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CAT GRANT AWARDED TO APPANOOSE ALL-PLAY & APPANOOSE COUNTY CONSERVATION

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CVPD assembled a Community Attraction & Tourism (CAT) grant application on behalf of the Lelah Bradley Active Living Campus/Appanoose All Play Sports Complex in December 2013. The Vision Iowa Board awarded a \$105,000 CAT grant for sports complex improvements and the construction of two camper cabins in Centerville.

The Lelah Bradley Active Living Campus includes the Appanoose County Conservation Area around the City Reservoir and the adjacent All Play Sports complex. Phase Two of the construction includes two camper cabins in the conservation area, the addition of a soccer/multi-purpose field, an irrigation system to the entire sports complex and additional parking to both the conservation area and the

sports complex.

The Vision Iowa Program provides financial incentives to communities for the construction of recreational, cultural, educational or entertainment facilities that enhance the quality of life in Iowa.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- CDBG Water/Sewer Applications are due in November
- CDBG Housing Applications are due in December
- CDBG Community Facilities Applications are due in January

Other grant opportunities can be distributed to communities in a separate mailing.

Please contact CVPD soon for assistance to apply.

CDBG HOUSING APPLICATIONS

CVPD Council recently completed three Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for housing rehabilitation on behalf of the communities of Centerville, Corydon and Moulton.

The State's annual CDBG allocation from HUD is awarded through competitive housing applications. It can be submitted for owner-occupied rehabilitation for low to moder-

ate income households. The assistance to single-family homeowners allows the structure to be brought up to meeting Iowa's Minimum Housing Rehabilitation Standards. The maximum per unit for rehabilitation is \$37,500 which includes hard costs of rehab work, technical services, and lead hazard reduction expenses.

The applications were submitted in early December 2013 and awards are anticipated in March of 2014. CVPD thanks the communities for their cooperation and eagerly anticipates funding of the applications.



ALLERTON & SEYMOUR HOUSING



The cities of Allerton and Seymour have been awarded 2013 IEDA housing grants that will allow for the rehabilitation 6 Owner Occupied homes in each community. The approved structures have been 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 exciting process offers 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 energy bills and create more affordable living.

Allerton was lucky enough to have 2 homes get started with rehab work with that work being completed before the end of 2013.

Once the winter weather breaks, CVPD looks forward to the completion of more homes. Re-bidding will occur on some of the houses soon with contractor work and completion expected by mid-summer. This timeframe is still well ahead of the three year grant period allowed.

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.

CVPD will be offering a Lead Certification and Renewal Classes on Feb. 10 & 11 @ the Motel 60 in Centerville. Contact us if interested.

CHARITON VALLEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AFFILIATION- TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation (CVTPA) is one of the 18 Rural Planning Affiliations overseen by Iowa's Department of Transportation. This program is administered by Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council. This year begins the new Transportation Alternative Planning (TAP) funding method is a result of a Federal Initiative entitled "MAP 21".

TAP applications fund the development of Safe Routes to Schools, Trails, bicycle trails, environmental, and scenic & historic projects.

Iowa DOT endorses the use, development and expansion of all established trails in the state. Funding is allotted for such development in each region

and across the entire state. A map of Iowa trails can be found on www.iowadot.com.

Local trail development and expansions in the region qualifying for regional TAP funding. Several committees have contacted CVPD about intentions to expand. Qualifying trails would include the following:

Appanoose County- Lake Rathbun and Honey Creek Resort and State Park; Centerville Trails

Clarke County—East Lake Park Trails, Thomas Trail in Osceola

Davis County- McGowen Trail

Decatur County- little River Scenic Pathway, Nine Eagles Lake Recreation Trail, Lemony Recreational Trails &



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Lucas County - Cinder Path, the city's Twin Lakes, Red Haw Trails, City of Chariton Trails

Monroe County—John King Bike Path/Walking Trail, Lake Miami Trails, Albia Recreational Trails

Wayne County—Bobwhite State Park trails and Corydon Lake Park trails

APNC ECONOMIC IMPACT

Appanoose County Community Railroad (APNC) owns and operates 34.5 miles of rail line that starts approximately one to two miles northwest of Moulton in Appanoose County and ends in Albia in Monroe County. APNC is operated out of Centerville and used LOST tax receipts that Centerville residents redirected to them in 2009 to replace a bridge in Albia. The cost to replace the bridge was estimated at \$362,601. APNC received a

50/50 matching grant from the Economic Development Administration, which makes APNC's share to replace the bridge \$181,300.

The replacement of bridge No. 10 and approximately 10 miles of cross ties on the rail line has been critical to the perpetual service APNC supplies. The improvement to the line and the service has played a critical role in the expansion of Lee Contain-

er in Centerville. Much of their product is dispensed through the rail. Prior to this work, Lee Container operated three production lines that employed 30 full time positions. With the improved service offered on the rail and greater demand, the Lee Container has now increased to nine production lines and added 90 more positions.



CVPD COUNTY EVENTS— PAST 6 MONTHS

Appanoose County –

CVPD assisted board members with the CAT grant application. Vision Iowa awarded \$105,000 to the Lelah Bradley Active Living Campus in Centerville;

City of Centerville installed 99 new stop signs from a DOT application CVPD assembled;

Submission of Centerville & Moulton CDBG Housing Rehabilitation grant applications;

Completion of Centerville's CIRAS project that was in cooperation of ISU; Continued rehab & repair work on the APNC railroad line utilizing state & federal dollars; ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers, & transit providers; and beginning Hazard Mitigation Plan update discussions.

Lucas County –

Support service to the City of Chariton Trails Committee to explore funding opportunities; ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers, & transit providers; and beginning Hazard Mitigation Plan update discussions.

Monroe County –

Official opening of the "Welcome Home Solider" project in Albia. CVPD assisted with the successful grant application in 2008;

Support service to the Albia Area Improvement Association for the expansion of local trails in Albia for possible funding options; ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers, & transit providers; and beginning Hazard Mitigation Plan update discussions.

Wayne County –

Administering current CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grants in Allerton & Seymour;

Administering current CDBG Sewer improvement grant in Seymour; Submitted CDBG Housing Rehabilitation application for City of Corydon; discussions with Wayne Community Schools for possible inclusion of FEMA safe room in new athletic facility and possible need for grant application/administration; technical support for grant applications funding for park improvements in Corydon & Millerton; preparation of CDBG Community Facilities grant for storm sewer improvements in Seymour; and ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers, & transit providers.

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WELCOME HOME SOLDIER

“Welcome Home Solider” is a non-profit organization with a local chapter located in Albia. The fall of 2013 was an exciting time for this chapter with the opening of a unique and beautiful veteran’s memorial. The project began seven years ago with a vision to create a memorial site that was dedicated to ALL veterans—not just a county memorial or even an Iowa monument nor a specific war tributes.

The large black granite stones are etched with veteran’s names as a remembrance from family members. There are 14 illuminated crosses that represent the 14 Iowa veterans who have been awarded the Medal of Honor and 21 granite crosses representing the 21-gun salute. This monument is truly a site to behold that offers an emotional experience and a glimpse into history.

This unique memorial is an exciting addition to the region! CVPD was honored to partner with this project in the search and successful submission for state funding.

For more information please contact Jim Keller at 641-777-1663 or the Monroe County Veteran’s Affairs Office at 641-932-5622.

UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Small Town Sign Replacement Program through Iowa DOT
- ◆ Communities need to contact Emergency Management Coordinators about possible FEMA grants.
- ◆ Iowa DNR/Keep Iowa Beautiful grants for Derelict Buildings is Due February 28, 2014.
- ◆ Wayne County Endowment Fund for local non-profit organizations due 2nd Friday of February
- ◆ Appanoose & Lucas County Endowment Fund for local non-profits due in April
- ◆ Monroe County Endowment Fund applications are due in the fall
- ◆ Contractor Lead certification classes can be provided by CVPD, please contact the office
- ◆ CDBG Housing & Sewer grant applications are due at the end of the year, however the process needs to begin this summer. Begin the process now by contacting CVPD to get on the calendar!!