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**OVER \$1.6 MILLION IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS  
AWARDED TO FOUR CITIES IN EASTERN IOWA**

The Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) recently announced their Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awards totaling \$21.8 million throughout the state of Iowa. With the help of the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG), over \$1.6 million of these grants were awarded to communities in Eastern Iowa.

Four cities in Eastern Iowa received CDBG awards, including Marengo, Belle Plaine, Oxford Junction and Lisbon. The cities of Marengo and Belle Plaine received awards for wastewater projects, and the cities of Oxford Junction and Lisbon received housing sustainability awards.

The CDBG awards are funded by the federal government and are awarded to cities and counties based on a variety of factors. If your city or county would like help determining whether it may qualify or need assistance in applying, contact ECICOG at 319-365-9941.

The IEDA CDBG website states, the goal of the grant program is to “develop viable communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate incomes.” For more information on CDBG awards, please visit their website [here](#).

***About ECICOG***

*ECICOG is an intergovernmental council established in 1973 under Chapter 28E and provided for under Chapter 28H of the Code of Iowa. Governed by a board of directors comprised of elected officials and private citizens, ECICOG was created to promote regional cooperation and to provide professional planning services to local governments in Benton, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, Tama, and Washington Counties. For more information visit [www.ecicog.org](http://www.ecicog.org)*