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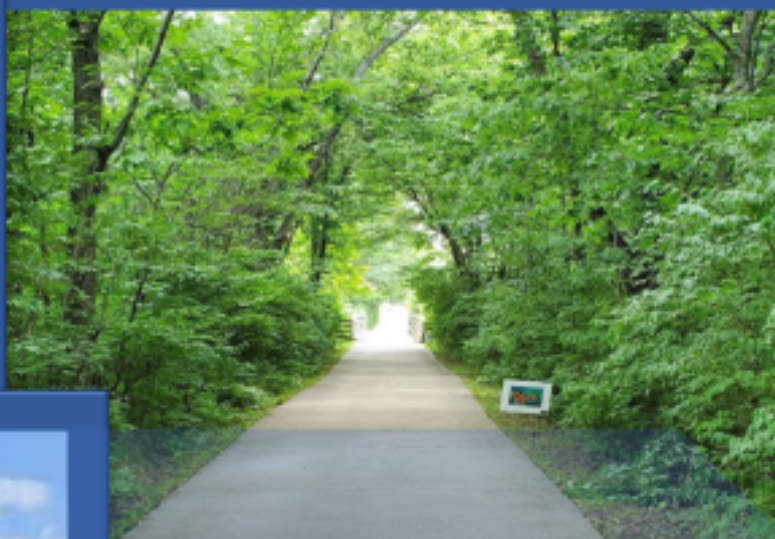
Annual Report


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The previous page features projects that SICOG has assisted in securing funding through grant application assistance or SICOG affiliated programs. The projects are listed starting with the top left picture and moving counter clockwise.

Ringgold County - Mount Ayr Community Garden located in Mount Ayr, Iowa. SICOG provided funds through a Healthy Choices! 5-2-1-0 grant received through the Iowa Department of Public Health. Providing approximately 90% of funding, the remaining funding came from donations.

Taylor County - Bunn Building located in Lenox, Iowa. SICOG Housing Trust Fund provided approximately 25% of the funds for renovations to convert to Upper Story rental housing for 80% LMI Residents. SICOG also prepared a \$100,000 Community Catalyst grant for this project.

Adams County - Corning Hotel located in Corning, Iowa. The Southern Iowa Development Group (An affiliate of SICOG) provided a working capital loan to mitigate the effects of reduced occupancy during the Covid-19 pandemic. (Providing approximately 18% of the total project)


Adair County - Adair Viaduct located in Adair, Iowa. Funding Sources - Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, Iowa DOT City Bridge Program & ATURA Surface Transportation Program.

Union County - Afton Splash Pad located in Afton, Iowa. Funding sources - Dekko Foundation, private & foundation grants.

Clarke County - East Lake Park Campground located in Osceola, Iowa. Funding sources - Iowa Department of Natural Resources, private & foundation grants assisted in creating a 25-site RV campground with water & electricity hookups, a dumping station & shower house.

Decatur County - Lamoni Recreational Trail located in Lamoni, Iowa. Funding Sources - Iowa Department of Natural Resources, private & foundation grants.

Madison County - John Wayne Birthplace Museum located in Winterset, Iowa. Funding Sources - Iowa Economic Development Authority, Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, private & foundation grants.





View from the Chair....

A Letter From the Chairperson

It has been another interesting year at Southern Iowa Council of Governments (SICOG). I am proud to serve as the Board Chairperson and work with great people from around our region in this leadership capacity. There were a lot of challenges for the board and several changes in the office. We have 3 new employees, and our planner tech has moved into the position of transportation planner. Check out their information in this report.

Even with the challenges, I am proud to say we had another busy year with grant applications. SICOG staff wrote approximately \$13.85 million in grant applications for cities, counties, and other organizations and received notice that as of December 31, 2022, \$5.2 million of those grants were funded for projects within the region. In grant dollars alone that is a \$69.67 return for every membership \$1 invested by cities and counties.

The pages that follow offer a summary of the work completed by our staff. The SICOG Executive Board has provided policy direction and guided the organization over the past year. This 13-member board has an elected official from each of the 8 counties, 4 representatives from regional businesses, plus a representative from Southwestern Community College. We are confident in the continued stewardship of the human and financial resources administered. If you have not taken advantage of all the services that SICOG can provide for your county or community, we encourage you to reach out to any staff member and discuss your projects and goals. SICOG is a great resource for the region, and they have the ability to serve and help us achieve because we, as a region, are all working together. When each of us as board members sit down at the table, we come together as partners building a stronger region together.

As this year of Chairmanship ends, I am proud of the work being done and the results being achieved throughout the region.

Jerry Walker



SICOG's Executive Board



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Adair County
Chairperson



Diane Fitch
Madison County
Vice-Chairperson



Karen Zabel
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Secretary



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SICOG's Executive Board



Dan Christensen
Decatur County



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Ringgold County



Doug Davidson
Private Sector Rep



Tom Leners
Private Sector Rep



Bill Trickey
Private Sector Rep



Wayne Pantini
Member-At-Large



Directly Speaking....

A Letter From the Executive Director

We hope you enjoy looking over Southern Iowa Council of Government's (SICOG) Annual Report for 2022. As I soon round out my first year as your servant leader, I appreciate the support given to me by the SICOG Executive Board, the staff, and you.

Southern Iowa Council of Governments serves as a catalyst for cooperation, efficiency, and economic advancement. We enjoy working with each project and seeing the great work, the passion, and joy you put into your county and community. As you read through this annual report, I hope you will recognize and acknowledge your successes and the success of this organization. Perhaps you will see some of the projects spearheaded in other communities that may also be a priority in yours.

If you are not already receiving our monthly e-newsletter, we encourage you to sign up (either on our website or by calling our office) to see more project stories and more grant or training opportunities. Our staff encourage you to fill out the project form (from our website) to keep us informed about each of the projects you are working on.

While the paths forged over the years have sometimes been steep, you continue to seek new opportunities and blaze new routes for the good of the region. We are so excited to be on this journey with you.

Here's to another creative and successful year.

Beth Waddle



Introducing SICOG's Staff



Beth Waddle

Executive Director

Beth became the Executive Director in May 2022. Beth enjoys learning more about the unique qualities each county bring to the region and the wonderful people working on the projects. "It is soul satisfying to see the completion of many projects each year and know that SICOG and our staff have played a part in its success."



Judy Brimm

Finance Director

Judy has been with SICOG for almost 30 years. Judy does a lot of work "behind the scenes". She enjoys seeing the variety of ideas for growth in the communities, and likes how many projects affect adjoining counties.



Jeremy Rounds

Regional Planner

Jeremy has been with SICOG for almost 25 years. Jeremy likes serving the area because it is filled with good people and fun things to do. He enjoys the challenge of lifting up this region and making it better.



Jessica Hagen

Transportation Planner

Jessica has been with SICOG since April 2021. Jessica enjoys working in the SICOG region because it will always be the place she calls home. "I was born and raised in Creston, so it's nice to be able to play a small part in developing the region that my children will also grow up in."



Terry Niestadt

Regional Planner

Terry started at SICOG in July 2022. Terry enjoys helping smaller communities make changes to thrive as a strong community while still maintaining their values. He enjoys learning about the history of the different communities.



Kendra Comstock

Planning Tech

Kendra has been with SICOG since June 2022. Kendra enjoys working for the region because she enjoys being a part of a bigger picture, and likes the impact that her work has on the community she lives in and surrounding communities.

SICOG Membership 2022

SICOG's philosophy is that local units of government can be strengthened
by promoting intergovernmental cooperation and coordination
by working collectively through SICOG.

Member Cities

Adair	Leon
Afton	LeRoy
Arispe	Lorimor
Beaconsfield	Macksburg
Benton	Maloy
Bevington	Mount Ayr
Bridgewater	Murray
Carbon	New Market
Clearfield	Nodaway
Corning	Orient
Creston	Osceola
Cromwell	Patterson
Davis City	Pleasanton
Decatur	Prescott
Diagonal	Redding
Earlham	Saint Charles
East Peru	Shannon City
Ellston	Sharpsburg
Fontanelle	Thayer
Garden Grove	Tingley
Grand River	Truro
Greenfield	Van Wert
Kellerton	Weldon
Lamoni	Winterset
Lenox	Woodburn

Associate Members

Dexter
New Virginia
Van Meter

Member Counties

Adair County	Madison County
Adams County	Ringgold County
Clarke County	Taylor County
Decatur County	Union County

2022 SICOG's Project Board

ADAIR COUNTY	ADAMS COUNTY	CLARKE COUNTY	DECATUR COUNTY
Jerry Walker Board of Supervisors	Doug Birt Board of Supervisors	Austin Taylor Board of Supervisors	Dan Christensen Board of Supervisors
Jimmie Shultz City of Greenfield	Bert Peckham City of Corning	Thomas Kedley City of Osceola	Douglas Foster City of Lamoni
JoAnne Byars City of Adair	Lisa Wilkinson City of Prescott	Pat Collins City of Murray	Bob Frey City of Leon
Mary Sturdy-Martin City of Fontanelle	Gary Poen City of Nodaway	Denny Cottrell City of Woodburn	Craig Stogdill City of Grand River
*Paul Nelson	*Raelynne Risser	*Bill Trickey	*Mary Frisbie
*Doug Davidson	*Larry Kester	*VACANT	*VACANT
~Tom Lesan	~Tom Lesan	~Tom Lesan	~Tom Lesan
MADISON COUNTY	RINGGOLD COUNTY	TAYLOR COUNTY	UNION COUNTY
Diane Fitch Board of Supervisors	Colby Holmes Board of Supervisors	Doug Horton Board of Supervisors	Ron Riley Board of Supervisors
Andrew Barden City of Winterset	Steve Fetty City of Mount Ayr	Karen Zabel City of Lenox	Gabe Carroll City of Creston
Jeff Lillie City of Earlham	Lester Elliott City of Diagonal	Frank Sefrit City of New Market	Shelli Burger City of Afton
Dennis Smith City of Saint Charles	Kathy Johnston City of Kellerton	Chris Knox City of Clearfield	Timothy O'Neil City of Lorimor
*Brian Downes	*Tracy Barnes	*Don Keast	*Gary Riley
*Tom Leners	*Jodi Geist	*Jeanine Lynam	*VACANT
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Table Key: * = Private Sector ~ = Member-At-Large- Southwestern Community College

SICOG Partnership 2022

Go to our website www.sicog.com/sicog-partnership-program
to see how you can become a partner today!!

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 Afton & Creston
- *Iowa State Savings Bank of Creston & Lenox
- *Lenox Municipal Utilities

Gold (\$1,000)

- *Garden & Associates, LTD of Creston & Oskaloosa
- *Greater Regional Health



Silver (\$500)

- *American State Bank of Lamoni, Osceola & Winterset
- *Corning Municipal Utilities
- *First National Bank of Osceola
- *North Stone Apts & Corkrean Construction of Winterset
- *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)

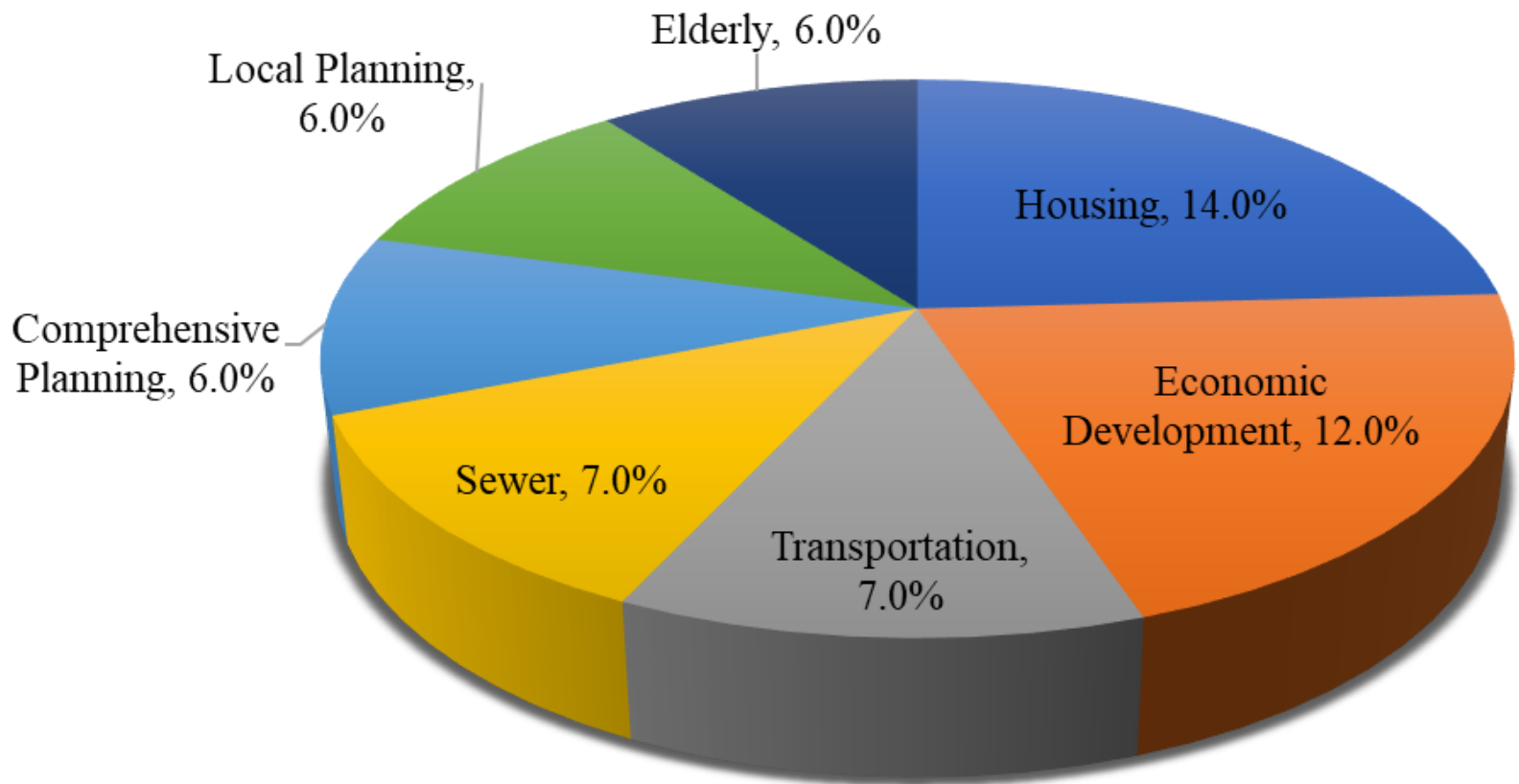
- *Adams Community Economic Development Corporation
- *Akin Building Center of Corning & Creston
- *City State Bank of Mount Ayr
- *Clarke County Hospital
- *Clarke Electric Cooperative
- *Community Development Corporation of Greenfield
- *Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Orient, St. Charles & Winterset
- *First Interstate Bank of Creston
- *FNB Bank of Fontanelle & Greenfield
- *Grundman Insurance Agency of Corning
- *Ringgold County Development Corporation
- *Saylor Realty, LLC of Osceola
- *Snyder & Associates, Inc of Ankeny & Atlantic
- *Southwestern Community College
- *State Bank of Brooks
- *Subway of Corning
- *TS Bank of Treynor in Corning
- *Union State Bank of Greenfield
- *Union State Bank of Winterset



Invest. Collaborate. Engage

Regional Priorities

SICOG prepared a regional priorities questionnaire. The surveys were sent to city, county, and associate members. An additional survey was sent to economic development groups, SICOG board members, and partners. The total regional responses are shown here.



Housing & Economic Development finished first and second, and Transportation & Sewer tied for third. They were followed by Comprehensive Planning, Local Planning, and Elderly. This ranking is not unexpected as the top 3 priorities have been in the same position for five years. These issues, especially housing, are where much of SICOG's efforts were focused in 2022.

2022 Services Provided by SICOG

Adair County

- County – Planning – Update countywide hazard mitigation plan (with Region XII COG)
- County – Tech assistance – Discussion about funding and planning for water trail
- County – Tech assistance – Initial discussion of funding options
- Adair – Tech assistance – Discussion with mayor about several projects
- Adair – Grantsmanship – Community center and splash pad
- Bridgewater – Grantsmanship – City park/playground improvements
- Bridgewater – Grantsmanship – Warning siren
- Bridgewater – Grantsmanship – Christmas decorations
- Bridgewater – Grantsmanship – Fire Department
- Fontanelle – Grantsmanship – CDBG CV Microenterprise grant for small business (2 projects)
- Greenfield – Tech assistance – Various possible projects
- Greenfield – Tech assistance – Discussion of planning and zoning; submit proposal for each
- Greenfield – Tech assistance – Discussion of possible funding for a campground project
- Greenfield – Grantsmanship – CDBG DTR façade project involving 10 buildings
- Greenfield – Planning – Prepare and print current zoning maps



Trails

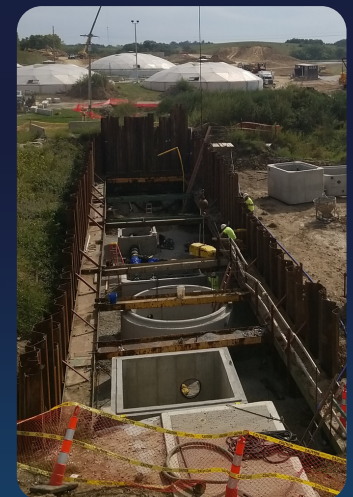


Adams County

- County – Planning – Countywide hazard mitigation plan
- Corning – Admin – Grundman downtown building upper story housing rehab
- Corning – Grantsmanship – Water security project at Lake Icaria dam
- Corning – Grantsmanship – CDBG CV façade grant for downtown building
- Corning – Grantsmanship – Downtown building upper story housing rehab
- Corning – Grantsmanship and tech assistance – Downtown streetscape/CDBG neighborhood planning grant
- Corning – Tech assistance – Possible trail funding

Clarke County

- County – Planning – Countywide hazard mitigation plan
- County – Grantsmanship – Build conservation education center
- County – Tech assistance – Print large zoning map for county
- Murray – Grantsmanship – Renovation of downtown building into housing/eatery
- Murray – Tech assistance and grantsmanship – Housing development
- Murray – Tech assistance and grantsmanship – Sewer renovations, possible CDBG/USDA
- Murray – Tech assistance – Discuss possible USDA grant housing rehab
- Murray – Tech assistance – Discuss funding for splash pad project
- Osceola – Grantsmanship – Downtown upper story housing rehab (2 projects)
- Osceola – Tech assistance – Possible grant(s) related to expansion of co-op and rail system
- Osceola – Grantsmanship – Downtown streetscape/roadway improvements
- Osceola – Tech assistance – Early steps in water main project
- Osceola – Admin – CDBG project to install underground storm water system
- Osceola – Admin – CDBG project to upgrade wastewater plant
- Osceola – Admin – CDBG DTR façade Project involving 8 buildings
- Osceola – Tech assistance – Possible grant for realignment of key intersection
- Osceola – Tech assistance – Possible Homes for Iowa project
- Woodburn – Grantsmanship – Discussion about possible grant for fire department



Upgrades to Waste Water Plant

2022 Services Provided by SICOG

Decatur County

- County – Grantsmanship – Savanna Hills Learning Center
- Decatur – Tech assistance – Sales tax funding discussion
- Garden Grove – Grantsmanship – Warning siren
- Garden Grove – Tech assistance – Various possible projects
- Lamoni – Tech assistance – Census student/group quarters count process
- Lamoni – Planning – Comprehensive plan and zoning update
- Lamoni – Tech assistance – Possible Homes for Iowa project
- Lamoni – Tech assistance – Research funding for airport expansion
- Lamoni – Grantsmanship – Airport Road paving project
- Lamoni – Tech assistance – Retirement community housing project
- Lamoni – Planning – Prepare and print current zoning maps
- Leon – Grantsmanship – Renovation of theater
- Leon – Tech assistance – Discuss possible USDA grant housing rehab
- Leon – Grantsmanship – Funding Proposals for 5-2-1-0



Community Zoning

Madison County

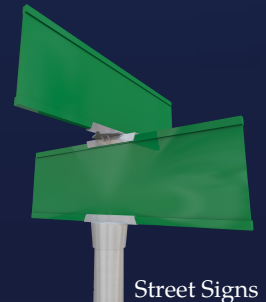
- County – Tech assistance – Possible grants for courthouse renovations
- County – Admin – CDBG project to renovate a mental health therapy agency building
- County – Tech assistance – Discuss funding for covered bridge security
- County – Grantsmanship – Covered Bridges Preservation Association
- Earlham – Tech assistance – Discussion of planning and zoning; submit proposal for each
- Earlham – Grantsmanship – Police radar speed signs
- Earlham – Tech assistance – Discussion of funding options for swimming pool deck rehab
- East Peru – Grantsmanship – Warning siren
- St. Charles – Tech assistance – Initial discussions about possible CDBG DTR project
- St. Charles – Tech assistance – Initial discussions about renovation of old school to housing
- Truro – Tech assistance – Initial discussions about possible CDBG DTR project
- Truro – Tech assistance – Discussion of planning and zoning; submit proposal for each
- Winterset – Tech assistance – Discuss funding for building restoration within City Park
- Winterset – Grantsmanship – All-inclusive playground in City Park
- Winterset – Grantsmanship – Hire additional police officer
- Winterset – Grantsmanship – Funding Proposals for 5-2-1-0

Speed Radar Signs



Ringgold County

- Beaconsfield/Ringgold County – Grantsmanship – Rehab former first Hy-Vee store
- Kellerton – Tech assistance – Prepared RFQ and process for future CDBG/SRF/USDA project
- Kellerton – Tech assistance – Research funding for street signs from IDOT
- Mount Ayr – Tech assistance – Participate in planning to update downtown streetscape
- Tingley – Tech assistance – Discussion of various grants and projects



Street Signs

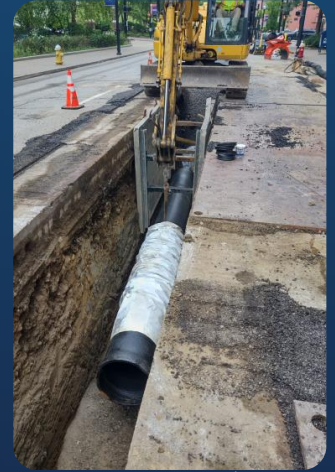
Beaconsfield- First Hy-vee



2022 Services Provided by SICOG

Taylor County

- Bedford – Tech assistance - Road Resurfacing options
- Clearfield – Grantsmanship – Renovation of downtown building into office
- Lenox – Tech assistance – Discussions of funding options for various housing needs
- Lenox – Grantsmanship – Rehabilitation/modernization of library
- Lenox – Grantsmanship – Trail extensions
- Lenox – Planning – Urban revitalization plan to update tax abatement
- Lenox – Planning – Urban renewal plan to update TIF
- Lenox – Admin – CDBG project to upgrade water mains
- Lenox – Tech assistance – Conversion of toddler pool to splash pad
- Lenox – Grantsmanship – Renovation of downtown building into retail
- New Market – Tech assistance – Discussion of possible funding for recreational projects
- Sharpsburg – Grantsmanship – Possible grant for fire station
- Sharpsburg – Tech assistance – Assist clerk with SAM update problems



Water Main Updates

Union County

- County – Tech assistance – Sheriff’s department equipment funding options
- County – Tech assistance – Sheriff’s department body cameras funding options
- County – Tech assistance – Sheriff’s department patrol car funding options
- Afton – Grantsmanship – Downtown building upper story housing rehab
- Afton – Grantsmanship – Trail extension
- Afton – Tech assistance – Initial discussions about possible CDBG DTR project
- Afton – Tech assistance – Discussion of building codes
- Afton – Tech assistance – Draft possible downtown design standards ideas
- Creston – Grantsmanship – Renovation of downtown building into housing/retail
- Creston – Grantsmanship – Purchase police car
- Creston – Grantsmanship – MPAC aquatic center renovation
- Creston – Grantsmanship – Renovation of theater
- Creston – Grantsmanship and tech assistance – Downtown/uptown projects
- Creston – Tech assistance – Creston Housing Committee
- Creston – Admin – CDBG project to upgrade water plant
- Creston – Admin – CDBG project to upgrade water main
- Creston – Admin – CDBG DTR façade project involving 11 buildings
- Creston – Tech assistance – Nomination of potential historic district
- Creston – Tech Assistance – Discussion of zoning
- Creston – Grantsmanship – CDBG CV Microenterprise grant for small business
- Creston – Grantsmanship – Downtown building upper story housing rehab (2 projects)
- Creston – Grantsmanship – Community Garden/pocket park in Uptown
- Creston – Grantsmanship – Congressional funding request for wastewater plant upgrades
- Creston – Grantsmanship and tech assistance – Downtown neighborhood/CDBG neighborhood planning grant
- Creston – Tech assistance – Census student/group quarters count process
- Creston – Tech assistance – Sidewalk funding discussions



Police Body Cameras/Equipment



Sidewalk
Funding



Creston Community Garden

2022 Services Provided by SICOG

Associate Members

- Dexter – Tech assistance – Discussion of plans/possible funding of library renovation or new building
- Dexter – Grantsmanship – CDBG DTR façade project involving 8 buildings
- New Virginia – Tech assistance – Discussion and planning for possible CDBG/SRF sewer project
- Stuart – Tech assistance – Bridge extension funding options
- Van Meter – Technical assistance – Possible downtown/façade renovations project
- Van Meter – Grantsmanship – Discuss possible re-application for fire truck
- Van Meter – Grantsmanship – Pedestrian bridge installation
- Warren County – Tech assistance – Possible Homes for Iowa project

Partners/Private Contracts

- Clarke County Development Corp. – Admin – ORBIT EDA Grant
- John Wayne Birthplace Society – Grantsmanship – Museum upgrades
- Clarke County Hospital – Grantsmanship – New ambulance
- Creston School – Grantsmanship – School safety and security grant
- Greenfield Senior Citizens Housing – Tech assistance – Helped with grant closeout paperwork
- Afton Development Corp – Tech assistance – Help find plan for former nursing home



Firefighter Equipment

Regional/SICOG

- SICOG HTF – Grantsmanship – IFA SHTF capitalization funding
- Regional – Tech assistance – Ongoing discussion about trails plan
- Regional – Tech assistance – Ongoing discussion about healthy homes and lead hazards
- ISU Strategy Report/Presentation for all 8 counties

ATURA

- ATURA – Administration
- ATURA – Long Range Transportation Plan – maintained
- ATURA – Passenger Transportation Plan – maintained
- ATURA – Public Participation Plan – maintained
- ATURA – Southern Iowa Trolley; Planning
- ATURA – STBG Small Cities Application; Diagonal – Funded
- ATURA – Title VI & Assurances – Updated
- ATURA – Transportation Improvement Program – Updated
- ATURA – Transportation Planning Work Program – Updated



Southern Iowa Trolley



John Wayne Birthplace Museum

Planning Activities 2022

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

SICOG completed the 2022 CEDS - Five year update. This was completed using quantitative data as well as stakeholder input. The document includes a background summary, SWOT analysis, action plan, and evaluation framework to be used in future planning. The goal of this document is to guide the overall economic resilience of the region.

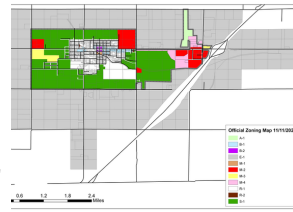


2022 CEDS Cover

Go to www.sicog.com/economic-development/ to view our CEDS - Five Year Update.

Comprehensive Planning and Zoning

SICOG assisted Lamoni with a comprehensive plan update in 2022. SICOG also provided GIS zoning maps for Lamoni and Greenfield. Comprehensive plans develop goals, vision statements, and policy ideas to guide the growth and development over the next 20 years. SICOG continues to focus on local planning and management in order to help our members function more efficiently and make sustainable development decisions.



Lamoni Zoning Map

Hazard Mitigation Planning (HMP)

In 2022, SICOG worked on multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plans for Adams, Clarke, and Adair Counties. Each HMP provides a pro-active framework for each jurisdiction to reduce the severity of hazards that impact its community. Hazard Mitigation plans help local jurisdictions identify which hazards pose the greatest threat to a community, determine which projects to undertake, and provide possible funding avenues.



Hazard Mit. Planning Process

Façade Projects

In 2022, SICOG worked with Greenfield, Creston, Dexter, and Osceola on downtown façade projects. SICOG submitted applications for Greenfield and Dexter in 2022. Creston's project included eleven buildings and is now complete. Osceola's project involves eight buildings and is currently ongoing. Façade programs help assist building owners to improve and maintain existing commercial and residential buildings within a community's downtown.



Greenfield Façade Building- Before

Examples of Successful Projects in 2022

Housing Projects

2022 was a very interesting year for housing. Early in the year, IEDA announced they would be ending the single-family owner-occupied housing rehab program. In 2022, SICOG continued or finished administering CDBG rehab grants for Creston, Dexter, Greenfield, Afton, Osceola. During the year, SICOG helped several towns apply for one-time COVID funds called the Downtown Housing Grant. Two successful projects were 108-112 N. Maple in Creston and 721 Davis Avenue in Corning. The work on these buildings will occur in 2023. A total of 14 new apartments will be generated. SICOG also assisted in an application that was funded in early 2023 for 209 W. Montgomery Street. This project is from the CDBG Upper Story Conversion fund. The three total projects will invest over \$3 million in housing, using \$1.3 million in federal funds along with city and private funds.



108 - 112 N Maple- Creston



721 Davis- Corning



209 W Montgomery St- Creston

Infrastructure Improvements

SICOG continued to administer previously funded CDBG awards for water and sewer projects in the region. A water treatment plant project in Creston and a wastewater treatment plant project in Osceola were nearly completed by the year's end. SICOG also submitted and received funding for a downtown water main replacement project in Creston.



Wastewater Treatment Facility in Osceola



Healthy Communities



5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Count!- In 2022, SICOG assisted with the writing and submittals of funding proposals for Leon and Winterset.

Examples of Successful Projects in 2022

Park & Recreational Projects

Bridgewater City Park- SICOG assisted the city with several funded applications in 2022 to modernize the city park. Improvements focus on new playground equipment and surfacing to make it safer and more user-friendly. Handicap accessibility is a feature of the project.

Winterset All-Inclusive Playground- SICOG assisted the city with funded applications in 2022 for the creation of an all-inclusive playground, which included a \$100,000 Wellmark Foundation grant. This \$1 Million project will compliment City Park and those attractions within the park, the City of Winterset and Madison County. The park project will create a playground that allows play and activities for all abilities. This all-inclusive playground will include a merry-go-round, zipline, ramps, safety surfacing, adaptive switch technology, swings, proper drainage, safe curbing and sidewalks.

Afton & Lenox Trail Extensions- The cities of Afton and Lenox with the assistance of SICOG, were awarded funds for extending city trails. Afton will connect the city to the school and add sidewalks to residential areas where safe off-street walkways currently do not exist. In Lenox, trails will be extended to connect the school district and the new athletic courts, with safe crossings and signage.



Bridgewater City Park Upgrades

Lenox- Trail Needed to New Courts



Lenox Trail Extension- Needs Safe Signs

Winterset All-Inclusive Playground Proposal



Examples of Successful Projects in 2022

Various Projects

Clarke County Conservation Center- SICOOG has assisted with applications for funding for the East Lake Conservation Center in Clarke County. This project will construct a new educational building at East Lake, designed to promote environmental education and outdoor recreation.



Clarke County Conservation Center Proposal

Decatur County Savanna Hills Learning Center- SICOOG assisted with applications for funding for the Savanna Hills Learning Center in Decatur County. This project is a conservation education/nature center, and will provide quality outdoor education and recreation for all ages and a facility to encourage community involvement and participation. The facility will act as a quality headquarters space for interacting with the public and managing the park.



Savanna Hill Learning Center Proposal



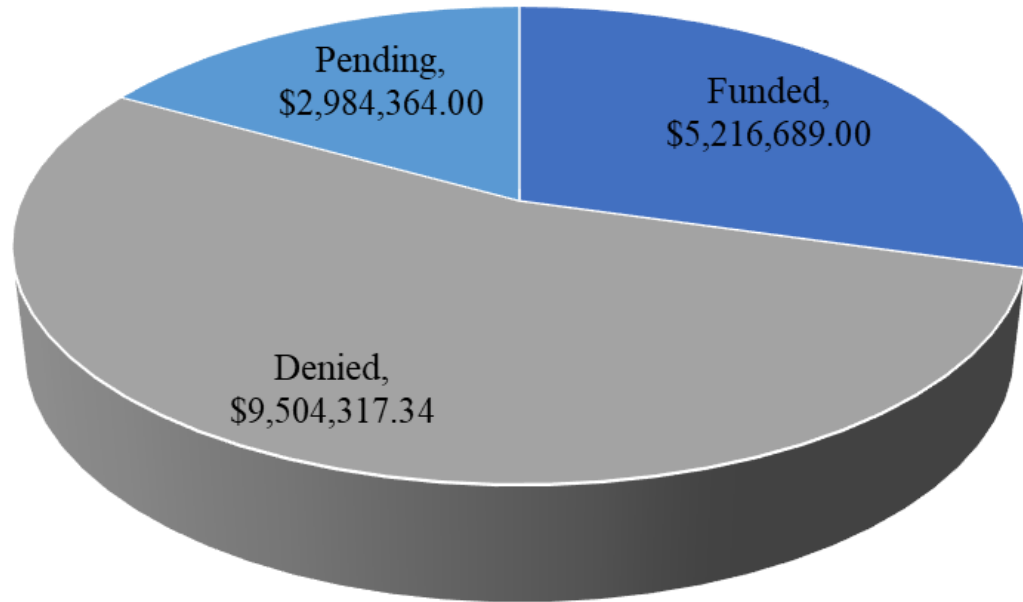
Public Safety Projects

Warning Sirens- SICOOG assisted with the updating of warning sirens for the cities of Bridgewater and East Peru.

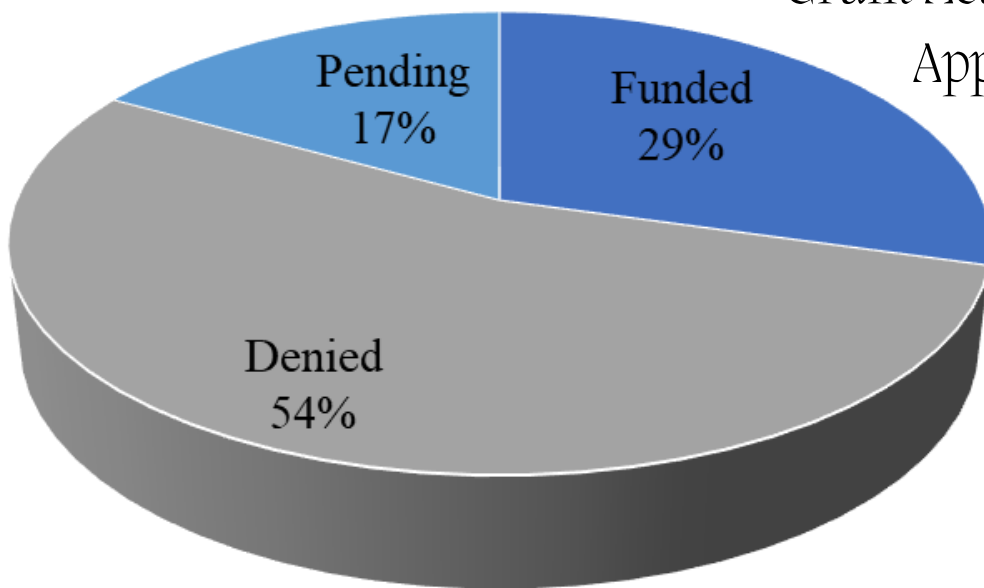
Creston Police Car- SICOOG secured funding for the purchase of a new police car.

In 2022, SICOG submitted applications for members and partners totaling \$17,705,370.34.

Grant Activity for the Application Year 2022



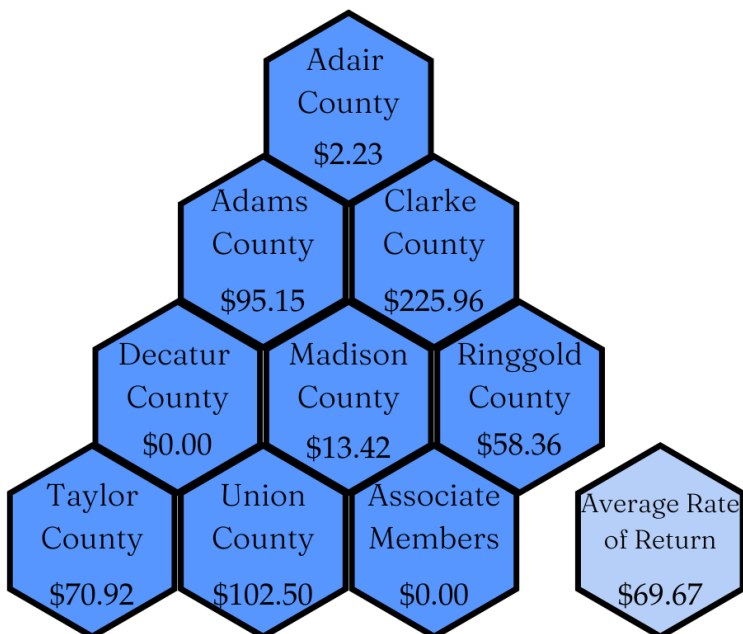
Grant Activity Percentages for the Application Year 2022



Historical Overview of Grant Funding by SICOG Membership

Historical Overview of Grant Funding by SICOG Membership		
County	1972 through 2021	Calendar 2022
Adair County	\$12,444,472.30	\$19,000.00
Adams County	\$16,283,506.00	\$400,000.00
Clarke County	\$27,757,107.80	\$2,500,000.00
Decatur County	\$20,889,896.80	\$0.00
Madison County	\$15,534,447.80	\$252,100.00
Ringgold County	\$16,020,282.20	\$308,850.00
Taylor County	\$20,991,845.10	\$323,570.00
Union County	\$41,349,160.90	\$1,413,169.00
Region	\$9,454,404.00	\$0.00
Dexter	\$997,985.00	\$0.00
New Virginia	\$652,046.00	\$0.00
Van Meter/Other	\$231,537.00	\$0.00
Total	\$182,606,690.90	\$5,216,689.00

Return on Membership Investments



Southern Iowa Development Group



SICOG and its affiliates offer financing to businesses and cities in the Southern Iowa region through the programs outlined below.

Industrial/Business Revolving Loan Funds

- Since 1987, \$7.4 million has been loaned to job creators throughout the region.
- Eligible applicants: New or existing industries & businesses which provide permanent jobs and meet established RLF criteria.
- This RLF has made 101 loans.
- At year end, the funds have \$1.4 million available to assist with job creation and retention.

- 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, \$42,735 is available for new loans.

Community Investment Revolving Loan Fund

First Time Homebuyers Revolving Loan Fund

- The Housing Revolving Loan Fund was created for down payment assistance only.
- New loans are up to \$6,500, which must be matched dollar for dollar with funds from the borrower.
- 25% local match required and can be provided by a local bank, development group, realtor, city, county or private individual.
- Loan length is seven years, the first two years are deferred of interest and payments.
- \$100 application fee, and 1% closing cost.
- To learn more about this program go to www.sicog.com/housing.

Southern Iowa COG Housing Trust Fund

Our mission is to plan for and assist with current and projected housing needs of the Southern Iowa COG region resulting in addressing our primary concern – affordable housing. Through planned activities and leveraged resources, the Southern Iowa COG Housing Trust Fund will provide opportunities for affordable housing to the residents within the region.

Our purpose is to provide financing to expand the housing opportunities for low and very low-income individuals and families in the region.

Southern Iowa COG Housing Trust Fund Board

Adair County	Jerry Walker, Chairperson County Supervisor
Clarke County	Helen Kimes Saylor Realty
Madison County	Diane Fitch Vice Chairperson County Supervisor
Taylor County	Karen Zabel, Secretary City of Lenox
	Kevin Stewart Iowa State Savings Bank
Union County	Ron Riley, Treasurer County Supervisor
	Beth Waddle SICOG Executive Director
	Cathy Seddon SIRHA Executive Director
	Tom Lesan SWCC
	VACANT



Southern Iowa COG Housing Trust Fund 2022

Total Amount Disbursed - Includes Matching Funds

GAP (General Assistance Program) (Rent and Utility Assistance)	
Adair County	\$1,402.65
Decatur County	\$300.00
Madison County	\$5,824.82
Ringgold County	\$1,457.67
Union County	\$3,420.00
Connections Area Agency on Aging (Home repairs: solutions for seniors and making homes handicap assessable)	
Union County	\$4,888.08
SCICAP (South Central Iowa Community Action Program) (Weatherization)	
Clarke County	\$9,066.67
Decatur County	\$6,871.67
Senior Living Complex (Roof)	
Madison County	\$16,750.00
Residential Care Facility (Handicap bathrooms and entry doors)	
Union County	\$36,195.95
Habitat for Humanity (Construct new home)	
Union County (House #11)	\$62,507.57
Union County (House #12)	\$36,507.55
TOTAL	\$185,192.63



Habitat for Humanity House

ATURA

The Transportation Affiliation serves the five-county area of Adair, Taylor, Union, Ringgold and Adams Counties.

Calendar year 2022 activities include: updates to the Transportation Improvement Program and Transportation Planning Work Program. In addition, the transportation planner worked on plans for the Southern Iowa Trolley and Diagonals Surface Transportation Block Grant small cities grant application. Over \$8 million in transportation projects are currently programmed over the next 3-4 years in the region through ATURA's regional Surface Transportation Block Grant fund.



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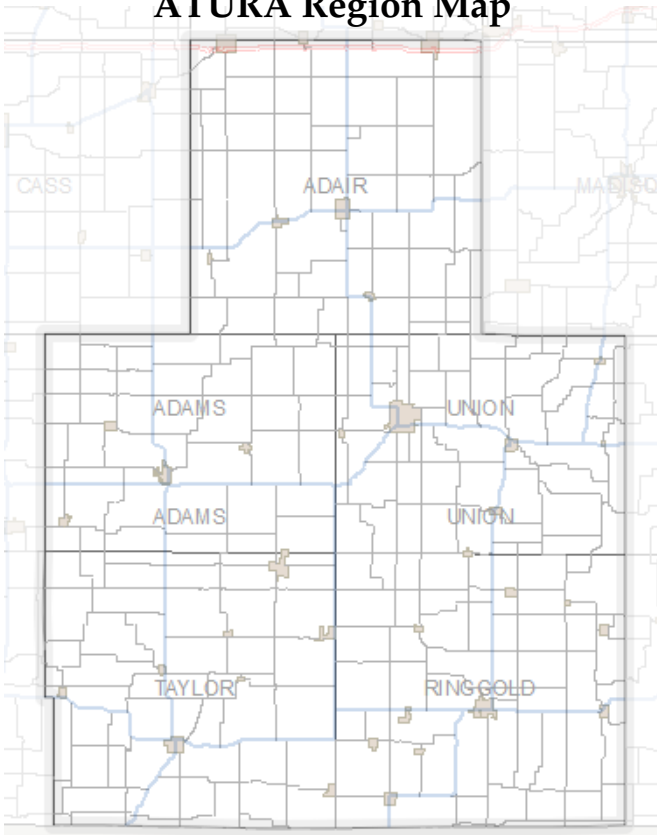
ATURA Policy Board

Adair County	John Twombly
Adams County	Merlin Dixon
Ringgold County	Colby Holmes, Chairperson
Taylor County	Ron Fitzgerald, Vice Chairperson
Union County	Ron Riley
City of Creston	Gabe Carroll

ATURA Technical Committee

Adair County	Nick Kauffman, Chairperson
Adams County	Charles Bechtold
Ringgold County	Jared Johnson
Taylor County	Justin Savage
Union County	Christian Boehmer
Southern Iowa Trolley	Leesa Lester
Iowa DOT	Scott Suhr

ATURA Region Map



ATURA Projects

Regional Funds Approved by Policy Board

- Awarded \$50,000 in STBG Small Cities funds to the City of Diagonal for curb and gutter improvements on Broadway Street.
- City of Corning completed the Hull Street Trail project that utilized regional Transportation Alternatives Program and STBG funds.

Other Regional Projects in TIP 2022

- Adair County - Bridge replacement on Brown Avenue over the Nodaway River in November.
- Ringgold County - Bridge removal over former Chicago Great Western Railroad (abandoned) in October.
- Ringgold County - Culvert replacement on 190th over Wolf Creek in October.

Programmed Federal Aid Projects 2023-2026

Adair County

- IA92 over West Fork Middle Nodaway River - Bridge Replacement
- I80 West of IA25 to Madison County - Pavement Markings
- I80 Westbound, Adair rest area ramps and parking - pave
- I80 Westbound & Eastbound, Middle River West of IA25 - Bridge Rehabilitation
- I80 Westbound, Cass County to IA5 - Pavement Rehab
- IA92 over Grand River - Bridge Deck Overlay
- 300th St over West Fork Middle Nodaway River - Bridge Replacement



Pavement Rehab

Adams County

- IA148 South of Highway 34 to City of Corning North Corporate Limits - Pavement Rehab
- 150th St over East Nodaway River - Bridge Replacement
- 110th St over stream - Bridge Replacement
- IA34 from Corning West two miles - Widen and Overlay
- IA148 over East Nodaway River - Bridge Deck Overlay



Pedestrian and Bike Paved Trail

Ringgold County

- IA25 from IA2 to County Road J13 - Pavement Rehab
- Broadway Street in Diagonal - Curb and Gutter
- Madison to Broadway Diagonal Walkable Community Initiative - Ped/Bike Paving
- P14 over small stream - Culvert Replacement
- P27 from US 169 to IA2 - Pavement Rehab
- 190th over Crooked Creek - Bridge Replacement
- J20 over small stream - Bridges and approaches
- J23 over Mapleleaf Pathway - Bridge and Culvert
- J55 over West Fork Grand River - Bridges and approaches

Taylor County

- J35 over small stream - Culvert Replacement
- IA148 in Bedford from Jackson St to IA2 - Pavement Rehab
- J35 over West 102 River - Bridge Replacement
- P14 over small stream - Culvert Replacement
- IA148 over Middle Branch 102 River - Bridge Deck Overlay
- 265th St over Daugherty Creek - Bridge Replacement
- 175th St over creek - Bridge Replacement

Union County

- P27 from Ringgold, North 5.3 Miles - Pavement Rehab
- Osage St from H34 North to Adams St - Pavement Rehab
- H45 over Middle Platte River - Bridge Replacement
- 265th St over Sand Creek - Bridge Replacement
- H34 over Four Mile Creek - Bridge Deck Overlay
- 270th St over stream - Bridge Replacement
- Cherry St Rd over small stream - Bridge Replacement
- 250th St over Twelve Mile Creek - Bridge Replacement



Southern Iowa Council of Governments

2022 Annual Report

Celebrating 49 years of service!

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