

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

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Ron Riley, Union County – Treasurer

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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

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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

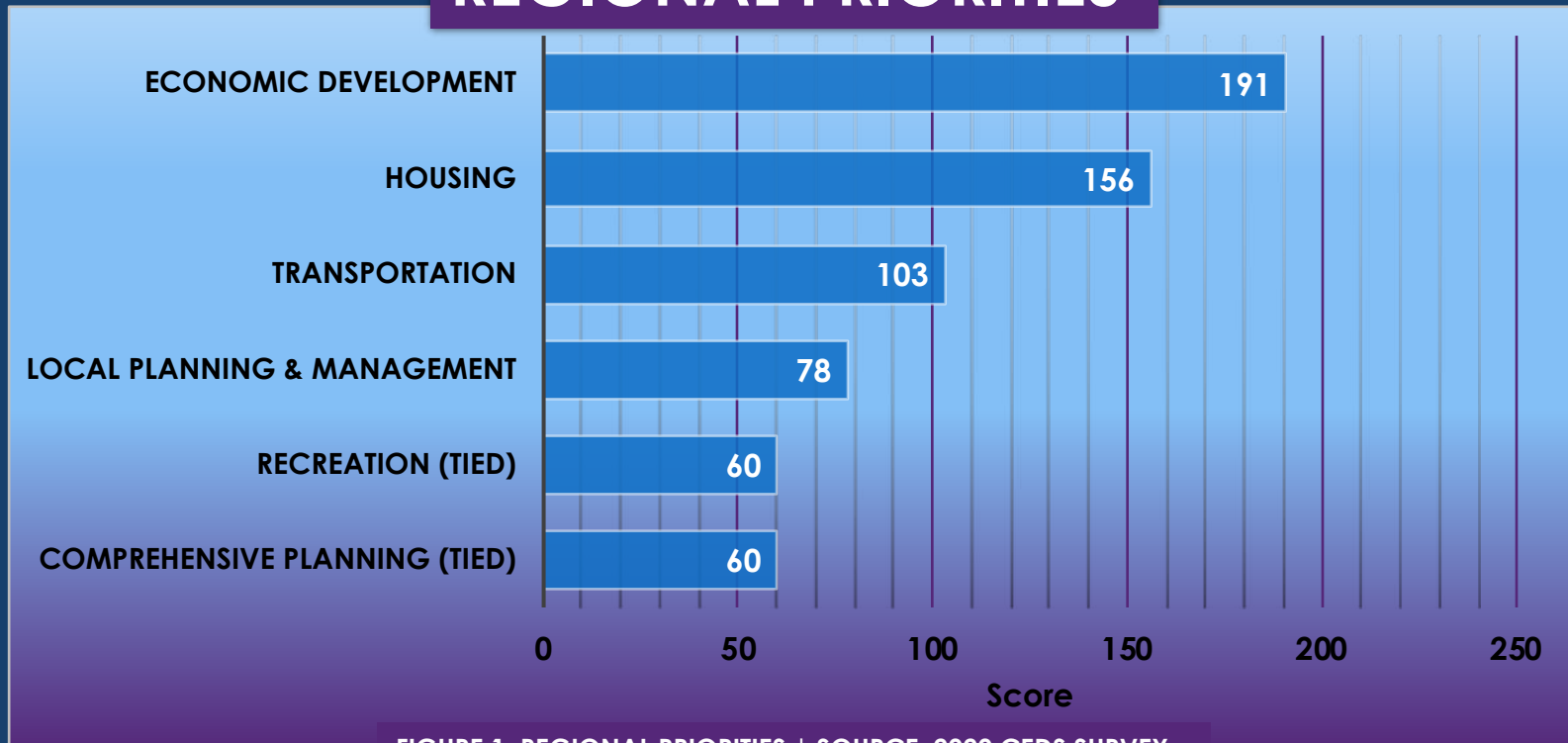


FIGURE 1: REGIONAL PRIORITIES | SOURCE: 2020 CEDS SURVEY

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



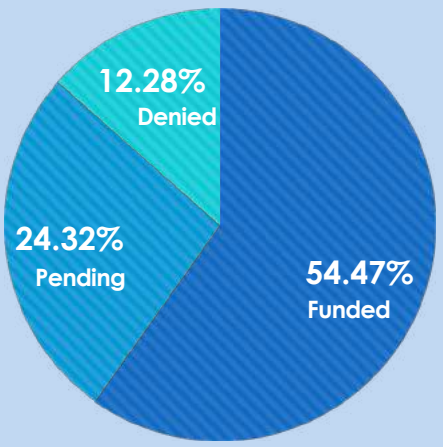
Leon demolition



Afton's future Wi-Fi center

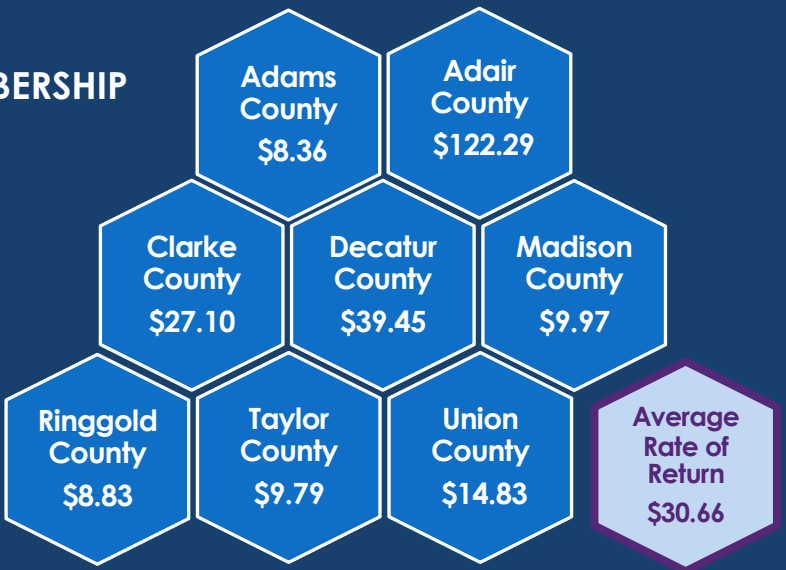
2019 Grant Activities

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
TOTAL	\$166,566,510.70	\$2,584,884.00

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 ACTIVITES 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.