

Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council

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CVPD Housing Rehabilitation Program



The cities of Chariton, Russell, and Seymour have recently completed a IEDA grant that allowed for the rehabilitation 18 Owner Occupied homes. The structures were

inspected and needs were identified that would ensure the selected low to moderate income families and individuals will live in quality housing that meets Iowa's Minimum Housing Safety Standards.



This has been an exciting process that has offered the homeowners energy efficient windows, insulation, new roofs, siding and numerous other improvements to their residence. The program strives to improve the efficiency of the structure to help residents lower their en-

ergy bills and create more affordable living.

The cities and residents are also very pleased with the wonderful aesthetic value that has been added to many of the homes. As one of homeowner was quoted as saying, "This is the most exciting thing that has ever happened in my life!" She received an outstanding transformation when her small home had a roof replaced, siding installed and some interior work completed.

Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council of Governments Housing division is committed to providing safe and stable homes for residents of Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe and Wayne Counties. CVPD works with communities

to apply for and administer Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) offered by the Iowa Economic Development Authority for the State of Iowa. The CDBG funds are partnered with local funds to promote general economic prosperity with local contractors and improved welfare to local residents. If you have an interest to participate in this program, residents need to contact their local city councils to express their needs and communities should contact Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council of Governments to learn more about the application process.

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2 Community Development Block Grants Awarded

Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council submitted CDBG applications for sanitary sewer improvements on behalf of the communities of Moulton and Seymour in the fall of 2011. Iowa Economic Development Authority eagerly announced in March 2012 funding

was awarded to both of the communities. "This is a very competitive application process" confirms CVPD Executive Director, Nichole Moore. "We are excited for these communities to be able to repair their systems and continue to provide a great quality of life for all

their residents" she states.

CVPD Council will also provide grant administration to the communities. The projects are awarded as a 36 month grant period to complete all work, required documentation and closeout with IEDA.

FEMA—Assistance to Firefighters Grants

The small rural communities in Iowa often struggle to keep the local fire department well equipped and up-to-date. CVPD frequently receives questions about possible funding options for assistance to these departments. A committed funding source can be researched at Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Assistance to Firefighter’s Grant Program. The following are short summaries of the programs and more details can be found on the website sponsored by FEMA:

1. The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency

Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations in order to help them increase the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities. The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the NFPA and OSHA (NFPA 710 and/or NFPA 1720 and OSHA 1910.134). For details visit www.nfpa.org/SAFERActGrant.

2. The Fire Prevention and Safety Grants (FP&S)

These are part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG), and are under the purview of the Grant Programs Directorate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency. FP&S Grants support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to target high-risk populations and reduce injury and prevent death. In 2005, Congress reauthorized funding for FP&S and expanded the eligible uses of funds to include Firefighter Safety Research and Development.

3. The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters

Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. Applications are typically accepted in June or July .



Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation



SIT & 10-15 Transit-
Offers services in handicap accessible vehicles

Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation partners with Iowa Department of Transportation to provide service to the counties of Appanoose, Clarke, Davis, Decatur, Lucas, Monroe, and Wayne.

County and/or City representatives, county engineers, IDOT agents and planning affiliation representatives meet monthly to ensure the implementation of programs meet state and federal guidelines. Together projects are identified and prioritized to predict when repairs or replacement will be made when funding is available. Projects are identified by the counties and are subject to change due to Federal/State

budgets and environmental changes. Current anticipated projects in the next four years listed by county are:

Appanoose:

* 4 Bridges /1 Highway surface

Clarke:

* 12 Bridges/1 Highway surface

Davis:

*3 Bridges/2 Highway surfaces

Decatur:

*4 Bridges/3 Highway surfaces

Lucas:

*5 Bridges/3 Highway surfaces

Monroe:

*15 Bridges/3 Highway surfaces

Wayne:

*4 Bridges/2 Highway surfaces

10-15 Transit:

*None

Southern Iowa Trolley:

*Equipment & replacement

Centerville:

*State Street Improvements,

Current Enhancement Projects in the RPA 17 region :

*Depot Restoration in Osceola

Community Advisory Board—New Addition to CVPD Council

Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council is pleased to announce the addition of a **Community Advisory Board (CAB)** to oversee the quality of service provided to the region.

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) will be comprised of designated residents within the four county region of the CVPD Council of Gov-



ernments. All communities will be invited to have a representative at the initial meeting to gather information about the role of the newly formed CAB. Community participation from that point forward will be dependent on the payment of COG dues. Special invitations for membership will be sent to the city councils, local Chambers of Commerce, financial institutions and will also include public sector representatives from each county.

The goal of this CAB is to improve the communication and relationship with the Council of Governments and the constituents for enhanced service and prosperous communities. The Community Advisory

Board will meet two(2) to three (3) times yearly and participate in the Annual meeting of Chariton Valley Planning and Development Council. During the regular CAB meetings, participating members will have the opportunity to present community needs and concerns, learn about recent CVPD projects, become aware of possible funding opportunities, and provide recommendations to the CVPD Policy Board to improve service to communities. It will be essential to nominate a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson who will present the CAB recommendations to the Executive Board of Directors for further action.

Among the discussions that may be facilitated are:

*Needs for repair or replacement of storm or sanitary sewer systems in communities.

*Suggestions on how cities can collect required matching funds in grants.

*Process of identifying structures and the need to apply for Housing Rehabilitation Grants.

*What projects will require Davis-Bacon Wages & what are those?

*Where do communities begin if they have been cited by DNR for Inflow & Infiltration?

CONNECT IOWA – Broadband Initiative

Connect Iowa's mission is to change lives through technology. It is leading the effort to increase high-speed Internet access, adoption, and use across the state. Connect Iowa is a public-private partnership between the Iowa Economic Development Authority and Connected Nation to unite local governments, businesses, and citizens in the goal of increasing broadband service in the state's underserved areas.

Connect Iowa is a subsidiary of Connected Nation and operates as a non-profit in the state of Iowa. Connect Iowa, in conjunction with the Iowa Economic Development Authority, was commissioned to work with all broadband providers in the state of Iowa to create detailed maps of broadband coverage in order to accurately pinpoint remaining gaps in broadband availability in Iowa. In addition, Connect Iowa is developing a statewide plan for the deployment and

adoption of broadband in the state.

Connect Iowa will continue to develop and update the broadband data as it is collected and the services that can be made available to public and private entities as well as citizens.

Connect Iowa is working to ensure that all can experience the benefits of broadband. Technology, especially widespread access, use and adoption of broadband, improves all areas of life as well as may attract potential businesses to a region. Connect Iowa invites residents to join us in changing communities and lives across Iowa by attending local informational meetings.

This project will partner with the 18 regional planning teams across Iowa. Locally this does include Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council of Governments will serve Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe, and Wayne counties. The COG's will benchmark

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technology use across relevant community sectors; set goals for improved technology use within each sector; and develop a plan for achieving its goals, with specific recommendations for web-based application development and demand creation.

If you would like more information, please visit www.connectiowa.org or call CVPD Council.

City of Moulton Installs 2 New Entrance Signs



CENTERVILLE — Leaders and members of the Wells Rustler's 4-H Club realized the end of a long journey as the new Moulton community signs were set in place at the north and south ends of Main Street on Tuesday, July 10. The community service project was begun by the group nearly two years ago.

They received many grants, donations and held fundraisers in their efforts to provide the new signs for Moulton.

Allen Sign Company constructed the sign while Jerald and Judi Lawson and Robert Broshar did the brickwork for the pillars. Club members performed groundwork as well as landscaping for the new sign.

This was only after club members removed the old sign and donated it to the Moulton Historical Society.

Community members came out in support of this industrious group's efforts for the unveiling and hanging of the sign on Tuesday.

These signs are sure to stand for many years to come welcoming visitors to our community and its residents home.

Nichole Moore, Executive Director of CVPD adds "The original design and concept of the signs came from a program implemented and administered by Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council." The City of Plano has also completed and installed similar signs at their own expense.



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Important Dates– Grant Opportunities

CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Applications are due in **DECEMBER**. It is a lengthy process that requires research, identifying structures, and public hearings. Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council requests at least 4 months to prepare a competitive application. Any community that is interested in submitting such an application needs to contact CVPD Council.

Competitive grant applications for public facilities such as sanitary sewer improvements, wastewater improvements, or storm sewer projects are due to Iowa Economic Development Authority

in **NOVEMBER**. Communities that are interested in completing the application process can call CVPD for assistance. Preparation time to assemble the appropriate documentation could **take months** so please consider this in your planning.

The Community Facilities and Service Fund provides grants to communities for projects and activities primarily benefiting low and moderate income persons including daycare facilities, senior centers, vocational workshops, and other community services such as storm water projects. This competitive grant application is due by **JANUARY**. The application assembly can be time consuming so the process may need to begin by late

summer.

Iowa DNR offers a program to assist Iowa's small rural communities to demolish derelict buildings. For more information, check out the Iowa DNR website at:

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/idnr/Environment/LandStewardship/WasteManagement/DerelictBuildingProgram.aspx>
