aquatic Center – SICOG continued to work on applications for an expansion of the the Creston City Pool to become the McKinley Park Aquatic Center. This project will add slides, a lazy river and a zero-depth entry children's pool. It will also renovate the bathhouse and update the deteriorated mechanical systems throughout. A high-dive platform and climbing wall are also proposed.

McKinley Park Trail – SICOG assisted the City of Creston in two funded applications for the extension of the concrete trail around the west and north sides of McKinley Lake to complete the loop through the park.

MPAC

Senior Housing Rehabilitation

Clay Street Park

McKinley Park Trail

## Healthy Communities

Mount Ayr – 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Count! – In 2019, the Iowa Department of Public Health awarded \$10,000 to the City of Mount Ayr through the second year of the 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Count! grant program.

Wellmark Grants – SICOG assisted with three successful Wellmark Grants in 2019, including two that helped fund the Clay Street Park and Creston Trail projects previously mentioned. The third project funded was for Afton to replace about 3,000 feet of sidewalks as part of the City's long-term safe routes to schools effort. This sidewalk will provide a link from the western part of Afton to the school on the east edge of the City.

## Various Projects

Derelict Building Grants – SICOG was successful in assisting Afton and Leon in the funding of IDNR Derelict Building Grants. Afton's project is the renovation of a former VFW hall into a community Wi-Fi center. With the lack of a city library, this will provide a much needed space for youth and families to access the Internet. Leon's project was the asbestos removal and demolition of a collapsing downtown building. The grant made the building removal and clearance more affordable and prevented a connected building from damage.

Cedar Bridge – In March 2019, the Enhance Iowa Board awarded a \$57,727 Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant to rebuild the iconic Cedar Covered Bridge in Madison County, which was destroyed by arson in 2017.

Murray Storm Water Improvements – This is a 2016 CDBG funded project that SICOG administered. This project is unique because it included bioswales in addition to traditional ditch improvements and storm drains and pipes. The bioswale, including mature wildflowers, will pre-treat water and slow runoff to the receiving stream.

Sewer Facility Improvements – Due to new State and Federal regulations, many wastewater systems are being forced to add new treatment processes. This has resulted in several cities applying for CDBG funds to pay for upgrades. In 2019, the City of Fontanelle received funds for their sewer project.

## Public Safety Projects

Adair Fire Department – The fire department received several grant awards for portions of the new fire station recently built in Adair as well as fire equipment for the station.

Creston Fire Department – In 2019, the department was awarded a \$7,500 grant from the South Central Iowa Community Foundation (SCICF) towards the construction of a new, state-of-the-art training facility to be built adjacent to the existing fire station. It will benefit numerous other fire departments in our region, including Afton, Lorimor, Murray, Clearfield, Lenox, Prescott, Orient and Greenfield.

Leon Police Department – The department received a USDA Rural Development grant to replace and add equipment.

New Virginia Fire Department – The department received a Prairie Meadows Community Grant to purchase SCBAs to help with firefighter protection and safety while performing firefighting and rescue duties.



Proposed design of training facility



Murray storm water improvements



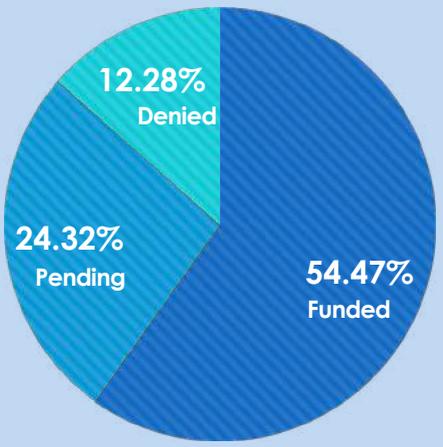
Leon demolition



Afton's future Wi-Fi center

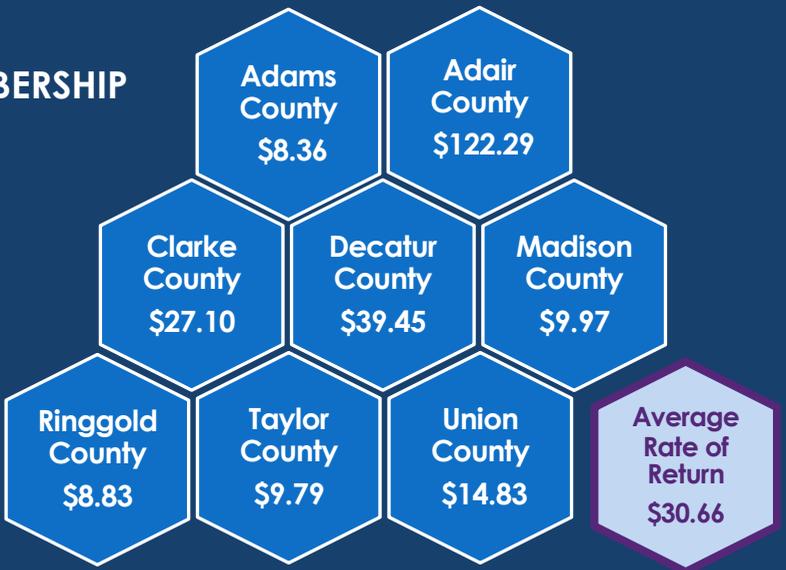
# 2019 Grant Activities

## GRANT ACTIVITY PERCENTAGE FOR THE APPLICATION YEAR 2019



■ % Funded    ■ % Pending  
 ■ % Denied

## RETURN ON MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENTS



HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF GRANT FUNDING BY SICOG MEMBERSHIP		
COUNTY	1972 THROUGH 2018	CALENDAR 2019
Adair County	\$10,109,036.74	\$903,907.38
Adams County	\$15,191,559.40	\$35,707.38
Clarke County	\$25,369,420.34	\$266,707.38
Decatur County	\$19,271,026.34	\$353,687.38
Madison County	\$14,387,490.34	\$165,651.38
Ringgold County	\$15,316,444.74	\$48,007.38
Taylor County	\$20,127,090.37	\$45,307.38
Union County	\$38,392,954.43	\$198,049.38
Region	\$6,810,120.00	\$285,659.00
Dexter	\$745,785.00	\$252,200.00
New Virginia	\$622,046.00	\$30,000.00
Van Meter / others	\$223,537.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$166,566,510.70</b>	<b>\$2,584,884.00</b>

## 2019 PROGRESS AND ACTIVITIES REPORT

### Adair County

Adair – CDBG DTR façade; grant administration  
Adair – Community center; funding options  
Adair – Downtown building renovation; Catalyst grant, secured funding  
Adair – Fire department station/equipment grants; secured funding  
Bridgewater – City park improvements; secured funding  
Bridgewater – Downtown building renovation; application  
Bridgewater – Fire equipment; discussion  
Bridgewater – Floodplain ordinance; discussion  
Fontanelle – CDBG housing rehabilitation; secured funding  
Fontanelle – CDBG housing rehabilitation; grant administration  
Fontanelle – CDBG wastewater plant improvements; secured funding  
Fontanelle – CDBG wastewater plant improvements; grant administration  
Fontanelle – Fire equipment; discussion  
Fontanelle – Park improvements; funding options  
Greenfield – Fire equipment; funding options  
Greenfield – Housing study  
Greenfield – Park improvements; discussion  
Greenfield – Wellmark Healthy Hometown projects; discussion  
Orient – Community center; application

### Adams County

County – Hazard mitigation plan; proposal / application assistance  
County – Hotel; funding options  
Corning – CDBG water mains; application  
Corning – Comprehensive planning; discussion  
Corning – Downtown vacant building; funding options  
Corning – Fire equipment; funding options  
Corning – Sidewalk trail connections; STBG & TAP funding options  
Prescott – FEMA grant application for fire truck  
Prescott – Fire truck & equipment; discussion  
Prescott – Storm water; funding options / study

### Clarke County

County – East Lake Park campground project; secured funding  
County – Hazard mitigation plan; proposal / application assistance  
Murray – CDBG housing rehabilitation; grant administration  
Murray – CDBG storm water; grant administration  
Murray – CDBG water mains; grant administration  
Murray – Fire equipment; discussion  
Murray – Recreational complex; funding options  
Osceola – CDBG housing rehabilitation; discussion  
Osceola – Clay Street Park development; secured funding  
Osceola – Downtown upper story housing; funding options  
Osceola – Fire vehicle equipment; discussion  
Osceola – Industrial roadway; funding options  
Osceola – Police car equipment; application  
Osceola – Trails; funding discussion  
Osceola – Wastewater plant; funding discussion  
Osceola – Storm water; funding discussion

### Decatur County

Decatur City – Annexation; discussion  
Decatur City – Re-draft URP; planning complete & adopted by City  
Grand River – Road grader; funding options  
Lamoni – CDBG housing rehabilitation; grant administration  
Lamoni – CDBG waste water treatment facility; grant administration  
Lamoni – Downtown improvements and derelict buildings; discussion  
Lamoni – Fire equipment; secured funding  
Lamoni – Police equipment; pre-application  
Leon – CDBG housing rehabilitation; secured funding  
Leon – CDBG housing rehabilitation; grant administration  
Leon – Comprehensive plan  
Leon – Derelict buildings; secured funding  
Leon – Fire pumper truck; application  
Leon – Police equipment; secured funding  
Leon – URP; technical assistance  
Leon – Wellmark Healthy Hometown projects; discussion  
Leon – Zoning ordinance rewrite; discussion  
LeRoy – Discontinuance / council vacancy; discussion  
Van Wert – CDBG sewer treatment; technical assistance  
Van Wert – Fire equipment; discussion  
Van Wert – Playground; funding options  
Weldon – Fire equipment; secured funding

## 2019 PROGRESS AND ACTIVITIES REPORT

### Madison County

County – Cedar Bridge CAT grant; secured funding  
County – Nature Center CAT grant; application in process pending funding  
County / Winterset – City park NRHP study; secured funding  
Earlham – CDBG income survey  
Earlham – Swimming pool repairs; funding discussion  
Earlham – Water tower replacement; funding discussion  
Saint Charles – City park restroom; funding discussion  
Truro – Downtown building; funding discussion  
Truro – Park improvements; funding discussion  
Truro – Zoning Ordinance; discussion  
Winterset – CDBG downtown revitalization façade; grant administration  
Winterset – CDBG water/sewer grant; discussion  
Winterset – Community Catalyst grant; discussion  
Winterset – Fire equipment; discussion  
Winterset – Trails; funding options

### Ringgold County

County – Ringgold County RISE – prepared & submitted support letter; technical assistance  
County – Sheriff vehicle; USDA application  
Benton – Streets and storm water; discussion  
Mount Ayr – 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Count!; secured funding  
Mount Ayr – Airport improvements; application  
Mount Ayr – Aquatic center / trails; funding options  
Mount Ayr – CDBG water mains; grant administration

### Taylor County

Clearfield – City park restroom; funding discussion  
Lenox – CDBG wastewater plant improvements; grant administration  
Lenox – Comprehensive plan  
Lenox – Downtown building renovation; – secured funding  
Lenox – Downtown revitalization grant; discussion  
Lenox – Housing; discussion  
Lenox – Lenox Municipal Utilities – equipment; discussion  
Lenox – Water mains; funding discussion  
Lenox – Wellmark Healthy Hometown projects; discussion

### Union County

County – Secondary roads equipment; application  
County – Trail improvement; funding discussion  
County – Transload Station ordinance; discussion  
County – Union County EMA replacement vehicle; application  
Afton – Bike trail; funding discussion  
Afton – Downtown building renovation Catalyst grant; began application  
Afton – Downtown building renovation; derelict building; secured funding  
Afton – Sidewalk / trail; secured funding  
Afton – Wellmark Healthy Hometown; discussion  
Creston – Amendment for the Highway 34 URP  
Creston – Assistance with tax abatement and TIF updates  
Creston – CDBG downtown revitalization façade; grant administration  
Creston – CDBG housing rehabilitation; grant administration  
Creston – Collapsing building; funding discussion  
Creston – Comprehensive plan  
Creston – Depot awnings; researched funding options  
Creston – Des Moines connector; discussion  
Creston – Downtown upper story housing; funding options  
Creston – Fire department training facility; secured funding  
Creston – Historic survey; secured funding  
Creston – McKinley Park Aquatic Center; secured funding  
Creston – McKinley Park trail; secured funding  
Creston – Police car; secured funding  
Creston – Police training equipment system; application  
Creston – Possible Catalyst grant for uptown building; began application  
Creston – Street lighting and city shop building; discussion  
Creston – Wastewater treatment plant power generator; funding discussion  
Creston – Water lines; funding options  
Creston – Wellmark Healthy Hometown projects; walking audit / discussion



## 2019 PROGRESS AND ACTIVITIES REPORT

### Associate Members

Dexter – Housing rehabilitation; secured funding  
Dexter – Housing rehabilitation; grant administration  
Dexter – Meeting and tour with city on various projects  
New Virginia – CDBG sewer treatment; technical assistance  
New Virginia – Fire equipment; discussion  
New Virginia – Fire equipment; secured funding  
New Virginia – Parks / comprehensive planning; discussion  
Van Meter – Equipment; COPS application  
Van Meter – Library/public safety building; discussion  
Van Meter – Served on comprehensive plan steering committee

### 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 – Opportunity Zones discussion  
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 FY20  
SICOG – Government Results & Performance Act to EDA  
SICOG – Update CDBG language

### Non-members or Miscellaneous

Bedford – CDBG housing rehabilitation; grant administration  
Clarke County Hospital – New ambulance; application  
Creston Community Schools – Tornado safe room; discussion  
Greenfield Senior Citizen Housing Corporation – FHLB Rental  
Rehabilitation (23 units); secured funding  
I Think I Can Daycare facility (Creston); technical assistance  
John Wayne Birthplace Museum – Expansion; funding options  
Precious People Learning Center (Lenox); grant administration  
Ringgold County Family Resource Center (Mount Ayr); funding options  
Taylor County Historical Society Round Barn; secured funding  
Tinker Tots Childcare Facility (Bedford); discussed funding options



Cedar Bridge

SCBAs

Trails

Safe  
Routes  
to  
School

# Southern Iowa Council of Governments

## 2019 Annual Report

### Celebrating 46 Years of Service



*SICOG is a non-profit organization that provides and coordinates community and economic development services primarily through the delivery of planning services, technical program assistance, grant writing and administration to assist local governments and others in their efforts to improve the social and economic well-being of its eight county service area.*