

**CHARITON VALLEY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES**

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Small communities throughout the CVPD region are continually looking for opportunities that would financially assist them in improvements. There are a variety of sponsors given below:

\*\*Sign replacement grants allow for new stop signs, turn arrows, RR, etc sponsored by Iowa DOT.

\*\*Owner occupied housing rehabilitation grant(s) could be provided through the Regional Housing Trust Fund (Linda Allen, 641-774-5991) and/or the Wayne County Housing Trust Fund. Other housing assistance loans/grants can be given to very low income qualifying indi-

viduals by the USDA Rural Development Housing Department at (641) 932-3031

\*\*Replace of emergency equipment, first responder equipment, city police cars, storm warning sirens, etc. may possibly be funded by the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities program (641) 932-3031.

\*\*Local projects such as Safe Routes to Schools, Pedestrian Trails, bicycle trails, environmental, and scenic & historic projects can potentially qualify for Iowa DOT Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds. Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation (CVTPA), which is administered by CVPD accepts applica-

tions bi-annually on May 15 and November 15. For more information call CVPD at 641-437-4359.

\*\*Sanitary Sewer or Storm Sewer improvements/repairs can be made possible by partnering State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans and USDA Community Facilities.

\*\*Any street repair project that could qualify local transportation funding needs to be coordinated with the local County Engineer.



**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- **CDBG Water/Sewer Applications are due in November**
- **CDBG Housing Applications are due in December**
- **CDBG Community Facilities Applications are due in January**

Other grant opportunities can be distributed to communities in a separate mailing.

Please contact CVPD soon for assistance to apply.

**CENTERVILLE AWARDED CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANT**

Iowa Economic Development Authority & CVPD Council proudly announce the funding of a Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for housing rehabilitation to the City of Centerville.

The State's annual CDBG allocation from HUD is a competitive housing applications which can be submitted by the community for single owner-occupied rehabilitation for low to

moderate income households. The assistance to single-family homeowners will allow the structure to be brought up to meeting Iowa's Minimum Housing Rehabilitation Standards. Maximum per unit for rehabilitation is \$37,500 which includes hard costs of rehab work, technical services, and lead hazard reduction expenses.

The conditional awards were announced in early June 2015 and contracts are anticipated in August. Construction on eight homes is slated to be completed by the end of 2016.

Final homeowner applications will soon be accepted and contractor bidding will occur in the fall.

Any other community that is interested in applying for future housing rehab grants need to contact CVPD this summer to begin the process. Applications are generally due for submission in December annually.



## **HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATES**

Hazard Mitigation Plans are critical documents that assist jurisdictions in preparation for disasters and/or funds for disaster recovery.

Hazard mitigation is any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects. This definition distinguishes actions that have a long-term impact from those that are more closely associated with immediate preparedness, response, and recovery activities. Hazard mitigation is the only phase of emergency management specifically dedicated to braking the cycle of damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. As such, States, Territories, Indian Tribal governments and communities are encouraged to take advantage of funding provided by hazard mitigation programs in both pre- and post-disaster timeframes. Together, these programs provide significant opportunities to reduce or eliminate potential losses to State, Tribal and local assets through hazard mitigation planning and project funding.

State, Indian Tribal, and local governments are required to develop hazard mitigation plans as a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance. Grant programs with mitigation plans requirements include:

### **Stafford Act Grant Program**

*\*Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)*

*\*Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program*

*\*Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program*

### **National Flood Insurance Act Grant Program**

*\*Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program.*

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) may provide funds to States, Tribes, Territories, local governments, and eligible private non-profits following a Presidential major disaster declaration. If public infrastructure is damaged during a presidentially declared disaster, there may be opportunities to use Public Assistance grant funding to improve the repairs to the structure to prevent future damage. The Pre-Disaster (PDM), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) programs may provide funds annually to States, Territories, Tribes and local governments. While the statutory origins of the program differ, all share the common goal of reducing the risk of loss of life and property due to natural hazards. It is important to note that the only way jurisdictions will be eligible for most of the disaster assistance available is by having a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

In 2011 Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe and Wayne Counties received federal grant funding to assist with the update of county-wide Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plans. The plans allow each county to evaluate what hazards could potentially happen in the region, how the county could be better prepared and what steps could be taken.

Developing the initial plan was a lengthy process which counties reaped

the rewards. When the plans were federally approved, the participating cities and counties became eligible for grant funding to accomplish the outlined goals and strategies.

An example of one community who benefitted is Centerville with new early storm warning sirens.

Each of the four counties have received PDM grant funding to assist with the fees associated in the updating of this plan. It is critical that each city, school or identified entity participate in this process to be eligible for grant money or disaster recovery funds.

Meetings and work is occurring through the local LEPC meetings and public meetings to identify those concerns and new disaster events. Draft documents will be completed by the end of 2015 for each county to review and approve.

Any further questions about the plan can be directed to CVPD, ADLM Emergency Management, or Wayne County Emergency Management.



## UNWAVIERING SUPPORT & THANK YOU!

Chariton Valley Planning & Development was recognized as an Iowa Council of Governments in 2007. This accomplishment was attained by an active group of leaders from the counties of Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe, and Wayne. The agency was formed with the leadership of Dean Kaster (former Appanoose County BOS), Jerry O'Dell (former Wayne County BOS), Larry Davis (Lucas County BOS) and Paul Koffman (former Monroe County BOS).

These four individuals initially formed the CVPD Board of Directors in 2004 and also later were instrumental in obtaining the status as a Council of Governments for this region. It was

their belief that enhanced service could be provided to the communities in the four counties by a local agency versus a large regional office. Their dedication of the residents of the area has greatly influenced the work ethic of CVPD over the years.

The faces of the CVPD Board of Directors have only varied slightly over the years. Jerry and Paul were proponents of the agency until their unfortunate deaths. Denny Ryan from Monroe County was then placed on the CVPD for the past 7 years and Bill Alley has represented Wayne County for the past 4 years. The agency is embarking upon change that is unprecedented in our history.

Due to the untimely death of our beloved Denny Ryan and to the recent election, our board will welcome three new faces. It is with great appreciation that we give our gratitude to Dean Kaster, Bill Alley & the memory of Denny Ryan. Their leadership has provided us with a solid foundation that will allow for tremendous growth in the years to come. We welcome David Dotts, Denny Amoss, and Neal Smith and look forward to the productive years ahead.



## CVPD COUNTY EVENTS— PAST 9 MONTHS

### Appanoose County –

Closed out Moulton CDBG Sanitary Sewer grant; Hosted Legislative Coffee's & Koffee Klatch; wrote & received funding of PDM grant; supported Centerville Main Streets campaign; wrote & received funding for Centerville's CDBG housing rehab grant; Assisted Moravia in Fire Department grant application; Completed the Sign Replacement grant for Mystic; submitted Moulton CDBG Housing rehab grant; ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers, & transit providers; and held Hazard Mitigation Plan update meetings & discussions.

### Lucas County –

Submitted & received funding for PDM grant; ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers, & transit providers; and Hazard Mitigation Plan update meeting & discussions.

### Monroe County –

Completed USDA application for County's Safety Center; Made presentation to USDA Statewide meeting on collaboration of programs; ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers, & transit providers; and Hazard Mitigation Plan update meetings & discussions.

### Wayne County –

Closed out Seymour CDBG sanitary sewer grant; completed & closed out Seymour CDBG Housing Rehab grant; Completed Sign Replacement grants for Seymour and Allerton; Completed CDBG applications for Seymour & Allerton; completed & closed out Allerton CDBG housing rehab grant; submitted CDBG housing rehab grant application for Corydon; currently administering Seymour CDBG Storm Sewer grant; in process of USDA application for Seymour; and ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers, & transit providers.

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## **CVTPA TRANSPORTATION - RPA17**

One of the five elements that Iowa DOT requires from local planning agencies is the Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP). It is designed to promote joint, coordinated passenger transportation planning programs that further the development of the local and regional public transportation systems. Public transportation systems in Iowa include the 35 public transit systems PLUS a wide array of human service and private transportation providers.

CVPD is the program administrator for transportation funds in the RPA 17 region. In April & May, two PTP public meetings were held to discuss transit needs of the area. The combined attendance total was about 40 people. Topics and issues discussed included:

*\*The need for transportation of individuals back home when they are released from local hospitals during the evening/night.*

*\*The challenge of getting transportation to medical appointments but providing the required 72hr notice for the broker. Local hospitals are forced to utilize community volunteers to transport.*

*\*Concerns of availability of transportation during times that are committed to preschool rides.*

*\*Discussion of the affordability residents that need service. If residents can't afford 10-15 doesn't transport but SIT does.*

*\*All local Senior Centers are responsible for making their own transportation appts and the confusion or misinformation that can be shared in that. Concerns in Lucas County were discussed.*

*\*The number of buses & drivers available per county was discussed. Lucas County & Monroe County are both currently short a driver so service could be more limited. Problem solving of members created options of possibly sharing a driver.*

*\*Discussion clarified that Transit agencies are purchasing more mini-vans vs buses simply for efficiency.*

*\*Providers explained medical trips outside of region often have longer waits for other people that are being transported. Although frustrating for patrons, they coordinate times as much as possible.*



## **UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

- ◆ Small Town Sign Replacement Program through Iowa DOT
- ◆ Communities need to contact Emergency Management Coordinators about possible FEMA grants.
- ◆ Iowa DNR/Keep Iowa Beautiful grants for Derelict Buildings is Due in February 2016.
- ◆ Wayne County Endowment Fund for local non-profit organizations due 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of February
- ◆ Appanoose & Lucas County Endowment Fund for local non-profits due in April
- ◆ Monroe County Endowment Fund applications are due in the fall
- ◆ Contractor Lead certification classes can be provided by CVPD, please contact the office
- ◆ CDBG Housing & Sewer grant applications are due at the end of the year, however the process needs to begin this sum-

***We wish Gary Bishop & John Goode -Happy Retirement!***

***Thank you for your years of services with CVTPA-RPA17 Transportation Planning***

