

What is the SICOG Partnership Program?

The Southern Iowa Council of Governments (COG) began the Partnership Program as an opportunity for private, non-government businesses and organizations to become a part of the COG's mission to provide various needed services to the region's cities and counties. Since 1973, SICOG has been active in Adair, Adams, Clarke, Decatur, Madison, Ringgold, Taylor and Union Counties. SICOG provides and administers numerous services in our area, many of which are described in more detail on our web site: www.sicog.com.

Through a cost sharing approach since 1973, professional technical services have been made available and affordable for all local governments in the eight-county region. For most of the COG's history, professional services have been supported through a basic per-capita fee paid by member cities and counties, and other various state, federal, and local government sources. The Partnership Program philosophy is that all groups making up a community, including non-government entities like local businesses, are essential to promoting, advancing, and developing the community. An investment in the Partnership Program will give SICOG additional resources needed to continue our ability to provide high quality services to our communities, therefore increasing opportunities for the communities to thrive and grow.

The SICOG Partnership Program helps all groups interested in the future of southern Iowa achieve economic growth, increase business opportunities, establish and maintain affordable housing, achieve educational excellence, reduce taxes, enjoy recreational activities, and create jobs. The SICOG Partnership Program encourages all organizations and businesses to assist the professional staff at SICOG to continue to provide valuable services the organization has delivered over the past 46 years.

Accomplishments of SICOG & the Partnership Program

SICOG has a stellar past as it relates to projects and accomplishments. A quick summary:

- Prepared and received 1,192 grants helping to keep taxes low
- Successfully secured over \$169 MILLION in grants to our members
- Provided \$6,480,865 in loans to new companies
- Assisted in the creation of more than 2,668 jobs
- Helped 694 first time home buying families achieve the American Dream
- Assisted with over \$11.9 million in housing rehabilitation projects
- Returned over \$92.37 dollars for each \$1 contributed
- Assisted with the creation of three industrial parks, creating over 2,000 jobs
- Aided with the restoration of over 60 downtown store fronts
- Responded to the request to establish or expand day care facilities
- Authored countless comprehensive plans, strategic plans, city codes, and economic development strategies to aid in the development our member communities.



Why Participate in the Partnership Program?

The Partnership Program of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments is a program that combines resources with various groups that have an economic interest in Southern Iowa. The partners invest for varying combinations of growth, economic opportunity, program development, and technical assistance. SICOG identifies strategies to achieve its objectives and provides professional, quality assistance to improve the social economic characteristics in Adair, Adams, Clarke, Decatur, Madison, Ringgold, Taylor, and Union Counties.

Under normal conditions, SICOG provides assistance to its members (incorporated cities and counties). In times of unusual or special conditions, SICOG may assist non-members (other than cities and counties) for temporary or opportunistic purposes such as housing, industrial development, job creation/retention, commercial development, subdivision development, housing buy-downs or rehabilitation, tax incentives, and legislative liaison.

Becoming a SICOG Partner

If you would like to participate in the SICOG Partnership Program, please select a Partnership level on the enclosed form, and mail it to our office. Remember, your involvement helps continue to improve your community, lower taxes, create jobs, and make Southern Iowa a great place for families to live!

If you have any questions or would like to discuss becoming a SICOG Partner in 2020, do not hesitate to contact Timothy Ostroski, Executive Director at 641.782.8491 or ostroski@sicog.com.

2021 SICOG PARTNERSHIPS

Platinum (\$2,500)

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

Diamond (\$1,500)

- 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
- Greater Regional Medical Center
- PCSB Bank – Clarinda, Corning, Creston, Lenox and Mount Ayr

Silver (\$500)

- American State Bank of Lamoni, Osceola, and Winterset
- Corning Municipal Utilities
- First National Bank of Osceola
- Gilbert True Value of Leon & Osceola
- JEO Consulting Group, Inc. of Ankeny
- Snyder & Associates, Inc. of Ankeny & Atlantic
- Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative of Corning, Mount Ayr, & Stanton
- Tyler Insurance Services of Creston & Mount Ayr
- 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 Electrical 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
- North Stone Apartments of Winterset
- Ringgold County Development Corporation
- Saylor Realty, LLC of Osceola
- Southwestern Community College
- State Bank of Brooks
- Union County Development Association
- Union State Bank of Greenfield
- Union State Bank of Winterset

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