

FY23 Rural Enrichment Grants

Total Number of Eligible Applications: 58
 Total Amount Requested: \$1,009,061.09

Number of Applications Funded: 11
 Application Funding Amount: \$207,000



Recipient	Community	Pop.	Rural Enrichment Projects	Funding Amount	Total Project Cost
City of Columbus Junction	City of Columbus Junction	1,830	This project aims to install two large playsets at Monkey Run Park in Columbus Junction, Iowa. One playset will be located on the 3rd St side of the park, while the other will be on the 5th St portion. Currently, there is no equipment at the park or on that side of town. The closest playground requires crossing a dangerous intersection across Highway 92.	\$20,000	\$58,403
City of Dallas Center	City of Dallas Center	1,710	The proposed project is to create a pocket park in downtown Dallas Center, Iowa. The project would include items such as a mural on the building at 1410, bench seating, potted planters, a privacy fence with a gate on the south end of the alley, and new surfacing.	\$20,000	\$43,519
Hartley Improvement Foundation	City of Hartley	1,605	Hartley has an existing paved trail of .43 miles. This proposed longer trail would go around the perimeter of Hartley, with portions on the north side of Hwy 18. A major need for the trail would be a safe way to cross Highway 18. The funds from this grant request would be used to purchase and install a system using Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons(RRBF) to cross Highway 18.	\$20,000	\$32,925
Lohrville Visions	City of Lohrville	381	We propose to install the first splash pad in Calhoun County. The Lohrville Visions recognizes that the overall health and well being of residents is important in building strong communities. We believe that by installing an accessible, zero-depth splash pad that it will provide recreational play for all ages and abilities.	\$20,000	\$56,000
Miles Volunteer Fire Department	City of Miles	408	The Miles Park Project includes removing the outdated existing playground structure at the Miles city park, preparing the ground, and purchasing and installing new playground equipment and flooring. Installation will be done by community volunteers. The new equipment will contain one playground structure suitable for children ages 5-12 and one for ages 2-5 and various other elements such as swings and climbers.	\$7,000	\$220,000
The Spirit of Okoboji	City of Okoboji	768	The OkoboTree project is an effort to extend the longevity and beauty of trees in the Iowa Great Lakes through visual art preservation. The project will identify expired trees in the area with local partners, then secure donors and contract with artists to sculpt those trees into natural art that can be publicly viewed for years to come. The goal is to have a variety of sculptures that depict nature and the history of the area throughout the lakes area for both residents and tourists to enjoy.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Osceola Chamber Main Street	City of Osceola	5,415	This year marks the 25th Anniversary of Osceola Chamber- Main Street becoming a Main Street community and to enrich our community's vibrant spirit we are focusing on downtown lighting. Our organization is responsible for bringing holiday cheer downtown with courtyard tree lighting and Christmas decorations. With this initiative we're getting a two for one project; creating a sense of place downtown to enjoy all year long and taking our holiday lights to the next level.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 59,000.00

City of Polk City	City of Polk City	5,543	Polk City is requesting funding for a Pocket Park in the City's downtown commercial district, which will provide additional quality of life amenities in Polk City. The property will be converted from a city alleyway to a pocket park, with outdoor seating, bike racks and a concrete walking path. The space will provide for an extension of the downtown ambiance of Polk City.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 33,159.30
City of Preston	City of Preston	949	The proposed fitness/agility course is the first project of Preston's Healthy Hometown-Powered by Wellmark and would include approximately 15 pieces of equipment. The location for the project is Preston's city owned Westside Park.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 130,000.00
City of Rolfe	City of Rolfe	509	The Rolfe Trail Connector Project is a collaborative project to extend the existing Three Rivers Regional Trail System which enters Rolfe and currently ends at the Wilcox Campground and Trailhead on the southeast corner of the community and extend it through town to Sunset Ridge Park located on the western edge of town.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 49,200.00
City of Slater	City of Slater	1,543	The City of Slater is investing in a new, transformational 18,000 sq. ft., 2-story Community Events Center and Public Library to engage our growing community in a variety of ways, from building the space that our tremendous library needs to providing an entirely new multipurpose facility for community and business use to promoting tourism and economic development on our Main Street. The Rural Enrichment Grant will be applied to the pre-construction architectural design costs of the facility.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 400,000.00