

# 2022 Rural Innovation Grants

Total Number of Applications: 29  
 Total Amount Requested: \$471,895

Number of Applications Funded: 14  
 Application Funding Amount: \$245,620



Recipient	Community	Pop.	Rural Innovation Grant Projects	Funding Amount	Total Project Cost
City of Manning	City of Manning	1,455	Leveraging the outcomes from their Rural Housing Assessment Grant process with Iowa State University Extension & Outreach, the City of Manning is utilizing grant funds for the development of engineering, plat, and HOA documents for a pocket neighborhood developed by the City to address housing needs.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 94,000.00
City of Lake View	City of Lake View	1,113	The City of Lake View is partnering with Lake View Arts Council to develop a community center which will revive some of the traditions of the Lakewood Ballroom, a local staple until it closed in 2003. In addition to providing a year-round gathering space, the community center will be a flourishing cultural hub. Development of a Community Center with a City and Arts Council partnership and a focus on creating a cultural hub.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 1,450,000.00
Sac Development Corp	City of Sac City	2,063	Community leaders are partnering with the local school board to proactively set the stage for the 1936 school building's future. Working together to seek a sustainable long-term solution for the school that will be vacant after the current school year in a way that will address community needs, encourage investment, and help the community grow. Grant dollars will help fund the feasibility study on the building.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,350.00
City of Wiota	City of Wiota	91	The City of Wiota is leveraging local assets to draw visitors and residents to stay and enjoy their time downtown. Through the addition of a community park, in partnership with the Wiota Boosters, they will be adding an additional amenity to attract visitors to the annual flea market, Wiota Steakhouse, and downtown community events. Funding from the Rural Innovation Grant will support the removal of dilapidated playground equipment and addition of new and ADAM compliant features.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,034.00
Innovate 120	City of Maquoketa	6,128	In an effort to create and foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship, grant funds will support the launch of Startup 120, a program for high school students to pitch their startup idea in a competition. The program will be housed within the new local technology hub, Innovate 120.	\$ 13,120.00	\$ 21,680.00

Maroon & White Inc.	City of Grundy Center	2,796	This playground project will address childcare needs, after-school programming, and utilization of former public schools. As part of a multi-million dollar building and property renovation project, the playground will meet the needs of preschool, daycare, and before/after school operations, to help expand existing programs and meet critical needs.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 70,226.00
Fochtman-Devine Properties, LLC	City of Fort Madison	10,270	Local developers have identified a need to encourage a new type of work environment in Fort Madison. This project, the Atlee Commissary, will be a rural innovation hub offering a co-located shared kitchen to support new dining options, flexible offices for professionals (i.e., coworking space), and a fast-casual salad café to act as an anchor tenant for the overarching operations. Grant funds will specifically support development of the coworking space.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 39,105.00
City of Ely	City of Ely	2,328	Learning from challenges experienced after the derecho in 2020, the City of Ely is developing a 3-part interactive map for citizens to share information in real time to city staff as well as for sharing of public service announcements and economic development opportunities.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 37,946.00
Sunflower Child Development Center	City of Decorah	7,587	Community-led child care facility project with STEAM and energy conservation priorities.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 129,000.00
City of Lake City	City of Lake City	1,731	Recognizing the underutilization of a critical downtown asset, the City of Lake City is completing the final phases of a complete redevelopment project for their Community Center. The Lake City Community Building will be available as an event venue, as well as utilized by local organizations. Improving this pivotal downtown structure will increase foot traffic on the street and improve aesthetics. Grant funds will specifically fund the window replacements.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 44,500.00
Midwest Partnership Economic Development	City of Stuart	1,782	Partnering with the school district arts department, the city will display art on a rotating basis in stores, offices, restaurants, and gathering spaces throughout the community. Grant funds will support the launch of the program, with the goal of improving aesthetics in the community and mental health of residents through exposure to art.	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,820.00
Knoxville Economic Development Co	City of Knoxville	7,595	The City of Knoxville is undergoing a major redevelopment project on the former school property, including the development of 12 workforce housing units. This complementary project is for a community park to partner with the new housing. This project is a unique public, nonprofit, and private sector partnership to address housing needs and property values in the community.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 60,000.00

Mount Pleasant Area Chamber Alliar City of Mount Pleasant	9,274	The students of Mount Pleasant are key partners in the development of The Uptown Cell, a work-based learning facility that will occupy the second floor of a downtown building and include new classrooms, a studio space for presentations and pitches, and a lounge area designed to spark creativity. This space will be utilized not just by students, but have opportunities for the entire community. Funding will support the renovations.	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Pocahontas Chamber of Commerce City of Pocahontas	6,740	Funding will help launch a series of professional presentations and workshops that focus on workforce recruitment, retainment, and culture. In an challenging environment for recruitment and retention, the Pocahontas Chamber is working to arm their businesses with the tools they need to be as effective and attractive as possible for recruitment of employees. This project is in partnership with the local ISU Extension and Outreach office.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
City of Bondurant City of Bondurant	7,365	The City of Bondurant is taking a creative approach in the development of a new community dog park through a partnership with the local high school to develop park amenities. Not only will students help with the design of dog park features, students in construction classes will create pieces themselves. The school and city plan to use this partnership as a pilot for future betterment projects.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 91,000.00