

FY23 Rural Scale-Up Grants

Total Number of Applications: 10
 Total Amount Requested: \$126,493

Number of Applications Funded: 3
 Application Funding Amount: \$60,000



| Recipient | Community | Pop. | Rural Scale-Up Projects | Funding Amount | Total Project Cost |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------|--|----------------|--------------------|
| Creative Adventure Lab | Statewide | n/a | Creative Adventure Labs (dba. The Rural Ideas Network (RIN)) is a nonprofit located in Monticello. The proposed project is a \$500,000+ initiative that would serve rural entrepreneurs, small business owners, economic development organizations and communities or counties within the state. The project will allow RIN to build capacity to amplify their efforts to support rural entrepreneurs, with a specific focus on increasing access for under-represented entrepreneurs. | \$20,000 | \$515,132 |
| Iowa Central Community College | Storm Lake | 11,269 | Communities and school districts in the western part of Iowa Central's service region lack access to the same quantity and quality of career technical education (CTE) programs that are offered in other communities in our region and across the state. The Storm Lake Regional Center will enhance learning opportunities, provide equitable access to high-quality CTE programming, and help close opportunity gaps that exist in the region. | \$20,000 | \$35,000 |
| New Hampton Parks & Recreation | New Hampton | 3,494 | This inclusive playground will take the place of an older city playground within a city park. Inclusive playgrounds are a place for laughter and fun where all persons regardless of their abilities can play, laugh, and imagine together. | \$20,000 | \$352,195 |