Iowa Valley Identified Grants
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### 1. Benton County

**Name of Community Foundation:** Benton County Community Foundation

**Website:** [http://www.cfneia.org/Affiliates/BentonCounty.aspx](http://www.cfneia.org/Affiliates/BentonCounty.aspx)

**Grants Offered:** Currently the Benton County Community Foundation is not accepting grant requests. It is anticipated the next grant cycle deadline will be around March 2016. The online application will be available 2-3 months prior to the deadline.

**Areas of Grant Making:**
- Arts & Culture
- Community Affairs & Development
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Human Services
- Historical Preservation
2. Iowa County

Name of Community Foundation: Iowa County Community Foundation

Website: http://www.cfneia.org/affiliates/IowaCounty/grants

Grants Offered: The Iowa County Community Foundation is not currently accepting grant requests. It is anticipated the next grant cycle deadline will be around April 2016. The online application will be made available 2-3 months prior to the deadline.

Areas of Grant Making:
- Art and Culture
- Community Betterment
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Historical preservation
- Human Service

3. Johnson County

Name of Community Foundation: Community Foundation of Johnson County

Website: http://www.communityfoundationofjohnsoncounty.org/

Grants Offered: Grants are only awarded to nonprofit organizations or causes with 501 (c)(3) status or governmental agencies. The CFJC Board of Directors may also proactively identify needs and opportunities and seek proposals. Funding supports projects that significantly improve the Johnson County communities. These communities include Coralville, Lone Tree, North Liberty, Swisher, Tiffin, Oxford, and University Heights. Historically grants have been for a one year period and range from $500 to $10,000.

Grant/Funding Opportunities Due Dates:
Nonprofit organizations serving Johnson County residents are invited to apply for Community Foundation of Johnson County (CFJC) grants each year. Information on the 2016 application deadline is not available on the CFJC website. The grant application site is http://www.communityfoundationofjohnsoncounty.org/grants/.

Areas of Grant Making:
- Arts, Culture & Humanities
- Education
- Environment & Animals
- Health & Human Services
- Public & Societal Benefit
### 4. Linn County

**Name of Community Foundation:** Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation  

**Website:** [https://gcrcf.iphiview.com](https://gcrcf.iphiview.com)

**Grants Offered/Due Dates:** Funds for the Community grants are made from permanently endowed funds entrusted to the Community Foundation. Grants are available for both emerging and established organizations and for projects ranging from small, time-limited grants to larger, multi-year commitments. A list of the available grant funding (including each grant’s eligibility and application due dates) is provided in a chart that can be accessed at:  

More information about each individual grant can be found by clicking on a grant name in the chart found at:  

### 5. Poweshiek County

**Name of Community Foundation:** Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation  

**Website:** [http://www.greaterpcf.org/funding.html](http://www.greaterpcf.org/funding.html)

**Grants Offered:** Community Fund for Poweshiek County  

**Areas of Grant Making:**  
- education  
- financial aid for students  
- public libraries  
- health care  
- arts and culture  
- public affairs and community development  
- social services  
- agriculture and natural resources

**Grant/Funding Opportunities Due Dates:** None found.
6. Poweshiek County
Name of Community Foundation: Poweshiek County Alliance

Website: http://www.greaterpcf.org/nonprofits/poweshiek-county-alliance.html

Grants Offered: The Poweshiek County Alliance began in 2006 as part of the County Endowment Fund Program created by the Iowa State Legislature. This legislation provided that a portion of the state gambling revenue is to be distributed to the Iowa counties that do not have gambling entities. The Poweshiek County Alliance distributes this money each year in the form of grants to nonprofit organizations that support the needs of Poweshiek County.

Poweshiek County Alliance seeks to fund projects that address the needs of Poweshiek County residents. Of particular interest are those providing cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities, as well as ones that enhance the safety, beauty, and economic vitality of the county. Projects/programs are encouraged that will benefit more than one community in the county, and preference will be given to applications seeking matching funds, or to organizations seeking to collaborate with other local nonprofits.

Grant/Funding Opportunities Due Dates: No due dates for 2016 found, but the PCA says they usually make fund available by spring each year.

7. Tama County
Name of Community Foundation: Tama County Community Foundation

Website: http://www.cfneia.org/affiliates/TamaCounty

Areas of Grant Making:
- Art and Culture
- Community Betterment
- Environment Education and Protection
- Health
- Historical Preservation
- Human Services

Grant/Funding Opportunities Due Dates: Currently, the Tama County Community Foundation is accepting grant requests. The deadline to submit a grant request is midnight (CST) January 15, 2016.

8. Meskwaki Nation
Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa
Grants offered: Tribal Heritage grants and
2. Nine recommendations for grant/funding resources for the Iowa Valley RC&D:

**Recommendation #1: Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area**

**Name of Grant Resource:** Government agency (National Park Service)

**Website:** http://www.silosandsmokestacks.org/partner/grant-opportunities/

**Grants Offered:** General Grants, Intern Grants, and Bus Grants are available

- **General Grants:** http://www.silosandsmokestacks.org/partner/grant-opportunities/general-grants/
- **Intern Grants:** http://www.silosandsmokestacks.org/partner/grant-opportunities/intern-grants/ (if IVRC&D wants to pursue being a partner for the overlapping counties with Silos & Smokestacks)

**Grant(s) Due Dates:** The previous application cycle had due dates as follows: April 15, 2015 (General), February 13, 2105 (Intern), and August 1, 2015 (Bus).

**Why this grant fits the needs of our assigned RC & D:**
The Silos & Smokestacks region covers the northeast third of the state of Iowa, including thirty-seven counties. Cities that fall within the NHA and the IVRC&D include Cedar Rapids and Iowa City.

From the website: “Silos & Smokestacks General Grants help fund agricultural related interpretive projects in the Heritage Area including exhibit development, educational programs, interpretive signage, marketing, and event programming.” These funding priorities are in line with the IVRC&D goals of developing scenic byways (including signage), culinary passports, and events that highlight Iowa’s rural areas.
Recommendation #2: USDA Community Food Projects Grant Program

Name of Grant Resource: Government agency

Website: http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/community-food-projects-cfp-competitive-grants-program

Grants Offered: Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program (CFPCGP): Preferred projects also develop linkages between two or more sectors of the food system, support the development of entrepreneurial projects, develop innovative linkages between the for-profit and nonprofit food sectors, encourage long-term planning activities and multisystem, and build long-term capacity of communities to address the food and agricultural problems of communities, such as food policy councils and food planning associations.

Grant(s) Due Dates: The last grant application deadline was Monday, November 30, 2015.

Why this grant fits the needs of our assigned RC&D:
This program is designed to:
- Meet the needs of low-income people by increasing their access to fresher, more nutritious food supplies.
- Increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for their own food needs.
- Promote comprehensive responses to local food, farm, and nutrition issues.
- Meet specific state, local, or neighborhood food and agricultural needs for infrastructure improvement and development.
- Plan for long-term solutions.
- Create innovative marketing activities that mutually benefit agricultural producers and low-income consumers.

Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program is intended to help eligible private nonprofit entities that need a one-time infusion of federal assistance to establish and carry out multi-purpose community food projects. Projects are funded from $10,000–$400,000 and from 1–4 years. They are one-time grants that require a dollar-for-dollar match in resources. The food hub, food coop, and local food advocacy projects of the IVRC&D could use CFPCGP funds to develop systems, host educational sessions, and bring foods to low-income people in rural areas and perhaps in low-income areas of Iowa City and Cedar Rapids.
# Recommendation #3: USDA- Farmers Market Promotion Program

**Name of Grant Resource:** Government agency

**Website:** [http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp](http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp)

**Grants Offered:** Farmers Market Promotion Program

**Grant(s) Due Dates:** The last grant application deadline was May 14, 2015.

**Why this grant fits the needs of our assigned RC & D:**
From the website: “The goals of FMPP grants are to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets by developing, improving, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to, or assisting in the development, improvement, and expansion of, domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities.”

# Recommendation #4: USDA Local Food Promotion Program

**Name of Grant Resource:** Government agency

**Website:** [http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/lfpp](http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/lfpp)

**Grants Offered:** LFPP Planning Grants and LFPP Implementation Grants; Eligible entities may apply if they support local and regional food business enterprises that process, distribute, aggregate, or store locally or regionally produced food products. These entities are available on the provided website.

**Grant(s) Due Dates:** The last grant application deadline was May 14, 2015.

**Why this grant fits the needs of our assigned RC & D:**
The two types of grants can be used for numerous different things that pertain to our local RC&D. Planning grants are to be used in the planning stages of establishing or expanding a local and regional food business enterprise. Activities can include but are not limited to market research, feasibility studies, and business planning. Implementation grants are available to help establish a new local and regional food business enterprise, or to expand an existing one. Activities can include but are not limited to training and technical assistance, outreach and marketing, and non-construction infrastructure improvements to business enterprise facilities or information technology systems.
**Recommendation #5: North Central SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education)**

**Name of Grant Resource:** Government agency

**Website:**
- [http://www.northcentralsare.org/Grants/Our-Grant-Programs](http://www.northcentralsare.org/Grants/Our-Grant-Programs)
- [http://www.northcentralsare.org/State-Programs/Iowa?_ga=1.262318666.712924493.1444257279](http://www.northcentralsare.org/State-Programs/Iowa?_ga=1.262318666.712924493.1444257279)

**Grants Offered:** Professional Development (others are offered, but this seemed the most relevant to the Iowa Valley RC&D)

**Grant(s) Due Dates:** [Professional Development Program](http://www.northcentralsare.org/Grants/Our-Grant-Programs)
- December - Call for Proposals Released
- Mid-March - Proposals Due
- Early August - Funding Decisions
- October - Funds Available to Recipient

**Why this grant fits the needs of our assigned RC & D:**
From the website: “The North Central Region SARE (NCR-SARE) Professional Development Grant Program supports state professional development programs and competitive grants for training agricultural professionals.

Professional Development Program (PDP) competitive grants emphasize training agricultural educators in extension, Natural Resources Conservation Service, private, and not-for-profit sectors, using farmers as educators and addressing emerging issues in the farm community.

Generally:
- Professional Development Program awards range from $30,000 to $75,000
- Projects may last up to 36 months.
- About 5-10 projects are funded each year.
- A sample call is available throughout the year, but you should always consult the current call for proposals when applying.
- The portfolio of research grants is reviewed and awarded on an annual [timeline](http://www.northcentralsare.org/Grants/Our-Grant-Programs).

Applicants are educators who often represent, but are not limited to, Extension, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and non-profit groups.

PDP competitive grants are awarded for state and multi-state PDP projects that emphasize cross-agency training, using farmers as educators and addressing emerging issues in the farm community.”

The Iowa Valley RC&D can use these funds to support farmer-educators who teach IVRC&D courses to current and future agricultural employees.
**Recommendation #6: USDA Rural Development**

**Name of Grant Resource:** Government agency

**Website:** http://www.rd.usda.gov/ia

**Grants Offered:** There are several different programs, funding opportunities, and grants available. Some of these program categories are: rural business-cooperative service, rural housing service for community facilities, multi-family housing, and single family housing, and rural utilities service for electric programs, telecommunications programs, and water & environmental programs. A complete list of the programs and services available for communities and nonprofits can be found at: http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs. However, one particular grant of interest for the Iowa Valley RC&D is the Rural Community Development Initiative Grants.

**Grant(s) Due Dates:** The due dates are variable by program/grant. The rural community development initiative grant application was due on August 13, 2015 for the last grant application cycle.

**Why this grant fits the needs of our assigned RC&D:**
This would be a good grant opportunity for our RC&D because the mission pertains to helping local businesses and organizations thrive. Additionally, our RC&D covers rural areas, and has areas that would benefit greatly from help with housing and support for community facilities.

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**Recommendation #7: Farmers Market Coalition**

**Name of Grant Resource:** Government agency

**Website:** http://farmersmarketcoalition.org/education/funding-opportunities/

**Grants Offered & Due Dates:** Numerous grants are available, with various ranging amounts. The grants that are available are listed below, along with any matching requirements and due dates from 2015.

- Community Food Projects (CFP)- 100% matching, November 30, 2015
- Community Facilities Loans and Grants (CF)- 25%+ matching, N/A
- Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP)- 0% matching, May 14, 2015
- Farmers Market SNAP Support Grants (FMSSG)- N/A, June 18, 2015
- Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grant Program (FINI)- 100% matching, N/A
- Foundation, Local, and State Funding Sources-Variable by source
- Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI)- 0% matching, N/A
- SNAP EBT Support Opportunities- Variable by opportunity
- Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP)- Variable matching, July 8, 2015
- CSX Small Grants for Transporting Healthy Food

**Why this grant fits the needs of our assigned RC&D:**
This foundation provides grants that could help the Iowa Valley RC&D to expand their economy and enhance natural resources as it pertains to food. Increased availability of food in turn increases the quality of life of people in the area.
Recommendation #8: National Trust Preservation Funds

Name of Grant Resource: Government agency

Website: http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/preservation-funds-guidelines-eligibility.html#.VjAgaM7fhF1

Grants Offered: Grants range from $2,500-$5,000 and are awarded based on the applicant’s ability to satisfy at least one of the listed preservation priorities:
- Building sustainable communities
- Reimagining historic sites
- Promoting diversity and place
- Protecting historic places on public lands

These grants are intended to encourage preservation at the local level and to help stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for particular projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector.

Grant(s) Due Dates: Application deadlines are February 1, June 1, and October 1. If the first of the month falls on a weekend, applications will be due on the following Monday. The review process is generally completed within eight weeks of the application deadline, and applicants are notified via email once the review process is complete.

Why this grant fits the needs of our assigned RC & D:
The mission of the Iowa Valley RC&D includes several of the above listed preservation priorities. These include, but are not limited to, the desire to grow local economies, enhance natural resources, and to preserve and promote history and culture. Therefore, these grants could help to work towards satisfying these.
**Recommendation #9: Hart Family Fund for Small Towns**

**Name of Grant Resource:** Government agency

**Website:** [http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/special-funds/hart-fund.html#.VjzTwYSs054](http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/special-funds/hart-fund.html#.VjzTwYSs054)

**Grants Offered:** Grants range from $2,500-$10,000 and are available for applicants that meet the following criteria:

- Public agencies and nonprofit organizations operating in towns with a population of 5,000 people or less.
- Applicants that have received a previous National Trust assistance are eligible.
- Applicants must be capable of matching the grant amount dollar-for-dollar.

These grants will be awarded to those applicants that satisfy the criteria and have projects pertaining to:

- Planning: support for obtaining professional expertise in different areas (preservation planning, land-use planning, law, etc.)
- Education & Outreach: support for preservation activities aimed at the public.

**Grant(s) Due Dates:** The application deadline for the previous cycle was May 1, 2015. The review process is generally completed within three months of the application deadline, and applicants are notified via email once the review process is complete.

**Why this grant fits the needs of our assigned RC & D:**
Grants from this foundation are intended to encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects in small towns. These grants help stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for particular projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector.
Recommendation #10: Small Town & Rural Area Projects
For future consideration for IVRC&D because the grant program has been temporarily suspended.

Name of Grant Resource: corporate foundation.

Website: American Planning Association
https://www.planning.org/divisions/smalltown/grants.htm

Why this grant fits the needs of our assigned RC & D:
From the website: “The Small Town & Rural (STaR) Division of the American Planning Association periodically funds small project grants. Any community organization, local not-for-profit, government agency, student group, or individual can apply for STaR seed money to assist with getting your project, program, study, activity, or initiative off the ground. Due to budgetary considerations, however, funding for this small grants program has been temporarily suspended.”

There are many small and rural towns in the geographic area covered by the Iowa Valley RC&D. The funding agency is not specific in the types of projects or programs that it will fund, which means that a proposal on any of the activities of the IVRC&D that impact or are centered in a small time should be within the application guidelines.
# Iowa Foundations

## 1. The Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation

**Name of Grant Resource** (e.g. government agency, private foundation, corporate foundation, etc.): private foundation

**Website:** [http://ahrensfamilyfoundation.org/](http://ahrensfamilyfoundation.org/)

**Grant(s) Due Dates:** There is not a grant due date. Rather, the foundation funds projects and organizations of its choice.

**Briefly explain why this grant 'fits' the needs of your assigned RC & D:**

The Ahrens Foundation funding is designated for projects in the Grinnell area. The IVRC&D serves Poweshiek County, which means that Grinnell and other communities in Poweshiek County are within the geographic range of the IVRC&D.

In recent years, the Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation has made changes to its charitable grant funding process. At this time, the foundation is no longer accepting grant funding requests or grant solicitations of any kind. The foundation has chosen to actively seek projects and organizations to which it chooses to fund.

The Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation will continue to support and prioritize projects in the fields of parks & recreation, education, and health. The foundation has shifted its funding focus primarily to projects that impact the Grinnell, IA community.

If the IVRC&D builds a relationship with the Ahrens Foundation, it may be able to secure funding for its projects in Grinnell.

## 2. Wellmark Foundation

**Name of Grant Resource** (e.g. government agency, private foundation, corporate foundation, etc.): private foundation


**Briefly explain why this grant 'fits' the needs of your assigned RC & D:**

The Healthy Communities small grant supports smaller projects of $25,000 or less. “The goal is to encourage new collaborations that are focused on improving the health of a community. This includes ensuring all residents have access to nutritious food and safe places to be active where they live, work, play and learn.” The IVRC&D projects that focus on access to nutritious foods and on making collaborations between community organizations to support the growth and distribution of nutritious foods would fall within the guidelines for applying for the Healthy Communities grant. In addition, the Wellmark Foundation grant will pay for public service announcements and trail signages, both of which have been identified as needs of the IVRC&D.
### 3. Mansfield Charitable Foundation (formerly Wesley Mansfield and Irene Mansfield Charitable Foundation)

**Name of Grant Resource** (e.g. government agency, private foundation, corporate foundation, etc.): private foundation

**Website:** [https://fdo.foundationcenter.org/grantmaker-profile?collection=grantmakers&key=MANS007&page=1&state=%22Iowa%22&from_search=1](https://fdo.foundationcenter.org/grantmaker-profile?collection=grantmakers&key=MANS007&page=1&state=%22Iowa%22&from_search=1)

**Briefly explain why this grant 'fits' the needs of your assigned RC&D:**
It is difficult to find online information about the Mansfield Charitable foundation. However, it seems that, as with the Ahrens Foundation, funding through the Mansfield Charitable Foundation is dependent on relationships built between the foundation and the organization. The foundation’s 2014 990 lists the projects and organizations that were funded, a list that includes multiple Tama recipients.

### 4. The Hall-Perrine Foundation

**Name of Grant Resource** (e.g. government agency, private foundation, corporate foundation, etc.): private foundation

**Website:** [http://www.hallperrine.org/Grants.html](http://www.hallperrine.org/Grants.html)

**Briefly explain why this grant 'fits' the needs of your assigned RC&D:**
From the website: “THE HALL-PERRINE FOUNDATION is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people of Linn County, Iowa, by responding to changing social, economic and cultural needs.

Grants are confined to 501(c)(3) nonprofit tax-exempt organizations, to be used for charitable purposes. Grants must be for projects for the benefit of the Linn County community.

Potential grantees should first make a preliminary inquiry to determine the Foundation’s interest in their request. This communication should briefly describe the background and purposes of the organization and outline the proposed project and its goals. Grant inquiries may be submitted at any time and should be forwarded to the Foundation's Program Officer.

If the Foundation has an interest in the project, a grant application will be given to the applicant to be completed in order that the proposal may be properly evaluated.”

If the IVRC&D builds a relationship with the Hall-Perrine Foundation, it may be able to secure funding for its projects in Linn County.
5. Gannett Foundation

Name of Grant Resource: corporate foundation

Website: http://www.gannettfoundation.org/guidelines.htm

Briefly explain why this grant 'fits' the needs of your assigned RC&D:
From the website: The Gannett Foundation supports local organizations in communities served by Gannett Co., Inc. This includes the Iowa City area.

Our community action grant priorities include education and neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment.

Our average grant amount is in the $1,000 to $5,000 range.

We consider grant applications twice a year. Please submit your proposal to the contact at the daily newspaper or television station in your area. Applications should be POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN February 28th or August 29th. Some locations have earlier deadlines, and they are listed in the Grant Contact list. Click here to see if there are specific guidelines for your area. (We do not accept proposals via email, messenger or hand delivery.)

A committee of employees reviews all proposals within one month after each deadline. Applicants are notified of final decisions about 90–120 days after deadlines. Please no phone or email inquiries.

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