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ENHANCE IOWA BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting. The Enhance Iowa Board met on December 13, 2017. The Board took the following actions:

- Approved an amendment for a one-year Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Committee contract extension for the Danville Station project in Danville, Iowa.
- Approved the following three CAT awards:
 - Pottawattamie Arts, Culture and Entertainment in Council Bluffs (\$1.0 million).
 - Des Moines Community Playhouse in Des Moines (\$440,000).
 - Strawberry Point Aquatic Center in Strawberry Point (\$59,500).

The Enhance Iowa Program provides financial incentives to communities for the construction of recreational, cultural, educational, or entertainment facilities that enhance the quality of life in Iowa. The Enhance Iowa Board is appointed by the Governor and oversees the administration of the CAT Grant Program. Additional duties include the oversight of the Sports Tourism Program and the River Enhancement Community Attraction and Tourism Program.

Appropriations from the infrastructure budget for the CAT Program fund infrastructure projects to assist communities in the development and creation of multiple-purpose attraction and tourism facilities. To be eligible, projects must be permanent recreational, cultural, educational, or entertainment attractions; be available to the general public; and promote tourism in the local communities. Eligible applicants include cities, counties, public organizations, or school districts in cooperation with a city or county.

More Information. Information on the meeting from the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) can be found here.

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