



Date: April 6, 2026

To: Linn County Communities and Affordable Housing Providers/Developers/Organizations

From: Sara Buck, Executive Director

Re: Announcement of **\$300,000 Available in Grant and Loan Funds**

- \$150,000 must serve populations under 30% AMI
- \$150,000 may serve populations under 80% AMI (\$100,000 of which must be utilized for loans)

Please note the following information when completing the attached application:

- 1) HFfLC loan funds are intended to be used as gap financing for proposed projects. HFfLC grant funds are intended for housing projects or activities for which loan repayment is not financially feasible.
- 2) Loan funds shall be dedicated to projects that demonstrate an ability to make loan repayments to HFfLC. The application loan terms requested must be reasonable and justified, and the ability to make repayments must be demonstrated. See application guidance for more information.
- 3) Grant funds will be prioritized for projects that:
 - a. Benefit households with income at or below 30% AMI
 - b. Plan to utilize the funding within the next 12 to 15 months
 - c. No other funding source is available/limited
 - d. Whose organizations/entities are in good standing as loan awardees
- 4) Please note that awardees will receive payment on the HFfLC award on an expense reimbursement basis only. Costs incurred prior to award will not be eligible for reimbursement.
- 5) Only housing units that benefit households with income below 80% AMI will be eligible for an HFfLC award. Awardees must provide assisted household's full income verification documentation when requested.
- 6) Housing Fund for Linn County Board of Directors will determine funding awards on June 4, 2026, and notification will be sent out as soon as practicable.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (319) 289-0072 or sara.buck@hfflc.org. Please submit one electronic copy or one original application. **Applications are due by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.** Thank you for your interest and support of the HFfLC and for providing assistance to those in need in our county!

HFJLC Funding Application ¹

One original or one electronic application due by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

Agency Name			
Agency Address			
Federal Tax ID #:			
Project Name			
Project Address (If Any)			
By Type, Indicate the Number of Units To Be Assisted			
New - Owner		Single Family	Multi-Family
New - Renter		Single Family	Multi-Family
Rehabilitation - Owner		Single Family	Multi-Family
Rehabilitation - Renter		Single Family	Multi-Family
Subsidy - Owner		Single Family	Multi-Family
Subsidy - Renter		Single Family	Multi-Family
Other		Conversion	Group Facility
<i>Specify Other:</i>			
Priority Ranking. If Multiple Applications are being submitted from a single applicant, rate each in sequential numerical descending order from highest (# 1) to lowest (# 2, # 3, etc.). Mark as "N/A" if not applicable to a single application from any one applicant.			
<u>Contact Representative</u> <i>A person authorized to respond to possible follow-up questions about the proposal</i>	Name:		
	Phone:		
	E-mail:		
<u>Legal Representative</u> <i>The person authorized to execute legally binding contractual agreements</i>	Name:		
	Phone:		
	E-mail:		
Signature of Legal Representative			
Date and Title			

¹ An applicant must agree to certify that they will secure and supply appropriate documentation demonstrating, prior to execution of a contractual agreement with the HFJLC, evidence of ownership / site control, zoning / platting, development permitting, and other forms of needed commitment.

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HFfLC Funding Terms:

Total HFfLC Amount Requested: _____

Proposed HFfLC loan repayment terms (interest rate and term length), if applicable: _____

Proposed Term of Affordability (length of time that income will be monitored): _____

Funding Sources and Uses:

Using whole numbers, please indicate the funding sources and uses for the project. Describe the type of funding for each source (such as deferred or amortized loan, repayable or forgivable loan, grant, etc.) and the terms for each. Also indicate whether the funds are committed, and if not, please indicate when they will be committed.

Funding Source	Amount	Uses	<u>Describe Type & Terms</u>	<u>Committed (Y or N)</u>	If No, Expected Date	% Of Total Sources
Housing Fund for Linn County	\$					
	\$					
	\$					
	\$					
	\$					
	\$					
	\$					
	\$					
	\$					
	\$					
Total	\$					
Total Estimated Cost Per Unit:	\$	Estimated Start of Project:				
HFfLC Estimated Cost per Unit:	\$	Estimated End of Project:				

Please provide any needed additional information in item #6 in the narrative section of the application.

PROJECT BUDGET

NOTE: If mixed use, please separate Housing and Non-Housing Costs.

CONSTRUCTION COSTS	HOUSING	NON-HOUSING
Site Work		
Acquisition		
Demolition		
Construction		
Builder's Fees		
Contingency (5% Maximum)		
Architectural / Engineering		
Developer's Fee		
Legal / Appraisal		
Construction Period Insurance		
Construction Period Interest		
Marketing		
Initial Equipment and Furniture Budget (Submit Detail)		
Real Estate Taxes During Construction		
Feasibility / Market Study		
Investor Fee		
Environmental / Soil / Survey Tests		
Lead Risk Assessment (For units built before 1978)		
Tax Credit Fees		
Rent-up Reserve		
Operating Reserve		
Relocation Expenses		
Construction Contingency		
Other (Specify)		
TOTAL		

Estimated Income and Expenses

Transitional and Rental Projects Only. Attach 10-year Proforma

Unit Type (0 BR, 1 BR, 2BR, etc.)	# Of Units	Proposed Monthly Rent / Unit	Estimated Utility Cost for Occupant	Occupant Income Limit
TOTAL				

HFfLC Funding Application: Narrative

In addition to completing the preceding application cover and budget forms, please also attach a narrative that, as labeled, addresses each of the following topical areas of concern. Please include your agency and project name on each page applying 1" margins and a preferred 12 (no smaller than 11) point "Arial" or "Times New Roman" font. It is anticipated that your narrative response should not exceed 6 single pages, or 3 double-sided, plus any relevant exhibits (such as separate cash-flow pro-forma).

1. **Background:** Describe your organization, its mission, services provided and prior experience. *Briefly, who are you, where are you located, what is your purpose, and what is your experience?*
2. **Project Description:** Describe the proposed project. Identify and quantify all uses of funds in relation to respective sources. Also address other items that have been secured / committed or remain pending (example: ownership / site control, zoning / platting, development permitting, etc.) *What is your project, how is it to be funded, and what commitments are in place or needed?*
3. **Service Location:** Identify the target population and geographic area to be served. Briefly describe the project's location to nearby facilities / services, such as mass transportation, childcare, etc. *Who will you serve and/or what will you improve, and where? As a percent of Area Median Income² ("AMI"), be sure to identify targeted households as either "extremely low income" (at or less than 30% of AMI) or "low -income" (above 30% AMI but at or less than 80% AMI).*
4. **Market Need(s):** Explain what unmet need within the community will be addressed by the project and include supporting data. *What market need validates project funding, particularly in terms of priority? How were market needs determined?*
5. **Goals & Objectives:** Identify and describe the proposed project concerning how it will address goals and objectives of both: (a) the applicant; and (b) the community to be served. *What will the project achieve in regard to goals and objectives?*
6. **Funding Sources & Uses Description & Financial Feasibility:** Describe all funding sources commitment timelines. Describe any items in the Funding Sources and Uses and Project Budget requiring additional explanation. Also describe the feasibility for the project. *Include a 10-year pro-forma that demonstrates how financial gap will be addressed with adequate cash-flow to sustain the project (particularly the repayment of any debt to be incurred).*
7. **Collaboration / Coordination of Effort:** Describe how project is part of a collaborative or community effort and describe any expected coordination with other community resources. *How will coordination be enhanced and duplication avoided? Demonstrate how the project is part of a community and systematic approach to addressing housing needs.*
8. **Project Schedule:** Outline a timetable for activity implementation, including when use of HFfLC funds is anticipated and assisted households will be identified.

² For the purpose of AMI calculations, income guidelines will follow those issued by the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) for the Local Housing Trust Fund Program.

9. **Conflicts of Interest:** Describe any conflicts of interest that may exist between Application and members of the Board of Directors of the HFfLC.