

What is a COG?

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (COG)

An organization formed by counties, cities and towns to serve local governments and their regional citizens



Serves Allamakee,
Clayton, Fayette,
Howard &
Winneshiek Counties
(& 52 Cities Within)

Services: Economic Development

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)

- Water/Sewer, Community facilities, & Disaster funding; grants at different levels based on population & low to moderate income guidelines

BUSINESS LOANS

- A low interest rate **Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)** for start-up or expanding businesses; can be combined with a city or county RLF
- UERPC administers the **Northeast Iowa Business Network (NIBN)** group, consisting of your local economic development leaders who are able to coordinate & pool their resources together to achieve more with less dollars

How a COG Helps!

EXTEND YOUR STAFF

Think of us as an extension of your city or county staff, helping with state and federal programs, and more (you don't have to procure for a COG, as you do for businesses or consulting firms)

FIND RESOURCES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

UERPC has secured over \$256 million in grant dollars since its creation in 1972

COMMITMENT TO THE AREA

UERPC employs 21 individuals, all residents of the region with a strong interest in keeping our communities strong

WE WORK TOGETHER!

Our governing boards are made up of local elected officials, business & education leaders, economic development professionals, & individual citizens

Services: Housing

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)

- Housing grants to rehabilitate homes for low income citizens; updates to homes include roof, siding, windows and door repair

NORTHEAST IOWA HOUSING TRUST FUND

- Administered by UERPC; homeowners can apply for funds for roof, siding, door and window updates if low income conditions are met

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK PROGRAM (FHLB)

- \$733,700 in funding for homeowner rehabilitation; maximum \$23,000 per project in the form of a secured grant; must serve households with incomes less than 80% of HUD income guidelines & is geared towards elderly & special needs households

HOME PROGRAM

- Provides decent affordable housing to lower-income households

SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE

- Housing program to assist lower-income families to live in decent, safe and sanitary housing by providing rental assistance

Stay in Touch:



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Services: Planning

COMMUNITY PLANNING

- Assistance to counties, cities, private organizations and non-profit entities:
 - » Comprehensive Plans
 - » Site Planning
 - » Visioning & Strategic Goal Setting
 - » Local Transportation Plans
 - » Walking/Bicycling Studies or Plans
 - » Neighborhood or Small Area Plans
 - » Park and Trail Planning
 - » Adaptive Re-Use Plans

HAZARD MITIGATION PLANS

- Assistance to counties & cities in updating hazard mitigation plans; identification of hazard risks & mitigation measures for local disaster issues

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS)

- Technical & planning assistance for communities to encourage active school travel for students & safe walking and biking routes for all:
 - » Walking/Biking School Buses & walk/bike activities for youth
 - » Organizing community walks
 - » Providing pedestrian and bicycle safety education
 - » Grant writing to fund walking and biking infrastructure
 - » Planning to improve community walkability and bikeability

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- UERPC is the designated Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA) for our area, & serves as staff to the Transportation Policy Board which guides and sets policy for state & federal transportation funding in the region
- Assistance to regional Enhancement, Technical, & Transportation Advisory Committees in addressing road, trail, walkability/bikability, & passenger transportation planning and funding needs

Other Services:

CITY CODES AND ORDINANCES

- Assistance with city code & ordinance updates; city council code work sessions; copies of updated codes

GRANT WRITING

- There are mini-grants & foundations out there that can financially assist your projects; UERPC aids in writing grants and/or help you organize your goals

GIS MAPPING

- Collect & visualize geographic data to produce high quality products for your county or city. Also, mapping research and analysis. Examples include:
 - » Zoning and Land Use Maps
 - » School Districts Maps
 - » Community Facility & Infrastructure Maps
 - » Park & Trail Maps

LOW-TO-MODERATE INCOME (LMI) SURVEYS

- As part of some grant stipulations a city must meet low income % guidelines; if a city would like to re-evaluate their census numbers to meet the 51% cut off guidelines they require a city-wide survey

CONCEPT DESIGN

- Concept designs for projects in combination with or independent of planning services, such as:
 - » Park and Trail Design
 - » Site Design
 - » Downtown Redevelopment Areas

Learn More!

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Provide us your email, and get on our list for the monthly digital newsletter!

ATTEND A CITY CLERKS MEETING

Quarterly meetings organized by UERPC to provide information on topics & programs of interest to city clerks. Visiting speakers!

INFORMATIONAL MEETING AND/OR PRESENTATION

Contact us to request examples of our past work, or to arrange a meeting or council presentation addressing our different services