

Workforce



UERPC administers the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) serving Allamakee, Chickasaw, Clayton, Howard,

Fayette and Winneshiek Counties. WIA provides training and support assistance to dislocated workers, low-income adults and youth with barriers to employment.

Under WIA, the vision for IowaWORKS centers is to provide an efficient, effective, and convenient system for job-seekers to find jobs, for employers to locate new employees, and for job-seekers and employers to access information that will assist them in developing their career and business plans. The WIA program provides training and support assistance through pre-employment activities and/or workshops, classroom training, and on-the-job training.

Fiscal Agent

The agency provides fiscal agent services to partnering organizations in northeast Iowa. UERPC's role is to accept and disburse funds affiliated with a project and assume administrative and financial responsibility of the same. This includes such things as requesting and holding project funds, disseminating funds, maintaining financial records, preparing reports, and providing technical assistance to the project as requested. UERPC's goal as a fiscal agent is to promote the mission and/or purpose of the account entrusted to our agency, safeguarding assets, and assuring the propriety of all expenditures.



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Mapping Services

UERPC now offers a wide variety of GIS mapping services. UERPC staff can collect and create geographic data from many sources throughout the region to produce high quality products for your county or city.

Graphic Design Services

UERPC can help your community or organization with many graphic services such as posters, flyers, banners, brochures and newsletters.



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Planning

Community Planning—Community planning can take many forms including large projects such as comprehensive planning and hazard mitigation planning, as well as smaller facilitation and/or community engagement projects. Planning generally involves collecting data and background information; facilitating and compiling stakeholder input and priorities through a variety of methods including meetings, surveys and focus groups; and creating a final document or action plan. Examples of community plans include: Comprehensive plans; Strategic plans for city leadership; Capital improvement plans; Riverfront, downtown or other district master plans; Marketing plans; Park and Recreation plans; and Hazard Mitigation plans.

Transportation—UERPC is the designated Regional Planning Affiliate (RPA) for the DOT and is responsible for the administration, programming and planning of transportation activities in the region. The RPA-1 Policy Board and its committees distribute federal

transportation funds, complete the required DOT planning documents and manage RPA-1 projects in the DOT programming system. Transportation activities also include Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programming and planning. Our SRTS Liaison works closely with area school districts to encourage and

enable students to safely walk and bike to school through pedestrian and bicycle safety education and developing Walking School Buses throughout the region.



Economic Development

Business Development—UERPC serves as the Economic Development District for Northeast Iowa and has become the leader in stimulating economic growth. UERPC provides the technical assistance necessary to develop comprehensive loan packages, business plans and financial packaging structured to meet the size and needs of each individual business. In addition, UERPC is in partnership with area economic developers as part of the Northeast Iowa Business Network.



Grant Assistance—By researching and assisting with grant applications, UERPC helps local governments secure grants and loans from local, state and federal agencies. These funds are used to finance priority community improvements and are typically involved in the construction and/or repair of public facilities as well as the housing stock of a community.

Revolving Loan Program—The Upper Explorerland Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) and Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) are designed to provide financing to new and expanding businesses for which credit is not otherwise available on terms and conditions, which permit completion and/or the successful operation of proposed business activities.

Code of Ordinances—The State Code recommends cities to update their code of ordinances every five years. UERPC staff uses a model code that is provided by the Iowa Association of Regional Councils (IARC). The process generally takes three to six months to complete and UERPC can provide you with an electronic copy.

Housing

Northeast Iowa Housing Trust Fund—The goal is to develop, redevelop, rehabilitate, and renovate single-family and/or multi-family owner-occupied and rental dwellings. This will assist economically and socially disadvantaged persons in Allamakee, Clayton, Howard, and Winneshiek Counties. It will possibly fund: roof repair, furnace repair and replacement, energy efficiency updates, electrical and plumbing, handicap accessibility, homebuyer assistance, etc. Roof projects are the number one priority and are funded up to \$10,000, all other projects are capped at \$5,000.

Fayette County Housing Trust Fund—This fund provides financing to assist in improving the stock of affordable housing within Fayette County. This program will consider financial assistance in the form of partial funding or full funding depending on the project and borrower circumstances. Roof projects are funded up to \$10,000, all others projects are capped at \$5,000.



Regional Housing Authority—This Section 8 Housing Program is the major effort in assisting lower-income families to live in decent, safe and sanitary housing. This program provides assistance for low-income families in the private rental market through the HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program.

HOME Program—The intent of the HOME program is to assist first time homebuyers with general homebuyer assistance and rehabilitation activity necessary to bring the home up to Iowa's Minimum Housing Standards.