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**OVER \$1.3 MILLION IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS  
AWARDED TO THREE CITIES IN EASTERN IOWA**

On Tuesday, the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) announced Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awards totaling \$23.8 million throughout the state of Iowa. With assistance from the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG), over \$1.3 million of the total was awarded to three communities in Eastern Iowa.

The cities that received funding were: Marengo (\$600,000 for wastewater improvements); Wyoming (\$232,074 for housing sustainability); and Marion (\$500,000 for downtown revitalization).

CDBG funding originates from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and IEDA allocates its annual share on a competitive basis to eligible communities throughout the state. If a city or county would like help determining whether it may qualify, or need assistance in applying, contact ECICOG at 319-365-9941 or [gary.hughes@ecicog.org](mailto:gary.hughes@ecicog.org).

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 the IEDA’s website at [www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/CommunityDevelopment/CDBG](http://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/CommunityDevelopment/CDBG).

**About ECICOG**

*The East Central Iowa Council of Governments (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 (all services are not offered in all counties). A portion of our operations are supported by a per capita assessment paid by these counties. For more information on ECICOG, please visit our website at [www.ecicog.org](http://www.ecicog.org).*

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