



Mickey Shields, Assistant Director of Membership Services for the Iowa League of Cities presenting at the ECICA Fall 2018 meeting

ECICA Meeting a Success!

Nearly 25 area city clerks attended the East Central Iowa Clerk's Association (ECICA) meeting on November 7th hosted by ECIA. Clerks and city representatives enjoyed a jam-packed day of presentations from the State Auditor's Office on Fraud Prevention and Best Practices; the Iowa Downtown Resources Center on Downtown Business, Workforce Housing, and State Funding; City of Dubuque Attorney's office on How Land Banks Can Help with Community Revitalization, and; the Iowa League of Cities on Legislative Priorities and Ways Cities Can Get Involved.

If you have any ideas for future ECICA presentations, please contact Marla Quinn, Grants and Municipal Coordinator, mquinn@ecia.org. The next meeting is tentatively set for May 2019.

Downtown Maquoketa Incentives make an Impact



The City of Maquoketa has seen continued downtown growth through their successful grant incentives. One hundred thousand dollars of public grants (granted over two years) leveraged \$437,289.31 in private investment from 16 different projects. These programs helped new businesses

to open and helped with the establishment of upper story units.

The downtown area has seen growth in interest, available downtown properties, and overall activity in the business district. The City of Maquoketa and downtown property owners have recently been granted a CDBG Downtown Revitalization facade restoration award. This project will amount to \$1 million in additional investment (\$500k State, \$250k City, and \$250k property owners) in the downtown building facades, and in effect transform the appearance and attractiveness of Maquoketa's downtown. The CDBG grant was written by ECIA staff.



It's clear to see that these downtown incentive grant programs have had a huge impact on Maquoketa and can hopefully help more cities in the future! For additional information on how these grants have benefited Maquoketa, please contact Jackson County Economic Alliance (JCEA) Director Nicolas Hockenberry at: hockenberry@thejcea.org.

ECIA Obtains Drone Certification



ECIA's Information Technology Specialist, Dylan Michels has obtained his remote pilot certification for air drones. This will allow the East Central Intergovernmental Association to legally fly our drone commercially. If you are interested in getting photography or videography done through drones, visit: http://ecia.org/programs/drone_services.cfm for more information and a photo gallery of past flights.



ECIA works with the City of Dubuque on 5-2-1-0 Program

The City of Dubuque was awarded a grant from the Iowa Department of Public Health to emphasize healthy living by promoting the 5-2-1-0 Program. This includes 5 or more fruits and vegetables a day, 2 hours or less of screen time, 1 hour or more of physical activity, and 0 sugary drinks (more water).



ECIA's Jennifer Walker assisted in integrating the program into the Dubuque Community School districts helping to create the Lincoln Elementary Food Pantry and the Roosevelt Greenhouse Project. Medical Associates was also consulted on additional tips for children and their health. For more information on the Dubuque Chapter of 5-2-1-0, please watch their informative video at: http://ecia.org/images/5210_Dubuque.mp4.



"Dubuque was ripe for the opportunity to run with this project and I'm happy to have been a part in this. These are the types of relationships that we foster day in and day out." - Jennifer Walker, ECIA

Nonprofit receives \$2.7M

The Iowa Finance Authority Board of Directors has announced \$2.7 million in funding for Manasseh House/Operation Empower, in Dubuque for the construction of Liberty Recovery Community. Funding was made possible from a grant written by ECIA staff from the National Housing Trust Fund program.



Liberty Recovery Community will span two buildings that will provide recovery care programming for people suffering from substance use disorders and need help to maintain long-term sobriety. One of the buildings will be Liberty Place Apartments, located at 2220 White Street. The building will feature 24 one-bedroom units that will be available to people struggling to overcome addictions. For more information, please contact Manasseh House/Operation Empower Executive Director and Founder Michelle Mihalakis at: michellemihalakis.manasseh@yahoo.com.



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