COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING GUIDE

A guide compiled by Trees Forever to assist Iowa communities seeking funding sources for community improvement projects.

Online at: http://www.treesforever.org/Community_Project_Funding_Guide

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PREFACE

Trees Forever is pleased to present the 2018/2019 Community Project Funding Guide. On the following pages you will find an overview of potential funding resources available for community enhancement projects. We hope this guide will serve as a useful resource.

Most of the funding programs, guidelines and deadlines listed in this guide are not established by Trees Forever and may be subject to change. For up-to-date information or questions regarding a specific program we encourage you to contact the appropriate organization or agency.

The table of contents lists the various funding programs categorized according to the type of projects for which you may be seeking funding, such as streetscapes or trails.

Your feedback on this funding guide and its usefulness is always welcome. Please share with us any comments or suggestions you might have. If you know of any other available funding sources that we should add to this guide, please let us know!

Trees Forever is a non-profit organization that not only plants and cares for TREES, but also addresses the challenges facing our communities and the ENVIRONMENT. Our goals involve getting information and tools to the PEOPLE who volunteer their time to make a difference in their COMMUNITY. By working together through effective STEWARDSHIP we can inspire action, improve quality of life and demonstrate respect for our natural resources.

Trees Forever programs allow thousands of people to plan thoughtful and effective projects that make long-lasting contributions to their communities. Whether your interests lie in conserving woodlands, improving water quality along streams and rivers, community beautification, enhancing roadways, or education, our programs provide positive opportunities for the volunteer, donor and sponsor.

Since 1989, Trees Forever has developed cutting-edge programs and innovative processes that have helped thousands of community leaders, volunteers and private landowners in Iowa, Illinois and the Midwest plan for and complete tree-planting and environmental projects. Since 1989, Trees Forever has:

- Planted 3,188,468 trees, seedlings, shrubs, 191,421 in plants and 58,709 lbs. of seed in Trees Forever projects
- Awarded $15,176,871 in project grants to communities and landowners
- Protected 976,800 ft. of stream banks by buffer projects in Iowa and Illinois
- Involved 251,501 volunteers in planting and care of trees, shrubs, native plants and grasses

Our Mission:
To plant and care for trees and the environment by empowering people, building community, and promoting stewardship.

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Trees Forever’s staff is here to help!

Trees Forever field coordinators are available to discuss and evaluate your community’s potential projects. They can offer insight as to what Trees Forever programs may be available to assist with project implementation and they can also provide suggestions for other resources to explore for obtaining funding or technical assistance needed to get your community’s projects completed.

Listed below you will find the contact information for the Trees Forever field coordinators, as well as a map highlighting the regions each field coordinator is responsible for. Please feel free to contact your regions Trees Forever field coordinator directly to talk through your community’s project ideas.

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ALLIANT ENERGY BRANCHING OUT

SOURCE: Alliant Energy and Trees Forever

WEB LINKS:
www.alliantenergy.com/branchingout
http://www.treesforever.org/Branching_Out

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Community tree planting program providing funding to -
  o Encourage community tree planting and care on public property
  o With increased emphasis on energy-efficiency
  o Enhance the environment
  o Beautify your community

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
Iowa communities receiving electricity and/or natural gas service from Alliant Energy

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
Eligible projects include, planting shade trees around/at the following -
  o Public buildings, such as schools, library’s, fire station’s
  o Street tree plantings in public right-of-ways in front of homes or buildings
  o In underserved areas, and involving youth
  o Other creative energy efficiency ideas may be discussed with a Trees Forever Field Coordinator

• Grants cover funding for landscape-sized trees only. Funds cannot be used for seedlings, mulch, stakes, guards and other related items.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
• Alliant Energy provides grants of up to $5,000 per community, per year.
• The project location must fall into an area where electricity and/or natural gas service would be provided by Alliant Energy.
• A committee responsible for the planning, planting, and on-going care of the project is required.
  o This committee should represent a cross-section of the community.
• A final report form will be provided to you and must be completed at the close of the project with the following the recorded information, details of activities, expenditures, number and species of trees planted, and volunteer hours. This must be returned to Trees Forever before or by November 1st in order to be considered for future grants, unless extenuating circumstances are documented and approved.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:
• November 1 for spring and fall plantings in the following calendar year

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
• February 1
SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
• Applications and further details can be found using the web links provided on the previous page
• Completion of the online application is preferred however not mandatory
• Applications may be submitted via e-mail and/or standard mail to the address listed below

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION, CONTACT:
Deb Roman, Program Support Coordinator
Trees Forever
80 W 8th Avenue
Marion, IA 52302
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BLACK HILLS ENERGY *POWER OF TREES*

**SOURCE:** Black Hills Energy and Trees Forever

**WEB LINKS:**
https://www.blackhillsenergy.com/your-neighborhood/community-programs/power-trees
http://www.treesforever.org/Power_of_Trees

**FUNDING OVERVIEW:**
Community tree planting program providing funding to -
- Encourage community tree planting and care on public and/or private property
- With increased emphasis on energy-efficiency
- Enhance the environment, plus beautify your community

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:**
Iowa communities receiving utility service from Black Hills Energy

**ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:**
Eligible projects include, planting shade trees around/at the following -
- Public buildings, such as schools, library’s, fire station’s
- Street tree plantings in public right-of-ways in front of homes or buildings
- Residential planting projects proposing residential trees must follow the guidelines found at (residential tree brochure) www.treesforever.org/Power_of_Trees.
- In underserved areas, and involving youth
- Other creative energy efficiency ideas may be discussed with a Trees Forever Field Coordinator

- Grants cover funding for landscape-sized trees only. Funds cannot be used for seedlings, mulch, stakes, guards and other related items.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:**
- Black Hills Energy provides grants of up to $5,000 per community, per year.
- The project location must fall into an area where natural gas service would be provided by Black Hills Energy.
- A committee responsible for the planning, planting, and on-going care of the project is required.
  - This committee should represent a cross-section of the community.
- A final report form will be provided to you and must be completed at the close of the project with the following recorded information, details of activities, expenditures, number and species of trees planted, and volunteer hours. This must be returned to Trees Forever before or by November 1st in order to be considered for future grants, unless extenuating circumstances are documented and approved.

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BUILD WITH BAGS GRANT

SOURCE: Keep Iowa Beautiful


FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding provided to purchase park benches, picnic tables, trash cans and other outdoor furniture or equipment built from recycled plastic grocery bags.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
Any government entity or any organization (i.e. service clubs, non-profit organizations) within Iowa that purchase the items for a park or school.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
• The items purchased must be made of recycled high density polyethylene (HDPE) plastic, which is the base material for making plastic shopping bags.
• To be eligible for the program, the recycled content plastic furniture and equipment to be purchased must be used at a park or school.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
• A maximum grant of $2,000 is available.
• Each entity applying for a grant is limited to one application or project per year.
• Grant recipients are encouraged to work with Iowa’s own Plastic Recycling of Iowa Falls.
• This is a reimbursement program.
• Grant recipients are required to have a marketing or public relations plan for maximizing public awareness of the project.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
March 30

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Mid-April

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
• Grant Applications should be prepared in letter form and sent to:

Iowa Grocery Industry Association  
Attn: Build with Bags Coordinator  
2540 106th Street, Ste. 102  
Des Moines, IA 50322

• Each application must include the applicant organization’s contact information (address, phone number and email address) along with a designated contact name and contact information.
All applications are reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Statement of need
- Public awareness plan
- Verifiable recycled plastic content
- Plastic bag recycling usage
- Endorsement letter from an IGIA member in support of your request

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Peggy Sellner
Executive Assistant/Member Services Coordinator
Iowa Grocery Industry Association
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Urbandale, IA 50322
p: 515-270-2628 f: 515-270-0316
www.iowagrocers.com
Email: psellner@iowagrocers.com
COMMUNITY ATTRACTION AND TOURISM (CAT) PROGRAM

SOURCE: Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA)

WEB LINK: https://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/EnhanceIowa

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding provided to assist projects that will provide recreational, cultural, entertainment and educational attractions. Projects must be available to the general public for public use and be primarily vertical infrastructure. "Vertical infrastructure" means land acquisition and construction, major renovation and major repair of buildings, all appurtenant structures, utilities, site development, and recreational trails.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
• Cities
• Counties
• Nonprofit organizations
• School districts in cooperation with a city or county
  o School districts can only apply as co-applicants with a city or county.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
Community attraction projects may include, but are not limited to:
• Museums
• Theme parks
• Cultural and recreational centers
• Recreational trails
• Heritage attractions
• Sports arenas

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
• A tourism facility is defined as a location that draws people into the community from at least 50 miles (one way) from home.
• Typical CAT awards are no more than 10%-20% of the total project costs.
• A 65% match commitment is required upon application. Up to 25% of the match may include non-financial resources, such as in-kind services.
• Following notification of award, a contract specifying further terms and conditions will be executed.
• No more than 50% of project costs may come from state sources, including CAT funds.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:
Quarterly: January 15, April 15, July 15, October 15
AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Applicants will be made aware of funding decisions after a full application review is completed.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
• Applications are available at the web link provided on the previous page.
• Completed applications and all other required materials detailed in the full program guidelines need to be sent to Alaina Santizo or Maicie Pohlman (contact info below).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Alaina Santizo or Maicie Pohlman
Iowa Economic Development Authority
200 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309-1819
Phone: 515-348-6162
Email: enhanceiowa@iowaeda.com
DERELICT BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

WEB LINK: https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Waste-Planning-Recycling/Derelict-Building-Program

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding to assist communities and counties in addressing derelict buildings through deconstruction, renovation/mothballing, and/or conducting environmental studies.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
- Any county of municipal government that owns or intends to own a building that resides in an area with a population of less than 5,000
- An applicant may partner with a local non-profit organization on a project
- Eligible buildings must be abandoned or vacant for at least six months prior to the start of a project.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
- Eligible derelict buildings include any commercial or public building that a local government has ownership of or intent to own. Applicants may ask for funding to cover asbestos containing materials (ACM) inspections of buildings not owned by the city at the time of application submittal. For the purpose of this program, a derelict building is defined as:
  - A building abandoned by the owner, or the owner is recalcitrant, or the owner is not financially viable to bring the building into compliance with state and local building codes.
  - A building that is dilapidated, neglected, has become a nuisance, fallen into a state of disrepair or deterioration, or falling into ruins.
- If a building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places or maintains a State of Iowa Historical listing, it is not eligible for this program.
- Reimbursable services covered by this grant include:
  - Certified ACM inspection.
  - Removal and disposal of ACM by certified asbestos removal contractors.
  - Structural engineering analysis performed by an experienced structural engineer or architectural historian to determine the ability to renovate a building.
  - Phase I environmental assessment, which includes a review of known environmental records and land use information about the site and vicinity.
  - Phase II environmental assessment, which includes actual soil, groundwater, and structural materials sampling, to determine if contamination exists (the need of this assessment is driven by the results of the phase I assessment).
  - Building deconstruction, with the purpose of maximizing recycling and reuse of materials to minimize landfill disposal (goal of 30 percent landfill diversion by weight).
  - Building renovation/mothballing using waste minimization, reuse, and recycling practices, including the use of salvaged or recycled content material during the renovation –
    - Reimbursement of costs related to the removing of materials for reuse, either at the site of offsite, or for recycling.
    - Reimbursement for the purchase and installation of reused or recycled materials that will be incorporated into the project.
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:

- Projects must have a landfill diversion component through the recycling and reuse of materials.
- Funding is provided on a reimbursement basis.
- State of Iowa approved contractors must be used for handling ACM and hazardous materials.
- For every additional 10 percent of landfill diversion by weight about 30 percent that is documented upon completion of the project, applicant cost share is reduced by 5 percent and the grant award amount will increase accordingly (the maximum grant award for deconstruction projects shall not exceed $75,000).
- Grant funding assistance breakdown by reimbursable service:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE:
February 20, 2020

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
April

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Applications and further submission details can be found using the web link provided on the previous page.
- Applications and other required support materials are to be sent to Scott Flagg (contact info below).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Scott Flagg, Environmental Specialists Senior
Department of Natural Resources
502 E 9th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319-0034
Phone: 515-725-8318
Email: scott.flagg@dnr.iowa.gov
DOT FUND

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)

WEB LINK:
http://www.iowadot.gov/pol_leg_services/Funding-Guide.pdf

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding provided for roadside beautification of primary system corridors with plant materials.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
Any tax-levying body

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
The site must be on a primary highway right-of-way, including primary highway extensions.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
- Maximum of $100,000 per application per year.
- DOT personnel will review plans and specifications.
- Participation is limited to cost of materials and installation of seed or live plants.
- Applications for DOT Sponsorship of Highway Plantings permits must be submitted to, and approved by, the district staff.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Letters of request are accepted all year and, if selected, are funded in the order in which they are received.

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
The average length of time for an acceptance decision is 90 days.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
Submit letters of request with listing of plant materials, site plan, detailed cost estimates, and the approved DOT Sponsorship of Highway Plantings permit to Michael Kennerly (contact info below).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Seana Godbold, Chief Landscape Architect
Iowa Department of Transportation
Office of Design
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010
Phone: 515-239-1243
Email: seana.godbold@iowadot.us
FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding to support the creation and presentation of new artwork, development of an arts experience or formation of an arts education program; for arts projects that positively impact the vitality of the arts in the state, demonstrate public value, and support Iowa Arts Council funding priorities.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
- Federally tax exempt 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations incorporated and physically located in Iowa
- Schools or institutions of higher education physically located in Iowa
- Units of local, county or federally-recognized tribal governments physically located in Iowa
- Current, legal Iowa resident artists who are 18 years of age or older and physically reside in Iowa

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
- Eligible projects must include:
  - Excellent and innovative arts activities
  - Involve collaboration
  - Provide access to Iowans
- Additional eligibility requirements:
  - Involve the creation and presentation of an original work of art, arts experience or arts learning opportunity and must demonstrate public value to Iowans through public engagement
  - Have a clear beginning and end date within the specified funding period

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
- Minimum grant request of $1,000 to a maximum grant request of $10,000.
- Applicants must adhere to Iowa Arts Council policies and the National Endowment for the Arts Terms and Conditions.
- Matching funds equal to or greater than the total grant amount requested are required:
  - 50% of the match must be cash
  - The remaining match can be in-kind or cash
- Eligible budget expenses include:
  - Artist fees
  - Contractor fees
  - Materials
  - Equipment under $5,000
  - Marketing
  - Domestic travel
• Grant recipients are required to complete a final report for their project.
• Projects may not receive more than one grant from the department in a single fiscal year.
  o Eligible applicants may only receive one award per program per state fiscal year.
  o No more than one application per applicant per program can be submitted during a single grant deadline.
  o Up to two grant applications may be submitted per program per state fiscal year if the first request is unfunded.
  o Eligible artists can only receive one Art Project Grant or Artist Fellowship in a single fiscal year.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

May 1
• Visit the web link provided on the previous page for up-to-date application deadline date information

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Applicants will be notified of funding award decisions within 8 weeks of the application deadline.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

• Applications must be submitted online at www.iowaartscouncil.slideroom.com
• Applications will not be accepted in any other format.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Veronica O’Hern, Grants Services and Artist Programs Manager Iowa Arts Council
600 East Locust
Des Moines, IA 50319
Phone: 515-281-3293
Email: veronica.ohern@iowa.gov
IOWA CLEAN AIR ATTAINMENT PROGRAM (ICAAP)

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)

WEB LINK: http://www.iowadot.gov/pol_leg_services/Funding-Guide.pdf (p.18-19)

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding for highway/street, transit, bicycle/pedestrian or freight projects or programs which help maintain Iowa’s clean air quality by reducing transportation-related emissions. Eligible highway/street projects must be on the federal-aid system, which includes all federal functional class routes except local and rural minor collectors.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
The state, a county or a city may sponsor an application or may co-sponsor for private, non-private organizations and individuals. Transit systems may apply directly.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
Eligible projects will fall into one of the following categories:

- Those which reduce emissions via traffic flow improvements and provide a direct benefit to air quality by addressing ozone, carbon monoxide or particulate matter PM-2.5 or PM-10 (all of these pollutant emissions must be addressed and a reduction calculation must be provided by the applicant for all types of projects listed)
- Those which reduce vehicle miles of travel
- Those which reduce single-occupant vehicle trips
- Other transportation improvement projects to improve air quality or reduce congestion

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
- Minimum $20,000 total project cost.
- A local match of at least 20% is required.
- Special requirements for highway projects:
  - Projects must be let by the DOT.
  - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) environmental concurrence is required.
  - Right-of-way activities must comply with applicable federal and state laws.
  - Plans and specifications must be prepared by an Iowa licensed professional engineer.
  - If federal-aid dollars are used for a consulting engineer, the Federal-Aid Consultant Selection Process must be used.
  - DOT design criteria should be used for the appropriate road classification.
  - Approval by the DOT of plans and specifications is required.
  - Compliance with regulations regarding the following is required:
    - Federal equal employment opportunity
    - Use of disadvantaged business enterprises
    - Occupational Safety and Health Administration provisions
- Federal (Davis-Bacon) Wage rates
  - Projects along federal-aid routes must complete materials testing, construction inspection and final project acceptance in accordance with DOT procedures – refer to FHWA form 1273: [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/contracts/1273/1273.pdf](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/contracts/1273/1273.pdf)

- Special requirements for transit projects:
  - Capital improvements require adherence to approved transit procurement procedures and equipment specifications.
  - Project candidates must be part of an approved five-year Capital Improvement Program.
  - Federally funded projects must comply with requirements regarding:
    - Civil rights protections
    - Use of disadvantaged business enterprises
    - Competitive procurement
    - Bus testing
    - Pre- and post-procurement audits
    - Drug testing and alcohol testing

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**
October 1

**AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
Applicants are typically made aware of funding decisions within four months of the deadline date.

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**
- Applications and further submission details can be found using the web link provided on the previous page, as well as at the links below:
  - [http://www.iowadot.gov/systems_planning/icaap.htm](http://www.iowadot.gov/systems_planning/icaap.htm)
- Applications and other required support materials noted in the full program guidelines are to be sent to Zac Bitting (contact info below).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**
Zachary Bitting, Program Manager
Office of Systems Planning
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010
Phone: 515-239-1713
Email: zachary.bitting@iowadot.us
IOWA GREAT PLACES

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs

WEB LINK: https://iowaculture.gov/about-us/about/grants/iowa-great-places

FUNDING OVERVIEW:

- Funding provided to support the development of new and existing infrastructure intended to cultivate the unique and authentic qualities of neighborhoods, communities and regions in Iowa.
  - Arts and culture
  - Built environment
  - Business development
  - Diversity
  - Entrepreneurial incentives
  - Historic Fabric
  - Housing options
  - Natural Environment
  - Retail amenities
- Designation as an Iowa Great Place includes:
  - Recognition by the State of Iowa for leveraging local assets to increase community vitality.
  - Use of the Great Places designation in marketing materials, signage, advertising, and as a point of civic pride and identity.
  - Designation as an Iowa Great Place beyond the grant funding period.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- A single entity must be selected to serve as the primary applicant for proposed projects that involve collaboration between a consortium of partners. Eligible lead applicants include:
  - Federally tax exempt 501(c)3 nonprofit organization incorporated and physically located in Iowa
  - Unit of local, county or federally-recognized tribal government physically located in Iowa
  - Municipal agencies with 28E agreements physically located in Iowa
  - Currently designated Iowa Great Place grant recipients who remain within their three-year period of funding eligibility who seek additional funding for related projects

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:

- Proposed projects must involve the creation or renovation of vertical infrastructure; meaning they must be deemed beneficial to the public and expected to last and be maintained for a minimum of twenty years.
- Types of eligible project activities:
  - Land acquisition
  - Construction
  - Major renovation and repair of buildings or appurtenant structures
  - Site development
  - Park, trail or permanent design exhibits
Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to:
- Cultural facilities and amenities
- Public art
- Building rehabilitation
- Way-finding signage
- Mixed use developments
- Streetscape enhancements
- Development of trails and parks

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
- Entities must apply for and receive designation as an Iowa Great Place before becoming eligible for funding.
- There is not a recommended grant request amount or range for individual projects; grant awards will be made on a case-by-case basis. The average award is $185,000.
- 50% of the total project cost may be requested for this reimbursement program.
- There is a minimum cash match requirement of 50%.
  - Competitive proposals will demonstrate broad-based financial support for their project and that public funding sources have been adequately leveraged to seek and obtain private dollars.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Visit the web link provided on the previous page for up-to-date letter of intent deadline information.

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Visit the web link provided on the previous page for up-to-date award announcement information.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
- A pre-application must be submitted by the lead applicant:
  - Based on the pre-application, eligible lead applicants may be invited to submit a full application for funding consideration.
  - An invitation to submit a full application is neither a guarantee of funding nor an endorsement of the applicant or project(s).
- Competitive applicants will exemplify bold thought and innovation; encourage creativity and entrepreneurship; foster a sense of place and identity; and demonstrate a commitment to enhancing community vitality and quality of life.
- Letters of intent must be submitted online at www.iowaarts council.slideroom.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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Iowa Arts Council
600 East Locust
Des Moines, IA 50319
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LIVING ROADWAY TRUST FUND

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)

WEB LINKS:
http://www.iowadot.gov/pol_leg_services/Funding-Guide.pdf (p.32-33)
http://www.iowadot.gov/lrtf/grants.html

FUNDING OVERVIEW: (revised 11/21/19)
Funding provided for Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (IRVM) related activities.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
• Cities – with IRVM plans on file with the Living Roadway Trust Fund (LRTF)
• Counties – with IRVM plans on file with the Living Roadway Trust Fund State Agencies
• Individuals – must have written support from the agency responsible for maintaining the right-of-way in which the project is proposed
• Non-profit organizations
• Colleges and Universities

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
• Categories of eligible projects include:
  o Demonstration Projects
  o Education
  o Outdoor Learning Environments
  o Electronic Equipment
  o Equipment - Specialized
  o Gateways and Community Entryways and Scenic Value Protection and Enhancement
  o Planning, Design and Development Services
  o Research
  o Roadside Inventories
  o Roadside Remnant Vegetation Surveys
  o Other Related Projects
  o Special Staff Training

• The below are examples of items typically funded:
  o Native plant materials
  o Planting and establishment materials
  o Burn equipment
  o Spraying equipment
  o Brush control equipment
  o GPS/GIS equipment
  o Seeding and Harvesting equipment (not tractors or trucks)
  o Educational and informational materials pertaining to IRVM
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:

- Proposed projects must be located on city, county or state right-of-way or on public land immediately adjacent to the right-of-way.
- An approved IRVM plan for the city or county involved with a proposed project must be on file with the DOT’s Roadside Coordinator’s office. Exceptions may be made for demonstration and educational plantings.
- A cash or in-kind matching contribution is required for all projects, with the exception of research projects, education projects and increased protection of high quality landscape areas.
- For projects requiring a cash or in-kind matching contribution: LRTF funds may be granted up to a maximum of 80% of the total allowable project cost, or up to the maximum allowable amount of the grant, whichever is less.
- Maximum funding amounts vary based on project type.
- This is a reimbursement program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
June 1

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Mid-to-late summer

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
- Applications and further details can be found using the web links provided on the previous page.
- Applications and other required support materials are to be emailed to lrtf.support@iowadot.us
- Hard copies of application materials will not be accepted.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Troy Siefert, PLA
Iowa Living Roadway Trust Fund Coordinator
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010
Phone: 515-239-1768
Email: lrtf.support@iowadot.us
IOWA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

SOURCE: Iowa Native Plant Society (INPS)

WEB LINK: http://www.iowanativeplants.org/grants.php

FUNDING OVERVIEW: Funding provided to increase the appreciation and enjoyment of Iowa’s native flora and to foster programs focusing on education, conservation and the ethical use of native plants.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Non-profit institutions, agencies and individuals
• Applicants need not be Iowa residents; however, the project must be carried out in Iowa

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA: Eligible projects include:
• Acquisition of land that will significantly contribute to the conservation of Iowa’s native flora
• Inventory, restoration and management of high-quality native remnants on private or public land
• Research that will contribute to conservation, appreciation and increased knowledge of Iowa’s native flora
• Training and education that achieve the same ends

This grant program funds efforts related to conserving native remnants but does not fund native plantings or prairie plantings.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
• Size of grants:
  o Land Acquisition or Inventory/Restoration/Management grants totaling up to $1250
  o Research grants totaling up to $500
  o Training and education grants totaling up to $500
• Individuals at academic institutions should apply through their grants office.
• Individuals without institutional or agency affiliation or those working on private lands need to explain the project’s ongoing potential and effects, and its long-term possibilities.
• First priority will be given to agencies and individuals that have not received an INPS grant during the previous two years.
• INPS does not fund plantings on bare ground.
• Matching funds are encouraged for Land Acquisition and Inventory/Restoration/Management projects.
• No funding shall be granted for salaries at academic institutions or agencies, or institutional/agency overhead.
• Funding for land acquisition projects may be awarded as a pledge to be paid at the time of land purchase, rather than as a direct payment.
• A final report will need to be completed at the conclusion of the project.
APPLICATION DEADLINES:
• January 15 for funding effective April 1

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
March 15th

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
• Applications and further details can be found using the web link provided on the previous page
• Applications must be emailed to Connie Mutel (contact information below)
• Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Grant Manager Connie Mutel before applying to insure the application fits the grant guidelines

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Connie Mutel, Grant Manager
Iowa Native Plant Society
Email: connie-mutel@uiowa.edu
IOWA TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM

SOURCE: Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA)

WEB LINK: https://www.traveliowa.com/industry-partners/grants/iowa-tourism-grants/

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding provided to promote tourism in Iowa by funding tourism-related marketing initiatives and meetings, events and professional development efforts that benefit local economies around the state and the state’s economy. Applications are available annually, and preference will be given to those that support the overall marketing plan of the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) in terms of its target audiences and messaging.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
Applicants must be a tourism-related entity based in Iowa, including:
• Nonprofit organizations
• For-profit organizations
• Cities
• Counties
• Regional governments
• Regional planning organizations

Organizations aren’t required to be members of their respective region (Central Iowa Tourism Region, Eastern Iowa Tourism Association or Western Iowa Tourism Region) to apply.

Applicants may submit one application per funding cycle. The same project cannot receive funding from the ITG program two years in a row.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
All project expenses (grant request plus cash match) must directly relate to the implementation of a tourism-related marketing initiative, meeting, or event.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
• Awards range from $2,500 to $5,000.
  o All funds requested must be whole numbers between $2,500 to $5,000 and be in increments of $500. (i.e., $2,500; $3,000; $3,500; etc.)
• A 25 percent cash match is required.
• This is a reimbursement program.
• Expenses must be incurred within the calendar year (January 2020 – December 2020).
• Examples of eligible expenses include:
  o Costs associated with executing marketing tactics and strategies, including planning, design and production of advertising, print materials, digital tools and exhibits for consumer-focused tradeshows
  o Payments to speakers or entertainers, venue rental and equipment rental for tourism-related educational meetings or events
To read the full list of ITG guidelines, click here

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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Iowa Economic Development Authority/Tourism
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Email: katie.kenne@iowaeda.com
IOWA’S STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)

WEB LINK:
https://iowadot.gov/systems_planning/grant-programs/transportation-alternatives

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding for surface transportation alternatives projects and initiatives that are statewide or
multiregional in nature and relate to transportation. This program now includes Safe Routes to School
projects, Scenic Byways, and eligible Recreational Trails Program projects.

Local projects (not statewide or multi-regional in nature) with a local city or county focus such as a
small city trail should not be submitted to this program. Local projects should be submitted to the
local planning agency according to the agency’s funding program guidelines.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
• Local governments
• Regional transportation authorities
• Transit agencies
• Natural resource or public lands agencies
• Tribal governments
• Any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of
transportation or recreational trails (other than a metropolitan planning organization
or a state agency that the state determines to be eligible).
• A non-eligible project sponsor (ex. a non-profit) may partner with an eligible co-
sponsor in applying for funds.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
Projects must relate to surface transportation and must meet one or more of the below eligibilities:
• Construction, planning and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists
and other non-motorized forms of transportation, including sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure,
pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic calming techniques, lighting and other safety-related
infrastructure and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with
• Construction, planning and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide
safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults and individuals with disabilities to
access daily needs.
• Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists or other
non-motorized transportation users.
• Construction of turnouts, overlooks and viewing areas.
Community improvement activities, including but not limited to:
- Inventory, control or removal of outdoor advertising.
- Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities.
- Vegetation management practices in transportation rights-of-way to improve roadway safety, prevent against invasive species and provide erosion control.
- Archaeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of transportation projects eligible under this title.
- Streetscape and corridor landscaping.

Any environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention and pollution abatement activities and mitigation to address:
- Stormwater management, control and water pollution prevention.
- Abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff.
- Reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality.
- Restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats.

Infrastructure-Related Safe Routes to School Projects
- The planning, design, and construction of infrastructure-related projects that will substantially improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school, including:
  1. Sidewalk improvements,
  2. Traffic calming and speed reduction improvements,
  3. Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements,
  4. On-street bicycle facilities,
  5. Off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities,
  6. Secure bicycle parking facilities, and
  7. Traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools.

Non-Infrastructure Related Safe Routes to School Projects
- Activities to encourage walking and bicycling to school, including:
  1. Public awareness campaigns and outreach to media and community leaders,
  2. Traffic education and enforcement in the vicinity of K-8 schools,
  3. Student sessions on bicycle and pedestrian safety, health, and environment, and
  4. Funding for training, volunteers, and managers of safe routes to school programs.

Eligible Recreational Trails Program projects, which include:
1. Maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails;
2. Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages;
3. Purchase and lease of recreational trail construction and maintenance equipment;
4. Construction of new recreational trails (with some restrictions for new trails on Federal lands);
5. Acquisition of easements and fee simple title to property for recreational trails or recreational trail corridors;
6. Assessment of trail conditions for accessibility and maintenance;
7. Development and dissemination of publications and operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection, (as those objectives relate to one or more of the use of recreational trails, supporting non-law enforcement trail safety and trail use monitoring patrol programs, and providing trail-related training), but in an amount not to exceed 5 percent of the apportionment made to the State for the fiscal year.
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:

- Funds may be provided for up to 80 percent of eligible project costs or up to the approved grant maximum, whichever is less. A local match is required to pay for 20 percent or more of the remaining costs.
- This is a reimbursement program.
- With few exceptions, all funded projects will be assigned a project manager within the DOT’s Systems Planning Bureau. This project manager will work closely with the project sponsor to see the successful completion of the project.
- Since this program is part of the Federal-aid highway program, awarded projects are subject to certain Federal laws and regulations including:
  - Involvement of the public, including adjacent property owners, in the development of the project.
  - Compliance with the Uniform Relocation Property Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act for the acquisition of easements or the purchase of land.
  - Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which requires verification the project is not harmful to the environment in the following areas:
    - Noise
    - Air quality
    - Cultural resources
    - Water quality
    - Floodplains
    - Farmland protection
    - Hazardous waste sites
  - Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
  - Compliance with Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and Minority Business Enterprises (MBE).
  - Compliance with Davis-Bacon wage requirements.
  - Competitive bidding requirements.
  - Obtaining necessary permits or other required approvals.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Statewide and multi-regional in-nature projects are considered through the Statewide TAP program October 1 annually.

Local project application deadlines can be found at: https://iowadot.gov/systems_planning/grant-programs/transportation-alternatives by clicking your project location on the interactive map to determine the appropriate local planning agency.

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
The approval process timeline will vary by project.
SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. A completed application form. Form 240004 Application Form for Iowa’s Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funds is available on the Iowa DOT website.
2. A narrative assessing existing conditions, outlining the concept of the proposed project, and providing adequate project justification as described in the application form. The narrative also requires a discussion of topics like how the project will enhance connectivity, project readiness, and environmental conditions among others.
3. A detailed map identifying the location of the project.
4. A sketch-plan of the project, including cross-section for bicycle or pedestrian facilities.
5. Digital photographs.
6. An itemized breakdown of the total project costs.
7. A time schedule for the total project development.
8. An official endorsement of the project from the authority to be responsible for its maintenance and operation according to the requirements included in the application form. For construction projects, this includes assurance that the facility will be adequately maintained in public use for a minimum of 20 years. The endorsement must also acknowledge the intent of the authority to provide the match funds required for the project. For cities, counties, or other political subdivisions, this endorsement is required to be in the form of a fully executed resolution by the elected body or board as applicable.
9. If applicable, a letter of support for the project from the scenic or historic byway board.
10. If applicable, information about the affected school(s) and student travel information for a SRTS project.
11. A narrative discussing the public input process that was followed and public acceptance as well as a discussion of local and regional planning efforts, partnership, and stakeholder involvement.
12. If the project will include construction within Iowa DOT right-of-way, a letter of support from the Iowa DOT District Office is required.
   a. Minority Impact Statement

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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Iowa Department of Transportation
Office of Systems Planning
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010
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Email: pamella.lee@dot.iowa.gov
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF)

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

WEB LINK: http://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/Grants-Other-Funding/Land-Water-Conservation-Fund

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Federally-funded program that provides 50% matching funds for outdoor recreation area development and acquisition.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
Iowa cities and counties

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:
- Observation and sight-seeing facilities; including hiking, biking, equestrian, cycle, snowmobile, and nature trails
- Picnic facilities, including open shelters
- Camping facilities
- Swimming facilities, including beaches, pools, bathhouses, and related equipment
- Winter sports facilities, including ski runs/lifts, outdoor skating rinks, tobogganing and sliding slopes, warming huts, etc.
- Playground equipment and outdoor sports facilities such as ball fields and game courts, golf courses, etc.
- Sport shooting areas for skeet, trap, rifle, pistol, and archery
- Lake and pond construction for boating, fishing, and aesthetic purposes
- Landscaping and plantings for wildlife food and cover
- Renovation or redevelopment of existing facilities which have deteriorated or become outdated.
- Support facilities including roads, parking, signs, walkways, utility systems, lighting, restrooms, concession buildings, trailer dumps, fences, etc.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
- Applicants are required to show a relationship between their project and the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)
- Initial screening for Section 106 clearance will be done by the DNR in partnership with the National Park Service. All "Requests for SHPO Comment on a Project" need to be forwarded to the DNR along with the LWCF grant application.
- All required information must be included on the project maps, as per the guidelines on p. 22 of the grant application.
Reimbursements are made only on costs incurred and paid by the grantee during the project period as identified on the grant agreement. The only exception to this is on “pre-agreement planning costs,” which can include site investigation and selection, site planning, feasibility studies, preliminary design, environmental assessment, preparation of cost estimates, and construction drawings and specifications.

- Local entities are eligible to receive annual assistance from the LWCF in accordance with the following schedule:

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*Some exceptions apply – see full grant guidelines for details

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**
March 15

**AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
Application review will take place in April with award announcements following the review.

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**
- Applications and further details can be found by visiting the web link provided on the previous page.
- Applications and other required support materials are to be sent to Jessica Manken (contact info below).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**
David Downing
Parks, Recreation and Preserves Division
502 East 9th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319
Phone: 515-725-8487
Email: david.downing@dnr.iowa.gov
FUNDING OVERVIEW:

Communities selected to take part in the Main Street Iowa program receive thousands of dollars annually in the form of training and technical assistance as outlined below:

- **State investment:**
  - First three years – State invests approximately $120,000
    - 40 days – Training and technical assistance on-site by Main Street Iowa and National Main Street Center staff and private consultants
    - 30 days – Training for local volunteers and staff
  - On-going annual investment – State invests approximately $15,000
    - Quarterly volunteer and director training
    - Design assistance
    - Business assistance
    - Yearly consultations
    - City-specific technical assistance and support

- **Training and technical assistance** – It is imperative that cities receive the training and technical assistance needed for them to make good planning decisions relative to revitalization and future development of their district.
  - Statewide training and technical assistance includes:
    - Quarterly program orientation/training for new staff and volunteers
    - Quarterly training workshops facilitated by nationally-known professionals
    - Board and volunteer development training via webinars
  - In community training and technical assistance includes:
    - Architectural and design assistance
    - Business assistance
    - Facilitated vision development
    - Facilitated mission statement development
    - Committee training
    - Board roles and responsibilities training
    - Facilitated board and committee planning
    - Issue-specific technical assistance
    - Support with program director selection
    - Annual one- or two-day program visits

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

All Iowa cities
ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
Communities interested in revitalizing their historic main streets

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION:
• The mission of the Main Street Iowa Program is to improve the social and economic well-being of Iowa’s communities by assisting selected communities to capitalize on the unique identity, assets and character of their historic commercial district. Main Street is economic development within the context of historic preservation. – This mission is supported by eight guiding principles:
  o Incremental process
  o Comprehensive approach
  o Emphasis on quality
  o Public and private partnership
  o Changing attitudes
  o Focus on existing assets
  o Self-help program
  o Implementation-oriented

• The Main Street Approach offers comprehensive and integrated strategy to commercial district revitalization using four key facets:
  o Organization
  o Economic restructuring
  o Design
  o Promotion

PREPARING FOR MAIN STREET IOWA:
Main Street is a comprehensive approach to commercial district revitalization. It is imperative that a community fully understands the program and its requirements prior to applying. Experience has shown that communities typically take between one and two years to learn about the Main Street Iowa program and its processes before they are ready to commit to the necessary funding. The following four-step process is suggested for a community considering applying:
1. Request program materials from Main Street Iowa.
2. An organizing group calls a town meeting to inform local residents about the Main Street program. Invite a representative from a Main Street community to speak to the group about their local program. Reach consensus about whether or not to proceed. Form a core group to conduct a thorough investigation of the program. The group should travel to three or four Main Street districts of similar size to experience local programs. Following the community visits, a second meeting is held. Invite all who attended the first meeting and any other interested groups and individuals to hear the group’s results. This will build consensus on whether to proceed to the application stage. Main Street Iowa representatives may be invited to speak at this meeting. Begin a media campaign to inform the community about the program and the results of the core groups findings.
3. Consensus has been reached. The decision to proceed should be supported by local government, development groups, commercial district building and business owners, industry, service groups, etc. Their support must be both financial and philosophical. Continue the media campaign to keep the local citizenry informed of progress.
4. Contact Main Street Iowa about the next application cycle. Applications are usually sought annually, but cycles are dependent on state funding. Completed applications are accepted and reviewed by the Main Street Iowa Advisory Council which makes selection recommendations to the Director of the Iowa Economic Development Authority.
   - Accepted applicants are announced and begin the start-up phase at this time.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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Main Street Iowa
Iowa Downtown Resource Center
Iowa Economic Development Authority
200 East Grand Avenue*
Des Moines, IA 50309
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Email: mainstreet@iowaeda.com

*As of January 2020, the address changes to 1963 Bell Ave, Des Moines, IA 50315
PAINT IOWA BEAUTIFUL

SOURCE: Keep Iowa Beautiful

WEB LINK: https://www.keepiowabeautiful.com/grants-awards/paint-iowa-grant/

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding provided to Iowa groups to purchase Diamond Vogel Paint for painting a wide variety of public service projects throughout Iowa.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
Public or private Iowa nonprofit organizations

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
- Diamond Vogel Paint must be used. Find your nearest Iowa location at www.diamondvogel.com
- This is a reimbursement program. Project to be completed and reimbursement requested by the end of the year in which application is awarded.
- Awarded grants are applicable only for the calendar year in which the award is granted. There is no carryover to the next year and those not using their allocation or award must reapply for the next year.
- Copies of any photos (with everyone and everything clearly identified), news or media coverage and quotes from community leaders will need to be submitted to Keep Iowa Beautiful and Diamond Vogel Paint Company for their use as soon as a project is completed.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
February 14, 2020

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
Submit an application electronically using the application link on the webpage:
- Contact name, address, phone, email, etc.
- Description of the project, List of areas to be painted, Photo of plans for the project.
- Number of gallons desired
- Government or non-profit status, Volunteer involvement or paid staff
- Tentative schedule for the project.
- Plans for media or news involvement

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Keep Iowa Beautiful
300 E. Locust St., Suite 100, Des Moines, IA 50309
Phone: 515-323-6537; Email: bjiangon@keepiowabeautiful.com
PEDESTRIAN CURB RAMP CONSTRUCTION

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)

WEB LINK:
http://www.iowadot.gov/pol_leg_services/Funding-Guide.pdf (p. 42)

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Assist cities in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on primary roads in Iowa cities.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
Any Iowa city

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
The specific qualifications for funding are listed below:
• The city must engineer and administer the project.
• Improvements must involve a municipal extension of a primary road.
• Curb ramps must meet ADA standards.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
• Projects must be completed within two years of agreement approval.
• There is a funding maximum of $250,000 per city, per year - the DOT may pay up to 100% of eligible costs

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Letters of request are accepted year-round.

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
The average length of time for a funding decision to be made is 90 days from the date submitted.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
A letter of request must be completed, which must include the following:
• City name
• Location description of primary road(s) and the boundaries of the project
• Number of curb ramps to be constructed
• Estimated total construction costs of the curb ramps
• Completion work schedule, with dates
• Name and title of the city’s contact person.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
The appropriate DOT district engineer - see Appendix II of this guide for contact information
PEOPLE FOR BIKES COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

SOURCE: PeopleForBikes

WEB LINK: https://peopleforbikes.org/our-work/community-grants/

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding provided for projects with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
• Non-profit organizations
• City agencies
• County agencies
• Federal agencies (working locally)

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
• Most grant funds are focused on bicycle infrastructure projects such as:
  o Bike paths, lanes, trails, and bridges
  o Mountain bike facilities
  o Bike parks and pump tracks
  o BMX facilities
  o End-of-trip facilities, such as bike racks, bike parking, and bike storage
• Some advocacy projects are also funded and include:
  o Programs that transform city streets, such as Ciclovias or Open Street Days
  o Initiatives designed to increase local investment in bicycle infrastructure

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
• Funding requests up to $10,000 are accepted.
• A specific percentage of matching contributions is not required; however, grant requests in which the funding requested would amount to 50% or more of the project budget will not be considered.
• Requests must support a specific project or program.
• Funding is allowed to be used for engineering and design work, construction costs including materials, labor, and equipment rental, and reasonable volunteer support costs.
• For advocacy projects, funding is allowed to be used for staffing that is directly related to accomplishing the goals of the initiative.
• Projects are evaluated based on the following criteria:
  o Project quality
  o Benefits to the community
  o Measurement and evaluation
  o Community support and partnerships
  o Role of PeopleForBikes funding
  o Diversity
APPLICATION DEADLINES:
• Two grant cycles per year – generally spring (final notification given in May) and fall (final notification given in December).
• Letter of interested required before submitting full application

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
• Completion of an electronic letter of interest and application is required.
  o Visit the web link on the previous page to access the electronic submission portal.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Zoe Kircos, Director of Grants and Partnerships
PeopleForBikes
Phone: 720-726-3335 (Zoe Kircos)
Email: zoe@peopleforbikes.org
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (FEDERAL)

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)

WEB LINKS:
https://iowadot.gov/systems_planning/Grant-Programs/-Federal-and-State-Recreational-Trails

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding to provide and maintain motorized and non-motorized recreational trails and trail-related projects.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
- Public agencies
- Non-profit and private organizations (if co-sponsored by a public agency)

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
Eligible projects include:
- Maintaining and restoration of existing trails
- Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages
- Purchase of and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment
- Construction of new trails (with restrictions for new trails on Federal lands)
- Acquisition of easements or property for trails
- Operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection related to trails

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND NOTES:
- A 20 percent match is required.
- The minimum grant amount is $5,000. The maximum federal share for a project is 80 percent of eligible costs. Please note that this is a reimbursement program. Grant recipients will only be reimbursed for eligible costs actually expended. No costs or in-kind services incurred prior to FHWA approval of the grant are eligible for reimbursement or use as a match.
- This is a reimbursement program.
- Funded projects must be identified in, or further a goal of, Iowa’s Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), the Iowa Trails 2000 document or a regional, county or local plan.
- All projects selected for funding are subject to all applicable federal requirements and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval. These requirements may include:
  o Involvement of the public, including adjacent property owners, in the development of the project.
  o Conformity with the federal guidelines for the acquisition of land.
  o National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance – verification the project is not harmful to the environment in the following areas:
    ▪ Noise
    ▪ Air quality
    ▪ Cultural resources
- Water quality
- Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Farmland protection
- Hazardous waste sites
  - Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
  - Compliance with Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) regulations.
  - Compliance with Davis-Bacon wage requirements (only if other federal grant funds are involved in the project).
- Additional regulations for work on public lands:
  - Projects must be open for public use for a minimum of 20 years’ post-completion.
  - Project site must be adequately maintained for a minimum of 20 years’ post-completion.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**
October 1st

**AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
- The length of the application review/approval process is usually three months with funds available the following October.

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**
- Applications and further details can be found by visiting the web links provided on the previous page.
- Applications and other required support materials are to be sent to Yvonne Diller (contact info below).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**
Yvonne Diller, Program Manager – Federal and State Recreational Trails Programs Office of Systems Planning
Iowa Department of Transportation 800 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010
Phone: 515-239-1252
Email: Yvonne.diller@iowadot.us
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (STATE)

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)

WEB LINKS:
https://iowadot.gov/systems_planning/Grant-Programs/-Federal-and-State-Recreational-Trails

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding to establish recreational trails for the use, enjoyment and participation of the public.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
• State agencies
• Counties
• Cities
• Nonprofit organizations

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
• Proposed recreational trails projects shall meet all of the following requirements:
  o Involve a public use trail
  o Must be part of a local, area-wide, regional or statewide plan
  o Trail route shall be designed to allow enjoyment of scenic views or points of historical interest and to maximize safety
• Eligible projects include:
  o Land acquisition
  o Trail surfacing, resurfacing, rehabilitation, modernization, upgrading and reconstruction, including pavement repairs and overlays and shoulder widening and stabilization; or trail construction including grading, drainage, paving and erosion control
  o Bridge and culvert repair, modernization, replacement or initial construction
  o Roadway intersection or interchange improvements, including warranted traffic signalization that is an integral part of the project
  o Construction or improvement of rest areas, information centers, waysides, permanent interpretive displays, lighting, and rest rooms, including the costs of utility connections that are an integral part of the project
  o Design engineering and construction inspection costs directly associated with the project
  o Storm drainage and storm sewer costs to the extent needed for draining the trail
  o Utility relocation costs necessary for trail construction or improvement if the utility is not located on public right-of-way
  o Trail signs, fencing, landscaping, parking areas and walkways
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:

- Funds may be granted up to a maximum of 80 percent of project costs.
- A 25 percent local match is required.
- All designs must be approved by the DOT.
- The applicant must have an approved permit from the DOT maintenance engineer to perform any work within the state right-of-way.
- Awarded trails must be maintained as a public facility for a minimum of 20 years.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

- Applications may be submitted at any time prior to the January 2 and July 1 deadlines.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Applications and further details can be found by visiting the web links provided on the previous page.
- Applications and other required support materials are to be sent to Yvonne Diller (contact info below).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Iowa Department of Transportation  800 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010
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RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION (REAP) –
CITY PARKS & OPEN SPACES

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

WEB LINK:

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
100 percent funding of parkland expansion and multi-purpose outdoor-related recreation development.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
Iowa cities – separated into three categories based on population size:
• 1 – 1,999
• 2,000 – 24,999
• 25,000 and greater

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
• The amount of REAP grant money available to a city in any one year depends on its population. The population categories and respective grant amount ceilings are shown below:

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• Selection criteria includes, but is not limited to:
  o Relationship to state, local and regional plans
  o Quality of site and/or project
  o Direct recreation benefits
  o Public benefits served
  o Local support
  o Quality of public communications plan

• These funds are not available for single or multipurpose athletic fields, baseball or softball diamonds, tennis courts, golf courses and other organized sport facilities. Swimming pools and playground equipment are also ineligible.

• Applicants are highly encouraged to attend the application review session that will take place in mid-September to answer any questions from the selection committee.
APPLICATION DEADLINE:
August 15

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Application review takes place in mid-September with funding announcements to follow.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
- Applications and further details can be found by visiting the web link provided on the previous page.
- Applications and other required support materials are to be sent to Tammie Krausman (contact info below).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Tammie Krausman, REAP Coordinator
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Wallace State Office Building
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Des Moines, IA 50319
Phone: 515-402-8763
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RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION (REAP) – DNR OPEN SPACES PROTECTION: ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR)


FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Cost-share program that allows private conservation organizations and the DNR to jointly acquire property to help provide outdoor recreation opportunities and protect critical habitats.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
Iowa private conservation organizations

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
Selection criteria includes, but is not limited to:
• Relative rarity of the natural resources found on the site
• Quality of the site
• Immediate threats to the area that constitute urgency for acquisition and/or development
• Rare or unique species communities on the site
• Public benefits of acquisition and/or development of the site
• Communications plan to inform users of the importance of the proposed acquisition and/or development
• Plans to promote the acquisition and/or development

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
• The private conservation organization will need to provide 25% of the funding required for the purchase, with REAP providing the remaining 75% of the required funding. The DNR will own and manage the property that is jointly purchased on behalf of the public.
• Properties purchased through this program will remain on the tax rolls. The DNR will pay the property taxes using REAP provided funds to alleviate any burdens on local governments.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
August 15

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Application review takes place in the fall with award announcements made in the following weeks.
SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
- Applications and further details can be found by visiting the web link provided on the previous page.
- Applications and other required support materials should be emailed to Tammie Krausman (contact info below).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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RESTORE IOWA! GRANT PROGRAM

SOURCE: Iowa Native Plant Society (INPS)

WEB LINKS: http://www.iowanativeplants.org/grants.php

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding provided to help restore native Iowa plant communities, while simultaneously introducing Iowa’s students and youth to ecological restoration concepts and techniques.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
All Iowans

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
Projects may be of any size and duration, as long as they meet the following criteria:

- Projects must work with restoration of an Iowa native prairie remnant or oak woodland with proven good restoration potential.
- Projects should primarily be field efforts, but they must include some restoration-focused educational component, either in the field or in the classroom.
- Projects must work on public or private Iowa land where restoration efforts have a high probability of continuation with other sources of funding.
- Projects must be completed with Iowa students or youth (high school or university students, Scout groups, etc.)
- Project leaders need not be experts in ecological restoration, but they should have some experience or knowledge about the field, or bring in someone to provide this experience or knowledge to the participants.
- Established restoration programs may be considered if they incorporate novel approaches for integrating Iowans into restoration projects.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:
- January 15

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- Spring

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
- Proposals include writing a letter of intent to INPS that includes the following:
  - Whom you will work with
  - Where the project will take place
  - What you propose to do
  - The objectives of the project and budget
• Proposals must be emailed to Connie Mutel (contact information below)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Connie Mutel, Grant Manager
Iowa Native Plant Society
Email: connie-mutel@uiowa.edu
REVITALIZE IOWA’S SOUND ECONOMY (RISE)

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)

WEB LINK:
http://www.iowadot.gov/pol_leg_services/Funding-Guide.pdf (p. 15)

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding provided to assist in promoting economic development in Iowa through construction or improvements of roads and streets. Funding may be in the form of a grant, loan or combination thereof.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
Iowa cities and counties

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
Projects must involve construction or improvement of a public roadway. Project types include:
- Immediate Opportunity – projects related to an immediate, non-speculative opportunity for permanent job creation or retention. Jobs created are to be value-adding in nature (e.g. manufacturing, industrial, non-retail).
- Local Development – projects which support local economic development but which do not require an immediate commitment of funds (e.g. industrial parks, tourist attractions), or do not meet the Immediate Opportunity criteria. Projects are evaluated using the following five factors:
  - Development potential
  - Economic impact
  - Local commitment and initiative
  - Transportation need
  - Area economic need

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
- Local match requirements:
  - Immediate Opportunity projects require a minimum match of 20 percent.
  - Local Development projects require a minimum match of 50 percent.
- Projects that facilitate relocation of jobs within the state do not qualify for funding.
- Iowa DOT staff reviews all road project concepts, cost estimates, plans, and specifications.
- Plans and specifications shall be prepared by an Iowa licensed professional engineer.
- All code of Iowa requirements for public expenditures apply (e.g. right-of-way activities, environmental clearances and letting procedures).
- Local development applications assisting the redevelopment of brownfield sites receive added consideration.
- Local development applications assisting Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) approved certified sites may be eligible to receive additional assistance.
APPLICATION DEADLINE:
- Applications and request forms are accepted throughout the year for Immediate Opportunity projects.
- Deadlines for Local Development projects applications and request forms to be turned-in:
  - February 1
  - September 1

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- Immediate Opportunity projects may have a response time as short as a few weeks.
- Local Development projects typically have a response time of approximately four months.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
- Application and request forms can be found by visiting the web link below:
  https://iowadot.gov/systems_planning/Grant-Programs/Revitalize-Iowas-Sound-Economy-RISE-Program
- Applicants are required to receive the recommendation of the Iowa DOT staff with Iowa Transportation Commission approval.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Jennifer Kolacia, RISE Program Manager
Iowa Department of Transportation
Systems Planning Bureau
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010
Phone: 515-239-1738
Email: Jennifer.Kolacia@iowadot.us
SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO: Gro More GRASSROOTS GRANT

SOURCE: Scotts Miracle-Gro

WEB LINK:
https://kidsgardening.org/2019-gromore-grassroots-grant/

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding provided up to $1,000 for the creation of community gardens and green space.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
• 501(c)(3) organizations, including
  o School districts
  o Universities
  o Government entities
  o Other organizations can apply through a fiscal sponsor that has 501(c)(3) status

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
• Planting edible gardens
• Establishment of pollinator habitat
• Establishing green spaces for neighborhoods

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
• The focus of the grant is on garden and green space beautification projects that incorporate the involvement and engagement of neighborhood residents and foster a sense of community spirit.
• Grants are awarded based on the following criteria:
  o Creating positive community influence and impact, and involving area youth
  o Promoting health and wellness
  o Donating harvest yields
  o Committing to sustaining or growing the project

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Mid-February
• Visit the web link above for up-to-date application deadline date information.

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Mid-March

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
An online application must be completed
• Visit the web link above for up-to-date application submission requirements

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Visit the web link above for up-to-date grant information and contact details.
SOLID WASTE ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR)


FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding provided to reduce the amount of solid waste generated and landfilled in Iowa.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
• Any unit of local government
• Public groups
• Private groups
• Individuals

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
Funds can be used for such items as:
• Waste reduction equipment and installation.
• Recycling, collection, processing or hauling equipment (including installation).
• Development, printing and distribution of educational materials.
• Planning and implementation of educational forums, workshops, etc.
• Purchase and installation of recycled content products.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
• Projects are broken into two groups:
  o Project request $10,000 or less
  o Project request greater than $10,000
• The program provides financial assistance in the form of forgivable loans, zero interest loans, and 3 percent loans.
• A 25 percent minimum cash match is required.
• Emphasis for selected projects is placed on tonnage avoided or reduced, sustainability and ability to replicate.
• Extra consideration is given to applications addressing large or hard-to-manage targeted waste streams.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:
• January 2
• July 1
AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Applicants are typically made aware of funding decision within two months of the submission deadline.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
• Applications and further details can be found by visiting the web link provided on the previous page.
• Applications and other required support materials are to be sent to Tom Anderson or Amy Wilken (contact info below).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Tom Anderson
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Land Quality Bureau
502 E 9th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319
Phone: 515-725-8323
Email: tom.anderson@dnr.iowa.gov

Amy Wilken
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Land Quality Bureau
502 E 9th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319
Phone: 515-725-8349
Email: amy.wilken@dnr.iowa.gov
STORMWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES LOANS

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS)

WEB LINK: http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/stormwaterBMPloans.asp

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
This program facilitates low-interest loans to private and public entities for implementing environmentally responsible strategies for stormwater management.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
• Cities and counties
• Developers
• Home and landowners
• Watershed organizations
• Businesses

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
• Detention basins
• Grassed waterways
• Infiltration practices
• Pervious paving systems
• Ponds or wetland systems
• Soil quality restoration
• Native landscaping
• Rain gardens
• Other practices that may be shown to improve or protect water quality

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
• Private entities use local participating lenders through a linked deposit arrangement, while public entities work directly with the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA).
• The applicant must designate and have a commitment from the entity responsible for the long-term maintenance of the project.
• Pollution prevention measures required in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits are not eligible.
• Holders of Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permits may fund practices not specifically covered by the permit.
• Loan terms and information:
  o No cash is required upfront.
  o Loan terms start from $5,000
  o Loan terms up to 20 years
• Up to 3 percent fixed rate for the life of the loan
• Can fund up to 100 percent of eligible project-related costs
• Available through the lender of your choice

About linked deposit loans:
• Under a linked deposit loan, the IFA works with local private lending institutions to provide assistance for water quality practices. The IFA agrees to accept a 0 percent rate of return on an investment and the lending institution agrees to provide a loan to eligible borrowers at 3 percent interest or less.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Applications are accepted year-round

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
There is a quick turnaround for notification of award funding

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
• Contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) office to complete an application for your eligible project. You can find your local SWCD contact information at the link below:
  o https://idals.iowa.gov/FARMS/index.php/districtMap
• A licensed engineer must sign the application confirming the below prior to final submission of the application to your local SWCD:
  o The project is designed according to the Iowa Stormwater Management Manual, which can be found at the link below:
    ▪ http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/WaterQuality/WatershedImprovement/Storm_water.aspx
  o Only those practices directly related to the water quality improvements are listed in the cost estimate.
• It is up to your local SWCD to approve projects.
• For private entities, it is up to your lender to qualify you for financing.
  o If your lender is not familiar with the program, have them contact Jane Larson with the IFA
    ▪ Phone: 515-725-4949
    ▪ Email: jane.larson@iowa.gov

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Tony Toigo, Loan Program Coordinator
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Wallace State Office Building
502 E 9th St
Des Moines, IA 50319
Phone: 515-281-6148
Email: tony.toigo@iowaagriculture.gov
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS
(HIGHWAY, BRIDGE & TRANSIT)

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)

WEB LINK:

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
This federal program was established to:
- Aid public road jurisdictions with funding for roads on federal-aid routes or bridges on any public road
- Provide funding for transit capital improvements
- Provide funding for transportation planning activities

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
Public agencies with public road jurisdiction, public transit responsibilities or transportation planning responsibilities.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
- The minimum/maximum award amounts vary according to Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) guidelines.
- A minimum of 20 percent non-federal match is required (80 percent federal funding).
- DOT approval of plans and specifications is required.
- Additional transit project regulations:
  - Capital improvements require adherence to approved transit procurement procedures and equipment specifications.
  - Project candidates must be part of an approved five-year Capital Improvement Program.
  - Transit projects must be approved by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), either as part of a direct grant or statewide grant.
  - Federally funded projects must comply with requirements regarding:
    - Civil rights protections and use of disadvantaged business enterprises
    - Competitive procurement
    - Bus testing
    - Pre- and post-procurement audits
    - Drug and alcohol testing
- Additional bridge project regulations:
  - Bridge candidates must be classified as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.
  - Bridge replacement candidates must have a structure inventory and appraisal (SI&A) sufficiency rating of 60 or less and daily traffic of at least 25 vehicles.
  - Bridge rehabilitation candidates must have an SI&A sufficiency rating of 80 or less and average daily traffic of at least 25 vehicles.
APPLICATION DEADLINE:

- Highway and transit projects:
  - Varies by RPA/MPO – Contact the appropriate RPA/MPO for deadlines. – See Appendix I of this guide
- Bridge projects:
  - City bridge applications must reach the DOT by October 1.
  - County bridge candidate submittals must adhere to requirements of the appropriate RPA/MPO – Contact the appropriate RPA/MPO for deadlines. – See Appendix I of this guide

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
The average length of this acceptance decision process is nine months.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Highway and transit projects:
  - Obtain an application from the appropriate RPA/MPO. Complete the application and turn it in with any other required materials to the designated RPA/MPO.
- Bridge projects:
  - Cities submit letters of request to the DOT for specific eligible bridges, along with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) project number, location and estimated cost of the project.
  - Counties select bridges based on county allocations. Structure information, similar to that provided by cities, is forwarded to the appropriate RPA or MPO.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

- Highway projects:
  - The appropriate RPA or MPO - See Appendix I to locate the correct RPA/MPO
- Transit projects:
  - The appropriate RPA or MPO - See Appendix I of this guide to locate the correct RPA/MPO
  - Shawn Majors
    Iowa Department of Transportation Office of Program Management
    800 Lincoln Way
    Ames, IA 50010
    Phone: 515-239-1288
    Email: shawn.majors@dot.iowa.gov
- Bridge projects:
  - The appropriate RPA or MPO – See Appendix I of this guide to locate the correct RPA/MPO
  - Iowa Department of Transportation Office of Local Systems
  - Nicole Moore (Interim), Secondary Roads Engineer (County Projects) Phone: 515-239-1506
    Email: nicole.moore@IowaDOT.us
  - Sarah Okerlund, Urban Engineer (City Projects) Phone: 515-239-1555
    Email: Sarah.Okerlund@IowaDOT.us
  - 800 Lincoln Way
    Ames, IA 50010
TREES FOR KIDS/TREES FOR TEENS

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

WEB LINK: http://www.iowadnr.gov/Conservation/Forestry/Urban-Forestry

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding provided for qualified tree planting projects on publicly owned property that provide an educational component to Iowa’s students.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
- Local and State governments (school districts, cities, counties)
- Service organizations with 501(c)3 status
- Service organizations without 501(c)3 status (These organizations will be required to involve local governments in the holding of funds)

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
Qualified public planting areas include, but are not limited to:
- Street rights-of-way
- Parks
- School grounds
- Courthouse lawns
- Public buildings
- Fairgrounds
- Cemeteries
- Libraries
- Trails

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
- Grant awards range between $1,000 and $2,500.
- Matching funds are not required, but they are encouraged.
- An educational component must be included.
- Trees selected for planting must be from the Acceptable Tree List provided for this funding.
- Diversity of species is required.
- Trees will need to be purchased from Iowa nurseries licensed by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:
- March 1
- September 1
AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- Mid-March for March 1 deadline
- Mid-September for September 1 deadline

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
- Applications and further details can be found by visiting the web link provided on the previous page.
- Applications and other required support materials must be emailed to Laura Wagner (contact info below).

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TREES PLEASE!

SOURCE: MidAmerican Energy

WEB LINK:
http://www.midamericanenergy.com/ee/ia_res_trees.aspx

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding provided for tree planting projects in public areas such as parks for windbreaks and city-owned properties for energy efficiency benefits to reduce heating and cooling costs.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
Iowa communities receiving utility service from MidAmerican Energy Company.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
• Grant money must be used for the purchase of trees only.
• The amount of each award is determined after all applications are received and evaluated.
• This program is not a residential customer tree-planting program. Trees must be planted in common areas such as parks, trails and city-owned rights-of-way.
• Matching funds equal to the grant amount must be secured by the applicant. This requirement can be met by in-kind services, donated labor and/or materials.
• Applications are evaluated on the basis of project merit, benefit to community and ability to obtain matching funds.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Mid-October

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Applicants are notified in December if they have received an award, and if so, the dollar amount of the award.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
Applications are available in September and sent to communities in MidAmerican Energy’s service territory. To check if your community qualifies, e-mail PlantTrees@midamerican.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Phone: 800-434-4017
Email: PlantTrees@midamerican.com
WATER RECREATION ACCESS COST-SHARE PROGRAM

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

WEB LINKS:
http://www.iowadnr.gov/Things-to-Do/Boating/Water-Rec-Access-Cost-Share

FUNDING OVERVIEW:
Funding provided for constructing or improving boat access facilities to Iowa’s lakes and streams.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
Political subdivisions of the State of Iowa
• Two or more local public agencies may join together to carry out a water access project; however, only one local agency will be allowed to serve as the primary sponsor.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA:
• Development projects include, but are not limited to:
  o Boat ramps
  o Loading/off-loading docks
  o Boat slips
  o Parking lots for vehicles and trailers of boaters utilizing ramps
  o Access roads to ramps and parking
  o Rest rooms
  o Localized dredging
  o Shoreline protection measures
  o Signs and markers
  o Fencing
  o Lighting
  o Support facilities (sidewalks, utilities, landscaping, etc.)
  o Canoe/small boat access and parking
  o Renovation projects
  o Survey and engineering services
  o Diagnostic feasibility studies
  o Watershed protection and lake basin restoration
• Acquisition of lands to be used for recreational boating/canoeing access

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:
• In order for a project site to be eligible for a development grant, it must be under the physical control of the grant applicant, either by fee title, lease, management agreement or easement.
• The project must have a cost share eligible estimate of $1,000.
• The application must be submitted and approved prior to expenditure of funds by the local sponsor.
• Approved projects are funded on a 75% state to 25% local cost share.
• If a political subdivision is managing a DNR property under a long term agreement, the funding can be 100% state.
• Sponsors wishing to furnish their own equipment and labor can receive 100% of the cost of materials for the project.
• Projects can also be funded at 50% Federal Coast Guard and 50% Marine Fuel Tax if federal funds are available.
• This is a reimbursement program.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:
• September 30

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
• Notification of awarded funding will take place shortly after the application goes through a review process.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
• Applications and submission details can be found using the web link provided on the previous page.

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