



THE REVIEW

CALENDAR

The Region XII Council of Governments Newsletter

December 2023

December

- 20 - MIDEF
3:00 PM, Virtual
- 25 & 26 - Christmas Observed;
Office Closed

January

- 1 - New Year's Day;
Office Closed
- 10 - RDC Loan Review Comm.
11:30 AM, COG Training Room
- 11 - Executive Board Meeting
12:30 PM, COG Training Room

February

- 7 - RPA XII TAC
10:00 AM, COG Board Room
- 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
- 19 - Presidents Day;
Office Closed
- 22 - City Managers Meeting
11:00 AM, COG Board Room

EXECUTIVE BOARD

John Muir, Chair
Greene Co. Supervisor

Ranell Drake, Vice Chair
Sac Co. Supervisor

Stephanie Hausman, Treasurer
Carroll Co. Supervisor

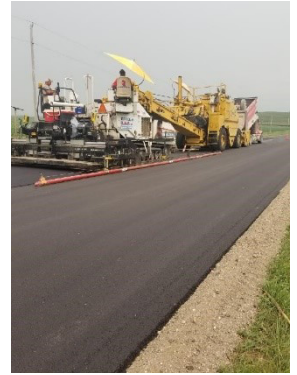
Rick Thompson, Secretary
Audubon Co. Supervisor

Dave Muhlbauer
Crawford Co. Supervisor

Steve Smith
Guthrie Co. Supervisor

Region XII Surface Transportation Projects

Region XII COG is preparing the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These funds are available to any city or county in Region XII (Audubon, Carroll, Crawford, Greene, Guthrie or Sac Counties).



Carroll County N33, Asphalt Resurfacing

Region XII has approximately \$4,200,000 in Surface Transportation Block Grant funds (STBG) available for projects. Projects that are eligible include roadway construction and reconstruction, operational improvements, safety programs, and traffic management and control. STBG funds can also be used for transit projects and other ride-share projects. Roadways that are eligible for funding must be classified as a major collector of higher on the federal functional classification system. The STBG Application is available [HERE](#). Federal Functional Classification Maps can be viewed [HERE](#).

The sponsoring governmental agency must provide at least 20% of the total project cost in cash. Applications are due by 4:00 PM on January 26, 2024.

Region XII Transportation Alternatives Projects

Region XII Transportation Alternatives applications will be accepted through January 26, 2024 until 4:00 PM. Region XII has approximately \$1,400,000 in regional transportation alternatives funds available for projects. Funding for these projects may not be available until federal fiscal year 2025 or later depending upon the amount requested. These projects may include recreational trails, highway turnouts, overlooks, safe routes to schools and historic preservation of transportation related structures. (Please see the application form for a full list of eligible projects). The sponsoring agency must provide at least 20% of the total project cost). Click [HERE](#) to access the application.



Riverside Park Trail, Coon Rapids





New Western Iowa Transit Staff

Region XII COG is excited to announce the hiring of five new transit drivers. Bill Cramer was hired at the end of July. Cramer was previously a custodian for Audubon County and maintenance man for the Friendship Home in Audubon. Jane Gross was hired at the end of September and previously worked at Waspy's Truck Stop in Templeton. Jeff Lee joined Western Iowa Transit in September. In his previous life, Lee worked in banking. Gerald Raymond was hired at the beginning of November. Raymond joins WIT after being a middle school principal for many years. Mark Weidemeier was hired at the end of September and he previously worked as a direct support professional with handicapped individuals. Welcome to the new drivers, and be sure to wave as you see them out and about!



Cramer



Gross



Lee



Raymond



Wiedemeier

Winter Driving Tips from Western Iowa Transit

- Allow yourself extra drive time in adverse weather conditions
- Test your battery, battery power drops as temps drop
- Keep your gas tank half full or more at all times
- Have winter tires with deeper tread
- Check wiper blades and defrost system
- Keep essentials such as water, phone charger, blanket & warm clothes in the vehicle
- If you don't need to be out driving, stay home

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 December 12, 2023.

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

GOLD MEMBERSHIP - \$1,000

Availa Bank, Carroll

Dakota Business Finance, Sioux Falls

SILVER MEMBERSHIP - \$500

Bank Iowa, Denison

Bauer Built, Paton

Greene County Medical Center, Jefferson

Guthrie County REC, Guthrie Center

Holmes Murphy & Associates, Waukee

Home State Bank, Jefferson

Iowa Corn Processors, Glidden

Iowa State Bank, Sac City

Landmands Bank, Audubon

Mid-Iowa Insurance & Real Estate, Carroll

Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative, Glidden

United Bank of Iowa, Carroll

West Central Iowa Rural Water Association, Manning

Western Iowa Power Cooperative, Denison

BRONZE MEMBERSHIP - \$250

Agri Drain Corporation, Adair

American Home Shield, Carroll

Audubon County Economic Development, Audubon

Audubon County Mem. Hospital & Clinics, Audubon

Audubon State Bank, Audubon

Badding Construction, Carroll

Bruner Bruner Reinhart & Morton, Carroll

Carroll County Growth Partnership, Carroll

Chamber & Development Council of Crawford County, Denison

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

Denison Municipal Utilities, Denison

Drees Company, Carroll

Exchange State Bank, Exira

Farmers State Bank, Lake View

Farmers State Bank, Yale

Ed M Feld Equipment Company, Carroll

Game One, Carroll

Greene County Development Corporation, Jefferson

Guthrie County State Bank, Guthrie Center

Iowa Savings Bank, Carroll

Iowa Trust & Savings Bank, Panora

JEO Consulting Group, Inc., Carroll

Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company, Elk Horn

Panora Telecommunications, Panora

Principal Fin. Group-Matt Ramaekers, Carroll

Scranton Manufacturing/New Way, Scranton

Snyder & Associates, Atlantic

St. Anthony Regional Hospital, Carroll

Sundquist Engineering, Denison

Templeton Savings Bank, Templeton

Templeton Telephone Company, Templeton

Veenstra & Kimm, West Des Moines

Wall Lake Lumber Company, Wall Lake

Western Iowa Networks, Breda

Westside State Bank, Westside

December 2023 Grant Update

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Upcoming Grants

Funding Program	Purpose	Deadline	Eligible Applicants
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.	January 1, 2024 April 1, 2024 July 1, 2024 October 1, 2024	Cities and Counties
Solid Waste Alternatives Program (SWAP)	Emphasis for selected projects is placed on tonnage avoided or reduced, sustainability and ability to replicate.	January 1, 2024 April 1, 2024 July 1, 2024 October 1, 2024	Local governments, public or private groups
Peter Kiewitt Foundation	Community development and recreation projects	January 15, 2024 April 15, 2024 July 15, 2024 October 15, 2024	Local governments and non-profit organizations within a 100 mile radius of Omaha Nebraska.
Regional Surface Transportation Block Grant Program	Highway and roadway improvements on the federal aid system, highway safety improvements, park and ride areas, and public transit projects	January 26, 2024	Various
Regional Transportation Alternatives	Recreational Trails, Scenic Byway Improvements, and Historic Preservation of Transportation Related Structures	January 26, 2024	Various
Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program	Provides financial assistance to cities for the redevelopment or remediation of underutilized buildings	January 29, 2024	Cities
Guthrie County Community Foundation	Funding for projects that improve the quality of life in Guthrie County	January 31, 2024	Cities, Counties, non-profits in Guthrie County
Audubon County Community Foundation	Funding projects supporting needs in the areas of civic engagement, culture, health, education, and social services	February 1, 2024	Cities, Counties, non-profits in Audubon County
Crawford County Community Foundation	Funding projects supporting needs in the areas of civic engagement, culture, health, education, and social services	February 1, 2024	Cities, Counties, non-profits in Crawford County
Dallas County Community Foundation	Funding projects that improve the quality of life in Dallas County	February 1, 2024	Cities, Counties, non-profits in Dallas County
Greene County Community Foundation	Funding projects that improve the quality of life in Greene County	February 15, 2024	Cities, Counties, non-profits in GreeneCounty
Derelict Building Grant Program	The Derelict Building Program is available for Iowa towns of 5,000 or fewer residents' to address neglected commercial or public structures that have sat vacant for at least 6 months.	February 23, 2024	Cities under 5,000 population
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
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

Recently Awarded Grants

Funding Program	Recipient	Amount	Project
Rural Enrichment Grant	City of Manning	\$20,000	Refresh the Park - City Park Improvements
CDBG Water/Sewer Fund	City of Jamaica	\$195,000	Connection to Xenia Rural Water & System Improvements
Iowa West Foundation	City of Carroll	\$45,000	Merchants Park Renovation
CDBG Water/Sewer Fund	City of Deloit	\$370,000	Sanitary Sewer System Improvements
CDBG Water/Sewer Fund	City of Casey	\$328,500	Water Main Replacement
FHLB Affordable Housing Program	Region XII Council of Governments	\$501,750	Regional Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
Local Housing Trust Fund	Council of Governments Housing, Inc.	\$679,792	Regional Housing Trust Fund
Housing Preservation Grant	Region XII Council of Governments	\$101,663	Regional Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation

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 or 712-775-7811, for assistance in locating funding opportunities.

Keep your SAM.Gov registration current and Get your UEI Number Now!



The System for Award Management (SAM.gov) is an official website of the U.S. Government. There is no cost to use SAM.gov. Eventually, SAM.gov will offer a single login to navigate the federal award lifecycle. Today, you can use this site to register to do business with the U.S. Government and update, renew, or check the status of your entity registration, or get a Unique Entity ID. Check out a short video from the General Service Administration to register with SAM.gov by clicking [HERE](#).

If your organization is going to apply for a receive federal grants, you must obtain a Unique Entity ID. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the UEI number and how to obtain a UEI number.

If you have questions about the SAM registration or about the UEI, contact Lauren Mortensen at Region XII COG at 712-775-7814 or lmortensen@region12cog.org.

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