

Examples of how ECIA helps communities thrive

- Staff have secured grants for quality of life projects such as: trails, libraries, splash pads, lead abatement, housing rehab, playgrounds, after school programs, etc.
- Countless communities have been helped by ECIA to apply for, secure, and administer grants for water and sewer projects. Staff are knowledgeable when it comes to state and federal regulations for these and other critical facilities.
- “The ECIA housing staff paved the way for my becoming self-sufficient. With Family Self-Sufficiency and Housing Choice Voucher programs, I was able to raise my kids in a safe and stable home.”
- ECIA develops comprehensive plans, hazard mitigation plans, housing needs studies to help communities plan for the future.
- Staff works closely with municipalities to help clean up communities through its Nuisance Abatement and Keep Iowa Beautiful Hometown Pride programs.
- E.C.I.A. Business Growth not only helps to grow businesses through various loans, but these loan projects produce new jobs and property tax revenue for local governments and school districts.
- A creative solution for the critical quality housing shortage was needed and to address this, ECIA developed a pocket neighborhood of 10 affordable homes with shared amenities.



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Call 800.942.4648 or visit www.ecia.org for more information on ECIA's programs and services outlined in this brochure.

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Empowering communities through sustainable partnerships and services to enhance the quality of life in the region



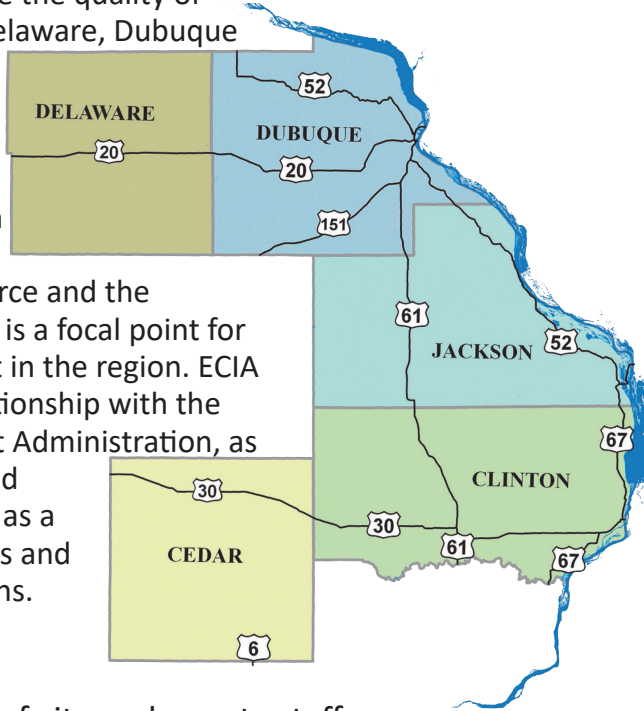
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ECIA is committed to working with member governments, their citizens, and others to empower eastern Iowa communities through sustainable partnerships to enhance the quality of life in Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque and Jackson Counties.

Designated as a Regional Economic Development District in 1978 by the US Department of Commerce and the Governor of Iowa, ECIA is a focal point for economic development in the region. ECIA has an established relationship with the Economic Development Administration, as well as other federal and state agencies and acts as a liaison for municipalities and community organizations.



ECIA is an extension of city and county staff, offering local governments and community groups programs and services under the following categories:

Community Development

Community development management assistance is provided through researching and writing State and Federal grants for communities or non profits and general technical assistance for community projects. Grant or loan applications may be for water, wastewater, storm sewer systems; housing rehabilitation; recreational facilities; libraries; daycares, etc. ECIA can also help with grant writing, fundraising; city code updates; nuisance abatement; hazard mitigation plans; and much more.

Economic Development

E.C.I.A. Business Growth, Inc. promotes the expansion of businesses and the creation of new jobs through the following programs: Small Business Administration 504 Program; Revolving Loan Fund Programs; Grant Writing; Prosperity Eastern Iowa (PEI); and Government Training.

Housing Assistance

Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority (EIRHA) provides decent, safe, and affordable housing for eligible households; opportunities for and promotes self-sufficiency; creates economic independence; and provides homeownership opportunities for Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing participants, through the following: Public Housing, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, Mainstream Voucher, Foster Youth to Independence, Family and Elderly Self-Sufficiency, Public Housing Homeownership, Section 8 HCV Homeownership, Housing Counseling, Housing Trust Fund, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, EIRHC Evergreen Meadows, EIRHC Asbury Meadows, EIRHC USDA-Grand Mound and Worthington, Housing Development.



Special Programs

ECIA Special Programs works to improve the viability, livability and environment for cities and counties located in the ECIA region. This is achieved by addressing identified needs of their citizens using a holistic approach to help enrich their lives. Current programming includes: Homeless Hotline for Dubuque and Delaware Counties; Permanent Supportive Housing; Rapid Rehousing; and Street Outreach.

Transit

The Delaware Dubuque Jackson County Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is managed by ECIA. All RTA services are open to the general public, including the elderly, disabled, youth and low-income citizens, connecting them to healthcare, counseling, nutrition, childcare, education, employment, and social venues. Many cities in the RTA region have daily service within their city as well as commuting to other cities, while other communities offer service several times per week.



Transportation and Planning

The ECIA Transportation staff serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dubuque urbanized area and Regional Planning Affiliation 8 (RPA) in Iowa. This department also offers: Comprehensive and Land Use Planning; Planning and Zoning/Subdivision Ordinances; Travel Demand Modeling; Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Mapping; Project Management; Housing Needs Assessments; Annexation Studies; and Grant Writing.