



# THE REVIEW

The Region XII Council of Governments Newsletter

July 2022

## CALENDAR

### August

- 10 - **RDC Loan Review Comm.**  
11:30 AM, COG Training Room
- 11 - **Executive Board Meeting**  
12:30 PM, COG Board Room

### September

- 5 - **Labor Day;**  
Office Closed
- 7 - **RDC Loan Review Comm.**  
11:30 AM, COG Training Room
- 8 - **Executive Board Meeting**  
12:30 PM, COG Training Room
- COG Housing**  
1:30 PM, COG Training Room
- 21 - **MIDE Board**  
3:00 PM, Virtual

### October

- 12 - **RPA TAC**  
10:00 AM, COG Training Room
- RDC Loan Review Comm.**  
11:30 AM, COG Training Room
- 13 - **Executive Board Meeting**  
5:00 PM, COG Training Room
- Policy Council**  
6:00 PM, COG Training Room

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eric Skoog, Chair  
*Crawford Co. Supervisor*

Jack Lloyd, Vice Chair  
*Guthrie Co. Supervisor*

Ranell Drake, Secretary  
*Sac Co. Supervisor*

John Muir, Treasurer  
*Greene Co. Supervisor*

Rick Thompson  
*Audubon Co. Supervisor*

Rich Ruggles  
*Carroll Co. Supervisor*

## \$20M Available for Nonprofits to Serve Iowans in Need

The State of Iowa has \$20 million available to help nonprofit organizations in Iowa expand to meet the needs of more Iowans.

The new Nonprofit Innovation Fund will provide a competitive grant opportunity to help nonprofit organizations make transformational investments in vertical infrastructure that will enable them to offer additional services or help more Iowans.

“Iowa nonprofits provide critical support to Iowans most in need,” said Gov. Reynolds. “While these organizations work around the clock to meet today’s needs, the Nonprofit Innovation Fund will provide innovative and transformational investments to help prepare Iowans for tomorrow.”

Nonprofits are encouraged to apply with shovel ready projects that expand the number of services provided to Iowans and/or projects that increase the number of Iowans served by the nonprofit. Eligible expenses for infrastructure projects include construction costs, acquisition, site development, engineering and architectural services. The program provides awards up to \$3 million for infrastructure projects.

Applications will be accepted starting June 27th at [iowagrants.gov](http://iowagrants.gov). Grant recipients must have all funds obligated no later than December 31, 2024 and expended by June 30, 2026. For more information, visit [iowaeda.com/nonprofit-innovation-fund/](http://iowaeda.com/nonprofit-innovation-fund/).

## Rural Community Grant Funding Available Now

IEDA & Empower opened six competitive grants available for rural communities with a population under 20,000. Funding has been allocated to the following for current fiscal year through FY 2024:

- Rural Innovation Grant Program – Provides up to \$50,000 per grant for supporting creative, non-traditional ideas that focus on current issues and challenges faced by rural communities associated with the themes of community investment, growth and connection;
- Rural Scale-Up Grant Program – Provides up to \$20,000 per grant to support the replication and spread of creative solutions that are addressing current issues and challenges faced by rural communities;
- Rural Enrichment Program – Provides up to \$20,000 per grant to support small quality of life projects that will create meaningful results in rural communities. Eligible projects must be open to the public and contribute to the vitality and engagement of the community;
- Rural Housing Assessment Grant Program – Provides \$10,000 per grant to support the use of publicly available online information through the “Profile of Iowa” tool and rural community efforts to interpret this hard data with supplemental information, as well as to implement through changes to development codes, local ordinances and housing incentives specific to their community needs in partnership with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach;
- Rural Child Care Market Study Grant Program – Provides \$10,000 to support the use of data and analysis by rural communities to determine the specific needs and solutions for their area. Funding from the program will empower communities to assess their current child care market environment and develop strategies;
- Rural Leadership Bootcamp Grant – Provides training, mentorship, and \$1,000 in funding to rural communities and regions initiating leadership programs. Grantees are required to participate in a two-day bootcamp resulting in a work plan and a one-year mentorship.

Guidelines, scoring rubrics, and informational webinars for all programs are available on the Center for Rural Revitalization’s website. Applications are accepted via [iowagrants.gov](http://iowagrants.gov) and are due by September 1, 2022.

## NEW STAFF

**Rut Bansal** has recently joined the Region XII team as a planning intern. Rut is native of the Bay Area of California and is currently pursuing a degree in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University. In her free time, she enjoys reading, painting, and spending time with friends and family.



Bansal



Nassif

**Nina Nassif** has recently joined Region XII as a summer intern. Nina is a native of Cedar Rapids and is currently going into her senior-year at Iowa State University with a Community and Regional Planning and a minor in Environmental Studies. She has a passion for music and has played viola in symphony

through most of my primary and secondary education. Nina also has a strong interest in environmental conservation, which really pushed her to pursue a career in planning. She is extremely excited to be interning for Region XII, and can't wait to continue learning more about the planning profession with such amazing staff.



## Scharfenkamp named IPTA Driver of the Year

Steve Scharfenkamp of Carroll was nominated for the Iowa Public Transit Association (IPTA) Driver of the Year Award for Western Iowa Transit for FY2022. Steve has been with WIT for four years and exemplifies all the characteristics transit staff looks for when recruiting and hiring transit drivers. He is accident and ticket-free, reliable, courteous, and willing to go the extra mile for clients. Steve helps train new drivers in their roles and is always a team player. Western Iowa Transit is lucky to have him on the transit team. If you see Steve out and about, congratulate him on this award!



Scharfenkamp

## Region XII Partnership Program

The COG's Partnership Program is 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. Partners listed below. For more information, contact Rick Hunsaker at rhunsaker@region12cog.org. This list is up to date as of July 5, 2022.

### **PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP - \$2,000** Monogram Quality Foods, Denison

### **GOLD MEMBERSHIP - \$1,000**

Bauer Built Manufacturing, Paton  
Scranton Manufacturing/New Way, Scranton

### **SILVER MEMBERSHIP - \$500**

Guthrie County REC, Guthrie Center  
Home State Bank, Jefferson  
Iowa Corn Processors, Glidden  
Iowa State Bank, Sac City  
Landmands Bank, Audubon  
Mid-Iowa Insurance & Real Estate, Carroll  
Midland Power Cooperative, Jefferson  
Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative, Glidden  
United Bank of Iowa, Carroll  
Wall Lake Lumber Company, Wall Lake  
West Central Iowa Rural Water Association, Manning

### **BRONZE MEMBERSHIP - \$250**

Agri Drain Corporation, Adair  
American Home Shield, Carroll  
Audubon County Economic Development, Audubon  
Audubon County Memorial Hospital and Clinics, Audubon  
Audubon State Bank, Audubon  
Badding Construction, Carroll  
Bank Iowa, Denison  
Breda Savings Bank, Breda  
Breda Telephone Corporation dba Western Iowa Networks, Breda  
Bruner Bruner Reinhart & Morton, Carroll  
Commercial Savings Bank, Carroll  
Community State Bank, Paton  
Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities, Coon Rapids  
Core-Mark DBA Farner-Bocken, Carroll  
Corn Belt Telephone, Wall Lake  
Crawford County Memorial Hospital, Denison  
Dakota Business Finance, Sioux Falls  
Denison Municipal Utilities, Denison  
Drees Company, Carroll  
Exchange State Bank, Exira  
Ed M Feld Equipment Company, Carroll  
Farmers State Bank, Yale  
Greene County Development Corporation, Jefferson  
Greene County Medical Center, Jefferson  
Guthrie County State Bank, Guthrie Center  
I & S Group, Inc., Storm Lake  
ICE Technologies/CCI Technologies, Carroll  
Iowa Savings Bank, Carroll  
Iowa Trust & Savings Bank, Panora  
JEO Consulting Group, Inc., Carroll  
Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company, Elk Horn  
Panora Telecommunications, Panora  
Peoples Bank, Guthrie Center  
Principal Fin. Group-Matt Ramaekers, Carroll  
Sac Economic & Tourism Development, Wall Lake  
Shelby County State Bank, Ida Grove  
St. Anthony Regional Hospital and Nursing Home, Carroll  
Snyder & Associates, Atlantic  
Sundquist Engineering, Denison  
Templeton Savings Bank, Templeton  
Templeton Telephone Company, Templeton  
The Graphic Edge, Carroll

# July 2022 Grant Update

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## Upcoming Grants

Funding Program	Purpose	Deadline	Eligible Applicants
Warren H. Timmerman Charitable Trust	Funding for projects in Carroll County	July 8, 2022	Local governments, non-profit organizations
Gilbert and Barbara Renze Charitable Foundation	Funding for projects in Carroll and Sac Counties	July 8, 2022	Local governments, non-profit organizations
Iowa West Foundation	Community development, economic development, education and human needs projects	July 15, 2022 November 15, 2022 March 15, 2023	"Local governments and non-profit organizations in Audubon, Carroll and Crawford Counties."
Peter Kiewitt Foundation	Community development and recreation projects	July 15, 2022 October 15, 2022 January 15, 2023 April 15, 2023	"Local governments and non-profit organizations within a 100 mile radius of Omaha Nebraska."
Resource Enhancement and Protection (Iowa DNR)	City parks and open space; county conservation, including land acquisition, facility repair and upgrades, and equipment; and private/public open space acquisition	August 15, 2022	Local governments and County Conservation Boards
RISE Local Development Grant Program	Funding to provide road/street access to expand business parks and development areas	September 1, 2022 February 1, 2023	Local Governments
Federal Rec Trails Program	Acquisition, construction or improvement of recreational trails and related facilities	October 1, 2022	Cities and Counties
CDBG Water and Sewer Fund	Grants to assist cities and counties with sanitary sewer system improvements, water system improvements, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storm sewer projects related to sanitary sewer system improvements and rural water connections.	October 1, 2022 January 1, 2023 April 1, 2023 July 1 2023	Cities and Counties
Solid Waste Alternatives Program (SWAP)	Emphasis for selected projects is placed on tonnage avoided or reduced, sustainability and ability to replicate.	October 1, 2022 January 1, 2023 April 1, 2023 July 1 2023	Local governments, public or private groups
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	Provides grants for low-cost, systemic safety improvements in the \$10,000/mile range, focusing on lane departure crashes.	Ongoing	Counties
Small Town Sign Replacement Program	The program will provide up to \$5,000 of signs and signposts per applying community on a first- come, first-served basis	Ongoing	Cities
Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP)	Provides 100 hours of engineering assistance for operations and traffic safety issues.	Ongoing	Cities and Counties
Alliant Hometown Challenge Grants	Dollar-for-dollar match to local fundraising for one-time safety related projects for local response teams	Rolling Cycle	Local governments, private non-profits
New Cooperative Foundation	Enhancements to emergency and medical services in rural communities. Community events and celebrations as well as local civic betterment projects. Fundraising events in support of community programs and projects.	Open	Local governments, private non-profits
Black Hills Energy	Community development and recreation projects	Open	Local governments, private non-profits
CDBG Community Facilities and Services	This annual competitive program offers grants to assist communities for a variety of projects including day care facilities, senior centers, vocational workshops and other community services such as stormwater projects	Rolling Cycle	Cities and Counties
Destination Iowa	Investment in projects to bolster the quality of life in Iowa's communities and attract visitors	Ongoing	Cities, counties, nonprofits and other organizations
Water Infrastructure Fund	Investments to support innovative projects across the state with the goal of protecting, preserving and restoring Iowa's water resources.	Open until funds exhausted	Local Governments

*Additional grants are available through private foundations and ongoing programs. If you are looking for funding for a specific project, please contact Chris Whitaker, [cwhitaker@region12cog.org](mailto:cwhitaker@region12cog.org) or 712-775-7811, for assistance in locating funding opportunities.*

**Recently Awarded Grants**

Funding Program	Recipient	Amount	Project
Guthrie County Community Foundation	Casey Service Club	\$10,000	Abram Rutt Park Trail
Guthrie County Community Foundation	Yale Fire Department	\$4,965	New Handheld Radios
Guthrie County Community Foundation	City of Menlo	\$1,150	Community Beautification
Iowa DNR Derelict Building Grant	City of Sac City	\$80,275	Sunwise Property Asbestos Abatement and Building Deconstruction
Wellmark MATCH	Casey Service Club	\$100,000	Abram Rutt Park Trail
CDBG-COVID 19	City of Manning	\$288,749	Downtown Building Rehabilitation
2022 Downtown Housing Grant	City of Manning	\$200,000	Upper Story Housing - 2 units
2022 Downtown Housing Grant	City of Stuart	\$180,000	Upper Story Housing - 5 units
2022 Downtown Housing Grant	City of Perry	\$600,000	Upper Story Housing - 13 units
USDA SEARCH	City of Rippey	\$19,000	Wastewater Facility Report
EDA Partnership Planning	Region XII Council of Governments	\$192,500	Economic Development Planning

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