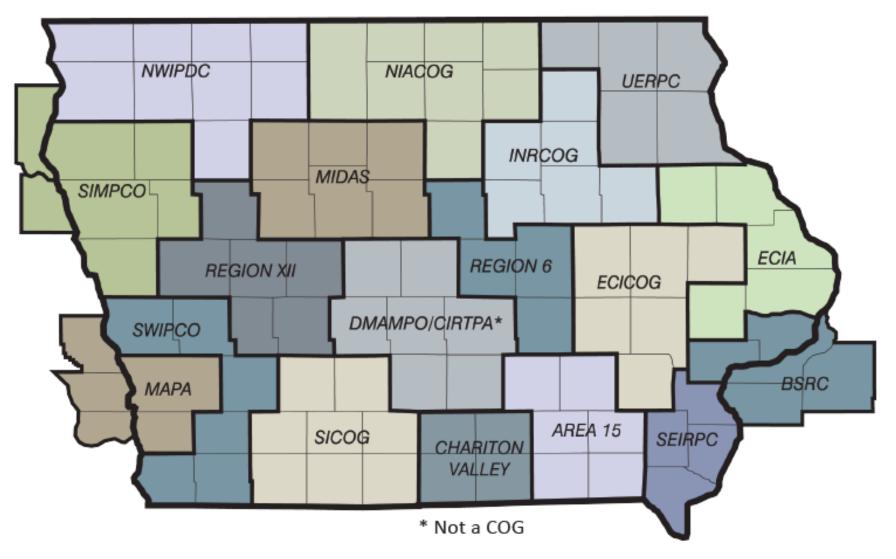


### **IOWA ASSOCIATION**

OF COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS

# Overview of Councils of Governments (COGs)



### COGs Exist To:

- Extension of governments to cities and counties
- Help solve regional issues as it relates to:
- Hazard Mitigation
- Flood Recovery
- Grant Writing
- Transportation Planning

- Housing
- Public Transit
- Economic Development
- Community Planning



### Homes for Iowa Structure



Key Partner: Iowa COGs

Iowa COGs led formation of the program with Iowa Prison Industries

Iowa COGs originate all sales orders and administer buyer requirements via contract

First homes were developed via Iowa COGs

www.iowacog.com



# Homes for Iowa Principles



- Train incarcerated men in the building trades by building homes
- Connect Iowa employers and Homes for Iowa crewmembers
- Reduce recidivism
- Produce high-quality, affordable homes for lowans delivered statewide



### Homes for Iowa Homes



- Quality: 2x6 construction, attention to detail, good materials
- <u>Code:</u> Homes are built to adopted State Building Code (2015 IRC) and rigorously inspected.
- Efficient: R60-attic, R-29 walls, thermal break, air sealed, heat rec. ventilation
- Flexible: Main floor living w/ laundry, or expand into a basement
- 2BR 1BA 1,000sf or 3BR 2BA, 1,200sf
- 3BR Cost Delivered: \$90,000 (2023)
- <u>2BR Cost Delivered:</u> \$76,000 (2023)
- Anyone can develop the home: Private, public, non-profit, individual

### Homes for Iowa Homes





As delivered

With floor and appliances

Homes are built complete – owners need provide flooring and appliances only

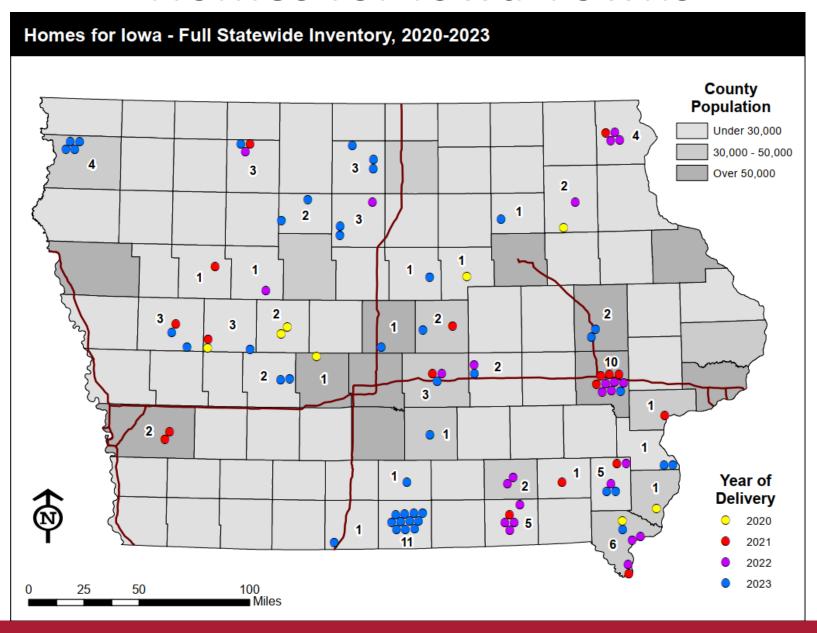
### HOMES FORIOWA

# Homes for Iowa Towns



Grundy Center, Iowa (non-profit developer)

### Homes for Iowa Towns





## Homes for Iowa Training



Crew members voluntarily apply to the program and are minimumsecurity level.

Crew members transfer in to participate in the program from other minimum-security facilities.

HFI has a full-time recruiting/placement coordinator that helps with resumes and job connections.

HFI partners with DMACC to instruct courses and uses professional staff.

HFI currently has 55 crew members onsite.





**Moderately Priced Housing** 

**Lending Opportunities** 

Construction LOC

Housing Churn Mortgage

HELOC

Value anchors in aging areas

Skilled workforce

Lower Recidivism

**Contracting Opportunities** 

Electrical

**Plumbing** 

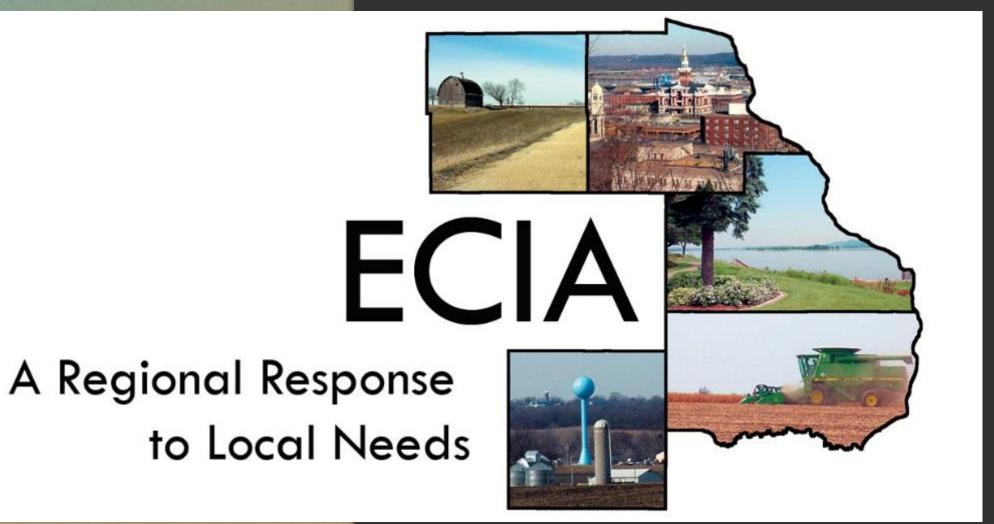
Concrete

Carpentry

Finishes, Appliances

Population retention/attraction

Positive futures



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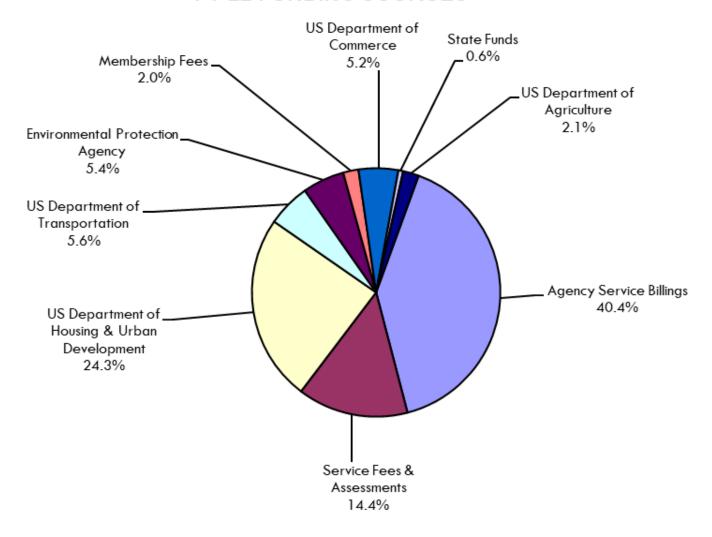
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### ECIA PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Administration & Program Development
- Community & Economic Development
- Housing and Support Services
- Special Programs
- Transportation and Planning
- Transit



#### **FY 22 FUNDING SOURCES**



# ECIA's Community Impact 2022

Lead-Based Paint & Healthy Homes Program

- -Up to \$25,000 per household;
- -Owner occupied; county provides match
- -Landlord renting to 80%mhi (\$2500 match per unit)
- -Assisted 18 homeowners in 2022; \$427,630 total funds
- -Provided lead safe homes to 20 children with a positive-elevated-blood-level



Durango, Iowa

# ECIA's Community Impact 2023

Lead-Based Paint & Healthy Homes Program/Older Adult Programs

- -\$5.3 Million HUD Grant
- -Expanded to all 5 counties (includes Cedar)
- -Up to \$25,000 per household
- -120 homes over 5 years
- -Owner occupied; county provides match
- -Landlord renting to 80%mhi (\$2500 match per unit)



### **More Before and Afters...**



Hopkinton, Iowa



Holy Cross, Iowa

### **BACKGROUND**



 SIREPA was founded in 2006 by the Cities of Fort Madison and Keokuk and Lee County

SIREPA is a municipality of the state authorized by Iowa Code
 Chapter 28J

 SIREPA is managed under contract by Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission (SEIRPC)

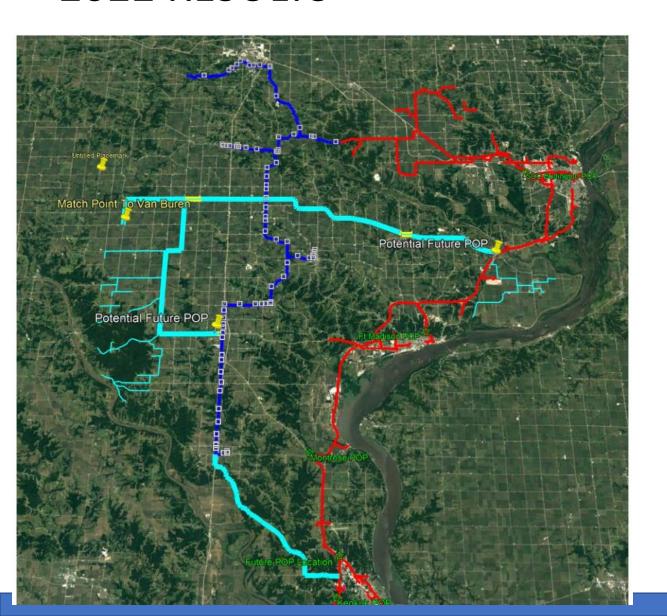
One of two 28J port authorities in Iowa



• Lee County Broadband Expansion Program - \$5.4 million investment into Lee County for new rural services and a 57-mile fiber backbone providing redundant fiber loop for Lee County.

Partners: Lee County, Danville Telco

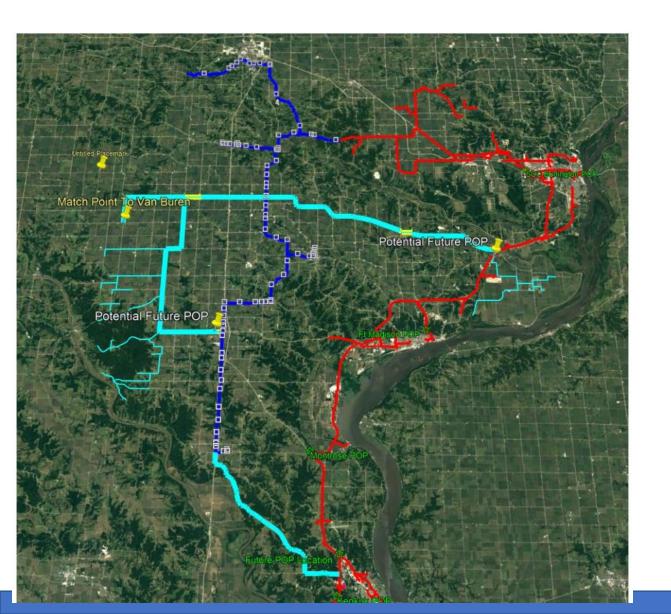
• SIREPA role: Shepherd Lee County ARPA dollars into the project as local match for a \$3.5 million state grant from Iowa OCIO.





All of light blue is Lee County Broadband Expansion Project

The new fiber backbone can handle many, many, more new services and uses, giving Lee County more future broadband and data options than ever before.





#### SIREPA will own the 57 miles of fiber

backbone and lease it back to Danville Telco for operation.

Lease revenues can be put back into more broadband investments.



• Successful ownership of Lee County Career Advantage Center in partnership with Lee County Economic Development Group.



#### **SIREPA Board Members**



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### Thank you for your support!

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