

East Central Intergovernmental Association

FY20 Annual Report

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Empowering communities and their people through sustainable partnerships, promoting equity and inclusivity, and providing services to enhance the quality of life in Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, and Jackson Counties.

ECIA

I did it!



"If it hadn't been for this program, I don't know where my children and my life would be today." Mother of two who successfully completed the Family Self-Sufficiency program



"Developing a strong work ethic in seven young adults this summer.." ECIA Employment & Training Department, Dubuque County Conservation, Dubuque Community School District, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, and IowaWORKS youth summer work experience project.

FY20 Highlights

- USDA funding allowed the ECIA Training Institute to provide 36 group trainings to 201 individuals
- Thanks to a \$1,650,000 HUD grant ECIA secured and is administering for Clinton and Maquoketa, lead hazards have been removed from 42 homes, helping 46 children under the age of six
- ECIA was awarded a \$3,000,000 HUD grant to address lead hazards in 120 units throughout Dubuque County
- Four communities will be using \$400,000 in Community Catalyst Building Remediation funds ECIA secured for downtown redevelopment
- A new Mainstream Voucher program will allow ECIA's housing division to assist 39 more individuals who are non-elderly & disabled



"This project would not have been possible without the tremendous support from the City of Earlville, ECIA, and the County Engineer."

Total cost of the RTA bus storage facility was \$423,100, with City, IDOT, and EPA contributions.



lected officials from member communities serve on various ECIA boards and have the responsibility for representing the ECIA region on issues such as transportation investments, housing assistance and development, economic development, workforce strategies and community development initiatives. Below is the FY20 ECIA Council. Thank you for your leadership and dedication!

Cedar County

Brad Gaul, Supervisor, Cedar County Board of Supervisors
Jeff Kaufmann, Supervisor, Cedar County Board of Supervisors (Alternate)
Rod Ness, Executive Director, Cedar County Economic Development
Brian Wagner, City Manager, City of Tipton
Derek Olberding, Vice President, Fidelity Bank
Roger Laughlin, Mayor, City of West Branch (Alternate)
Redmond Jones, City Administrator, City of West Branch

Clinton County

Steve Lindner, City Administrator, City of DeWitt (Alternate)
Donald Thiltgen, Mayor, City of DeWitt
Brian Kelly, President, Clinton Co Community College, Eastern IA CC
Tom Determann, Supervisor, Clinton County Board of Supervisors
Scott Maddason, Mayor, City of Clinton
Trevor Willis, Mayor, City of Camanche
Shannon Sander-Welzien, Executive Director, YWCA Clinton

Delaware County

Elise Bergan, Director/Commissioner, Edgewood Development Corporation
Linda Gaul, Director/Commissioner, City Clerk, City of Earlville
Shirley Helmricks, Supervisor, Delaware County Board of Supervisors
Milt Kramer, Mayor, City of Manchester
Jeff Madlom, Supervisor, Delaware County Board of Supervisors
Timothy Vick, City Manager, City of Manchester (Alternate)

Dubuque County

Roy Buol, Mayor, City of Dubuque
Cori Burbach, Assistant City Manager, City of Dubuque (Alternate)
Dave Baker, Supervisor, Dubuque County Board of Supervisors
Ann McDonough, Dubuque County Board of Supervisors (Alternate)
Bill Rediger, EIRHA Chair, Commissioner, EIRHA/EIRHC
Whitney Baethke, City Administrator, City of Peosta
Beth Bonz, City Manager, City of Asbury (ECIA Council Vice Chair)
Don Recker, Private Sector, City of Sageville (Alternate)

Jackson County

Judy Carr, Deputy City Clerk, City of Maquoketa (Alternate)
Dave Heiar, Senior Advisor/Community Coach, Jackson County Economic Alliance
Patti Hoffman, President, Preston Growth & Development
Larry McDevitt, Supervisor, Jackson County Board of Supervisors (Alternate)
Roger Michels, Mayor, City of Bellevue
Jack Willey, Supervisor, Jackson County Board of Supervisors (ECIA Council Chair)
Tom Roth, Council Member, City of Bellevue (Alternate)
Gerald Smith, City Manager, City of Maquoketa
Teresa Weinschenk, City Administrator



"I'm super excited...it'll be a good place for my kids and grandkids to come visit." First person to purchase a new home in the new Bear River Cottages pocket neighborhood in Maquoketa.

Pivoting during the pandemic

- ECIA, United Way, Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, and the Dubuque Area Labor Harvest collaborated to provide 437 food boxes benefitting 732 adults and 374 children
- E.C.I.A Business Growth, Inc., Dubuque Initiatives, Dubuque and Jackson Counties administered an emergency loan fund to assist small businesses, helping 72 businesses lending out \$710,000, at a 1% interest rate, 36 month term, no payments, no interest for the first six months.
- RTA and Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging delivered 6,500 frozen meals to over 400 seniors in Delaware, Dubuque and Jackson Counties
- ECIA's housing division used \$818,468 in CARES Act funds to maintain normal operations and purchase PPE for their vulnerable populations and staff
- ECIA assisted six communities in getting \$463,638 in CDBG CARES funding for public service projects