

September 2021 Updates

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[ARPA Roundtable for Small Cities](#)

There's still time to register for ECICOG's virtual roundtable for small cities on **Friday, September 24 from 9am to 10:30am**. Staff will provide an overview of ARPA fund usage and requirements. The floor will then open to attendees to share information, ideas, and questions. [Register here](#) for the webinar or click the button to the left. Contact Community Development and Housing Director Tracey Achenbach at tracey.achenbach@ecicog.org with questions.

[Take and Share Survey about Our Region's Economic Future](#)

[This fifteen-question survey](#) will help us understand your perspective on what is shaping East Central Iowa's future. The survey is part of Envision East Central Iowa, an update to our six-county region's economic development strategy. The project will focus on advancing our regional economy following COVID-19. Public input is a critical part Envision East Central Iowa. Please share the survey with your community's elected leaders, local businesses, and key stakeholders! Visit talkto.ecicog.org/eeci or contact Economic Development Specialist Adam Bentley at adam.bentley@ecicog.org to learn more.

[Updated Deadlines for State of Iowa Housing Funds](#)

Governor Reynolds announced September 8 that the State is putting \$100 million of its ARPA funding toward housing. The deadlines for the two programs using these funds have changed. Applications for the downtown upper story and housing creation program are now due January 31. The owner-occupied housing rehabilitation applications are due March 31. If your community is interested in applying for either program, contact Community Development and Housing Director Tracey Achenbach at tracey.achenbach@ecicog.org for assistance. Contact Environmental Services Director Jennifer Fencil at jennifer.fencil@ecicog.org.