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**THE EAST CENTRAL IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SECURES
\$866,999 IN AWARDS FOR LOCAL HOUSING PROGRAMS**

The East Central Iowa Council of Government (ECICOG) has recently secured \$866,999 in awards for the Housing Fund for Linn County (HFfLC) and the East Central Iowa Housing Trust Fund (ECIHTF) programs. Both of these programs will help to create and preserve affordable housing locally.

The HFfLC received a \$489,646 award from the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) that will be used towards the development and preservation of affordable housing in Linn County. The HFfLC also received a \$50,000 grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation that will be used to further stabilize and enhance the Wellington Heights Neighborhood in Cedar Rapids by providing assistance to home buyers and owners.

The East Central Iowa Housing Trust Fund received a \$323,353 award from the IFA and a \$4,000 grant from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation that will be used to create or preserve affordable housing in Benton, Iowa, Jones, and Washington Counties.

For more information regarding these awards or the programs, please contact Tracey Achenbach at housingfundlc@ecicog.org or 319-365-9941 ext. 139.

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About These Programs



The HFfLC is a community-based non-profit organization dedicated to improving quality of life by offering innovative and flexible funding in order to expand affordable housing opportunities within Linn County.



The ECIHTF is a community-based non-profit organization dedicated to improving quality of life by offering innovative and flexible funding in order to expand affordable housing opportunities within Benton, Iowa, Jones, and Washington Counties.

About ECICOG

The 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.