



JCFA Receives \$350,000

The Jackson County Fair Association (JCFA) was recently awarded a \$350,000 Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant for a new Outreach Center (rendering, pictured above) to be built on the fairgrounds. Total project cost is \$2,527,400. The Together We Build fundraising committee raised \$1,726,845 to go toward the project. The Outreach Center will be a professional and handicap-accessible facility consisting of advanced technology, a certified commercial/educational kitchen, and various meeting rooms to host events. It will be a place for training classes, youth educational opportunities, support existing businesses, and encourage entrepreneurs to launch new ventures. The Center will provide educational opportunities and professional staff trained in human sciences, healthy lifestyles, youth development, agriculture, business and industry, and economic development for all ages. The group plans to break ground next Spring.

“We are beyond excited about this gift. There is no way we could have put this grant together without ECIA; they rock!” Laura Farrell, Together We Build committee member, Maquoketa State Bank, Mortgage Lending Vice President.

Clinton Receives Grants Totaling >\$2.8 Million

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the City of Clinton more than \$2.8 million to protect children and families from lead-based paint and home health hazards. The Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction (LBPHR) Grant Program helps to identify and clean up dangerous lead in low-income families’ homes. Additional funding comes from HUD’s Healthy Homes Supplemental funding to help communities with housing-related health and safety hazards in addition to lead-based paint hazards. ECIA Program Manager, Liz Kemp (pictured right) notes, “The funding will be used to make 86 dwellings units lead-safe for families. Preference is given to families with children who have an



elevated blood lead level and families with children under the age of 6 years.” Dwellings can be owner occupied or rental units.

This grant is the second awarded from HUD to the City of Clinton. The first grant is being closed out and will successfully make 54 units lead safe. (Pictured left are ECIA staff, Steve Eggleston, HUD Field Office Director, and Scott Maddason, Clinton Mayor.)



Bellevue and Clinton Awarded REAP Grants

Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) announced the recipients of this year’s highly competitive Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) City Parks and Open Spaces grants. This REAP grant is awarded by city population in three categories: Small, Medium, and Large. Bellevue was awarded \$39,500 in the Medium Population (5,000 – 24,999) category and funding will be used for the Mill Creek Trout Fishing Area & Water Quality & Access Improvements. Clinton received \$150,000 in the Large Population (25,000 and up) category for the Emma Young Pond Dredging & Fishing Pier Revitalization project (pictured right).



Size	# of Applicants	Total Request Amounts	Total Amount Awarded	Percent Awarded
Small	21	\$1,266,432	\$403,642	32%
Med.	18	\$1,798,469	\$602,424	33%
Large	11	\$1,988,566	\$836,209	42%
Total	50	\$5,053,467	\$1,842,275	

Tammie Krausman, Legislative Liaison & REAP Coordinator for IDNR noted that many of the projects submitted under the City Parks & Open Space grant would also qualify for another grant program, the **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**, which is a federally funded grant program that provides match funds of 50% for outdoor recreation area development and acquisition. Iowa’s cities and counties are eligible to participate. Competition for LWCF funds is less intense than REAP and provides an excellent opportunity to develop a wide range of outdoor recreational projects that are in high demand. **Deadline March 15.**

EIRHC Receives \$364,000

The Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Corporation (EIRHC) was awarded \$364,000 in funding by the Iowa Finance Authority through the federal HOME program in order to assist eligible renters impacted by the August 10, 2020 derecho. The funding awarded to the EIRHC may assist eligible Iowans who resided in Benton, Boone, Cedar, Clinton, Jasper, Linn, Marshall, Polk, Poweshiek, Scott, Story or Tama County at the time of the natural disaster. Eligible renters must also have a household income of at or below 60% of the area median income. Renters in need of assistance are encouraged to contact the Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Corporation to apply. **More information is located at <https://eirha.org/derecho-assistance/>.**

EIRHA Awarded \$205,133

The Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority (EIRHA) applied for and was awarded \$205,133 in additional Mainstream Voucher funding by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act authorized HUD to make previously appropriated funding available for Mainstream Vouchers in order to help PHA’s prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 in their communities. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many localities are working urgently to house homeless populations to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 among those living in shelters or other close quarters. These vouchers will assist eligible non-elderly persons (at least 18 years of age and not yet 62 years of age) with disabilities. The EIRHA service area encompasses a seven county region which includes: Cedar, Clinton (excluding the city of Clinton and Camanche), Delaware, Dubuque (excluding the city of Dubuque), Jackson, Jones and Scott (excluding the city of Davenport) County in Eastern Iowa.

Please call (563) 588-1963 or email Mindy Wiley (pictured right), Housing Coordinator, at mwiley@ecia.org with any additional questions on these two programs or to apply.



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