

384.67 PAYMENT TO COUNTY TREASURER. Assessments levied and certified under the provisions of this division, including installments and interest, are payable at the office of the county treasurer of the county where the property assessed is located, except that assessments may be paid in full or in part and without interest within thirty days after the date of certification, at the office of the county treasurer, if the property being assessed is located in an unincorporated area, or the city clerk, if the property being assessed is located in an incorporated area except when the city council specifically provides payment to be made in the office of the county treasurer.

Sec. 5. This Act is effective January 1, 1979.

Approved May 12, 1978

CHAPTER 1132

RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

H. F. 557

AN ACT relating to a community development program and making an appropriation.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. INTENT. The purpose of this Act is to encourage a sense of community in Iowa's small cities and rural areas through self-help development activities in local communities, to encourage local decisions on the development needs of the community and to encourage local citizens to realize their own resources and participate in decisions on development needs and their implementation. This Act may be cited as the "Iowa Rural Community Development Act".

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED. The Iowa rural community development committee is established within the community betterment division of the Iowa development commission and is composed of the following:

1. Seven citizens of the state appointed by the governor with the approval of two-thirds of the members of the senate for terms of six years one of whom shall be elected by the members every two years to serve as chairperson of the committee. One citizen from a city qualifying pursuant to

section three (3) of this Act shall be appointed from each congressional district and one citizen shall be appointed from the state at large.

2. The director of the division of municipal affairs of the office for planning and programming, the director of the community betterment division of the Iowa development commission, the superintendent of grants-in-aid of the Iowa state conservation commission, and the dean and director of the Iowa state university of science and technology cooperative extension service or their designees shall be nonvoting, ex officio members of the committee.

Not more than four members of the committee appointed pursuant to subsection one (1) of this section shall be of the same political party. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointments are made. The members of the committee shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties as members of the committee which shall be paid from the funds appropriated to the committee.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. QUALIFICATIONS FOR GRANTS.

1. A sponsor from a city of less than twenty-five hundred population by the last available federal census may apply to the committee for a grant for a community development project. The application must be sponsored by the city government or by an organization representing a broad cross-section of the community.

2. The sponsor shall design and implement a survey to discover community needs and resources. The sponsor shall then hold public meetings to discuss and determine the priority of needs, the available resources, and the most appropriate project for the grant application.

3. The committee shall provide simple and direct forms for applications for the grants. The applications shall include the following:

- a. A description of the process followed in accordance with subsection two (2) of this section.
- b. A description of the project and the plans for the completion of the project.
- c. A statement as to why the particular project was selected from among the other community needs.
- d. A statement as to the effect of the project upon the community.
- e. A statement of the other resources available for the project.

Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. APPROVAL OF GRANTS. The committee shall allocate the funds to the applicants based on the extent to which the project is actually a self-help activity, whether the members of the community, and the surrounding area if appropriate, are involved in the determination of the local needs, whether there is local implementation of the development needs, and whether there is local participation in the activity. The committee may request the recommendation of an appropriate public or private agency organized under chapter twenty-eight E (28E) or four hundred seventy-three A (473A) of the Code regarding the project proposed in the application. The committee shall attempt, after consideration of the prior criteria, to achieve an even distribution among cities of different populations and an even geographic distribution of the grants.

A grant shall not exceed five thousand dollars nor shall it exceed forty percent of the total cost of the project. A grant shall not be approved by the committee unless the grant and the other available resources equal the total cost of the project. The other available resources may include donations of money, goods or services which shall be included in the computation of the cost of the project, but shall not include any funds received from the federal government.

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. WARRANTS. The state comptroller is authorized and directed to draw warrants for the purposes stated in this Act upon the vouchers of the chairperson of the committee.

Sec. 6. In making the initial appointments of the members of the committee listed in section two (2), subsection one (1) of this Act, the governor shall appoint three members to terms of two years, two members to terms of four years, and two members to terms of six years.

Sec. 7. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the Iowa rural community development committee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1978 and ending June 30, 1979, the sum of two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary to be used for the projects approved by the committee in accordance with this Act, the supplies and expenses of the committee, and the salary of a part-time director, however, not more than twenty thousand (20,000) dollars may be spent on supplies, expenses and the salary of the director.

Approved June 27, 1978