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IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING — JULY 2024

Board Meeting. The [Iowa Economic Development Authority \(IEDA\) Board](#) met on July 19, 2024.

Compliance Report. The Board approved the following contract amendment requests:

- A 60-day extension of the signing deadline for Google.
- A 90-day extension of the signing deadline for Danisco US.

Financial Assistance Applications. The Board approved the following financial assistance applications:

- C & A Scale Services, located in Minden, manufactures and installs bulk weight grain loadout systems as well as truck scale automation and truck probe sampling systems. The company was awarded a \$46,000 Investment Tax Credit and \$60,000 sales and use tax refund. The incentives will be used to rebuild and expand a manufacturing facility that was destroyed by a tornado on April 26, 2024. The project represents an investment of \$2.5 million and is expected to create four jobs, all of which are incented at a qualifying wage of \$25.36 per hour.
- Cargill, located in Sioux City, provides food, agricultural, financial, and industrial products. The company was awarded a \$302,000 Investment Tax Credit and \$34,000 sales and use tax refund. The incentives will be used to expand soybean processing capacity. The project represents an investment of \$26.0 million and is expected to create four jobs, all of which are incented at a qualifying wage of \$27.07 per hour.

Rules. The Board approved the adoption of [ARC 8047C](#) related to the Major Economic Growth Attraction Program.

Workforce Housing Tax Incentive. The [Workforce Housing Tax Incentive Program](#) provides tax benefits to developers to provide housing in Iowa communities, focusing especially on projects using abandoned, empty, or dilapidated properties. The annual allocation is split between two components:

- Regular communities in the 11 most-populated counties.
- A small city set-aside for projects within communities in the 88 least-populated counties.

The Board approved the following FY 2025 per unit cost caps for the Workforce Housing Tax Incentive Program:

- Single-family unit in a small city: \$305,000
- Single-family unit in an urban area: \$305,000
- Multi-family unit in a small city: \$230,000
- Multi-family unit in an urban area: \$230,000

Qualifying Businesses (Angel Investor) Tax Credit. The Angel Investor Tax Credit Program allows a tax credit equal to 25.0% of an investor's equity investment in a certified qualifying business. The Board awarded 126 Angel Investor Tax Credits totaling \$2.0 million for investments made in 2021 and 2022 into 12 qualifying businesses.

Iowa Innovation Council. The [Iowa Innovation Council](#) is an advisory group composed of business leaders and public universities charged with developing strategies to encourage and support innovation. The Board approved reappointment of Ryan Downing, Ye Lao, and Hank Norem to serve as voting members of the Iowa Innovation Council.

Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Program. The CAT Program provides grants to communities that support the development and creation of multipurpose attraction and tourism facilities. A city, county, or not-for-profit organization is eligible to apply for a CAT grant. The CAT Program moved from the Enhance Iowa Board to the IEDA Board as a result of 2024 Iowa Acts, [SF 2385](#) (State Government Boards and Commissions Act). The IEDA Board approved guidelines for the CAT Program and appointed Bobbi Bentz, Melissa Ballard, Doug Boone, Megan McKay, and Mark Kittrell to the CAT committee.

Destination Iowa. The [Destination Iowa Program](#) is designed to bolster the quality of life in Iowa's communities and attract visitors and new residents to the State. Eligible applicants include cities, counties, and not-for-profit organizations with a minimum project total of \$5.0 million for urban areas and \$1.5 million for rural areas. The Board approved guidelines for the Destination Iowa Program.

Reports. The Board heard the following reports:

- Terry Roberson, Accounting Director, provided an update regarding the budget and finances for the IEDA.
- Debi Durham, Executive Director, provided an update regarding IEDA programs and activities.

Next Meeting. The next Board meeting will take place on August 16, 2024.

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