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# STRENGTHENING SOUTHEAST IOWA.



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## MIKE NORRIS

SEIRPC  
Executive  
Director

Dear Citizens of the Southeast Iowa region,

SEIRPC exists to provide excellent service to the region through planning, program management, technical assistance, grant writing/administration and regional collaboration. Completed projects, great relationships, and positive outcomes were seen throughout FY2025.

In FY2025, \$6.5 million from outside sources was secured by SEIRPC for southeast Iowa projects. This is a 64:1 return on investment from member dues. SEIRPC currently has over \$46 million in active projects under administration.

SEIRPC housing services impacted 61 housing units either through new construction, rehabilitation, down payment assistance, inspection or administration. SEIRPC helped to increase tax base through 21 new or rehabilitated units.

Great River Housing, Inc. celebrated its 14th anniversary in FY2025. A certified local housing trust fund, the entity offers down payment assistance, owner occupied home rehab, new construction and small finance projects. Over fourteen years, \$8.95 million has gone to 451 individual projects in southeast Iowa.

Southeast Iowa has taken delivery of 17 Homes For Iowa homes or 11 percent of 150 total homes delivered to date (development projects located in Keokuk, West Burlington, Mount Pleasant, Oakville, rural West Point, West Point, Winfield, rural Winfield, rural Columbus Junction, Morning Sun and Fort Madison).



## BRENT SCHLEISMAN

SEIRPC  
Board  
Chair

SEIBUS marked its 21st year serving Southeast Iowa. SEIBUS transports southeast Iowa residents to work, medical appointments and other necessary destinations. SEIBUS provided rides in FY25 totaling just over 100,500. Thank you to the four counties in the SEIBUS region (Des Moines, Henry, Lee, Louisa) for their consistent support and to all SEIBUS partners.

Community plans set the stage for future investment and development in the region. SEIRPC planners have provided professional assistance to achieve outstanding results. Lee County Wind, Solar, and Battery Storage Ordinance, SS4A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, Transportation Improvement Program FY26-29, Mediapolis Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances and other plans and ordinances are useful, accessible documents for all.

SEIRPC staff are engaged and committed in economic development at a deep level. Planning documents, studies, research, maps, grant writing, and project/incentive development are all services SEIRPC delivers to regional economic developers.

Through the next year and beyond, SEIRPC will strive for excellence in the services it provides to the region. Thank you for your continued partnership with SEIRPC and your own efforts to strengthen southeast Iowa.

## IN MEMORIUM

### BRENT SCHLEISMAN, SEIRPC BOARD CHAIR



Brent Schleisman, Mount Pleasant City Administrator and longtime SEIRPC board member, passed away suddenly on December 12, 2025. Brent embodied the very essence of a servant leader. He gave generously of his time and talent to many organizations across Southeast Iowa, and SEIRPC was among those most profoundly shaped by his leadership. Brent's tenure with SEIRPC nearly mirrored his service to the City of Mount Pleasant. Records show he joined the SEIRPC Board in 1993, at a time when the organization looked different—smaller in scope, narrower in mission, and emerging from the challenges of the Great Flood of 1993. The 1990s marked the beginning of transformative organizational changes to benefit the region today, and Brent was a part of each accomplishment throughout.

Key SEIRPC accomplishments during Brent's years of service include:

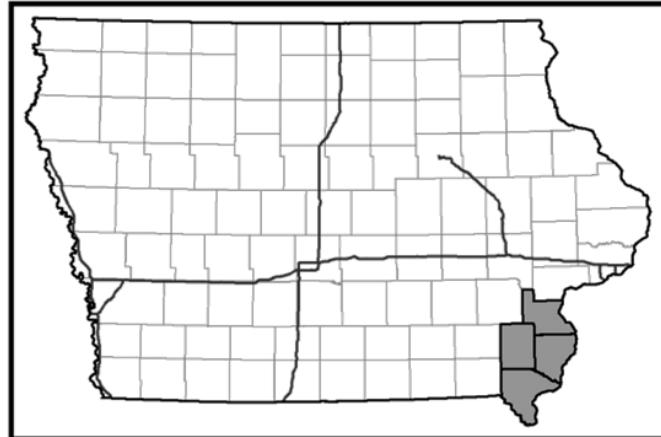
- **1993:** Regional recovery from the Great Flood
- **1994:** SEIRPC becomes a Regional Planning Affiliate under ISTEA, launching modern transportation planning in Southeast Iowa
- **1995:** Establishment of the first Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) with US EDA support
- **2003:** SEIRPC assumes management of the regional public transit system, later named SEIBUS
- **2005:** Second RLF pool added through USDA
- **2007:** Third RLF pool added; Brent becomes SEIRPC Board Chair
- **2008:** Regional recovery from the historic 2008 floods
- **2009:** Fourth RLF pool added through US EDA
- **2010:** SEIRPC Board votes to acquire the IPC office building in West Burlington
- **2011:** Launch of the Great River Housing Trust Fund, with Brent serving as board chair
- **2013:** Creation of Southeast Iowa Housing, Inc., with Brent again as board chair
- **2014:** SEIRPC supports Homes for Iowa, now a premier statewide housing and workforce partnership
- **2021:** Fifth RLF pool added through US EDA COVID Recovery grants
- **2023:** SEIRPC celebrates its 50th Anniversary and opens its first permanent public transit storage facility
- **2025:** SEIRPC opens a second public transit storage building in Mount Pleasant

Brent served as SEIRPC Board Chair from 2007 to 2025—the longest chair tenure in the organization's history. He had a remarkable ability to run efficient, productive meetings, welcoming input, encouraging collaboration, and building momentum on even the toughest issues. His legendary one-hour meetings became a hallmark of his leadership style: focused, respectful, and effective.

Above all, Brent was guided by a deep commitment to the greater good. His tireless efforts on behalf of Mount Pleasant and the region led to lasting improvements—streets, sewers, parks, trails, public services, and countless partnerships that will continue to shape Southeast Iowa for generations. He was a consummate professional, a trusted teammate, and a leader who was always just a phone call away.

Thank you to Brent for all he has done, for the people he has helped, and for the positivity and purpose he brought every day.

# OUR REGION...



## LOUISA COUNTY



## HENRY COUNTY



## DES MOINES COUNTY

## BURLINGTON

## WEST BURLINGTON

## MIDDLETON

## BURLINGTON

## WEST POINT

## FRANKLIN

## DONNELSON

## HOUGHTON

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# OUR BOARD

Effective leadership begins with the SEIRPC Board of Directors. The SEIRPC Board is made up of 17 public and private sector voting members with representation from each county of SEIRPC's four county region. The Board makes policy decisions regarding SEIRPC's programs, budget and operations in addition to reviewing and approving its long-range plans and work programs for southeast Iowa.



**BRENT SCHLEISMAN**

Chair



**DR. MICHAEL ASH**

Vice Chair



**JIM CARY**

Treasurer



**MARK HUSTON**

Secretary



**BARB SMIDT**

Member at Large

## Des Moines County

Jon Billups  
*City of Burlington*

Ron Teater  
*City of West Burlington*

Jim Cary  
*Des Moines County*

Hans Trousil  
*Private Sector*

## Louisa County

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*Louisa County*

Mark Huston  
*City of Columbus Junction*

Brett Shafer  
*City of Wapello*

Cori Milan  
*Private Sector*

## Education/ Private Sector

Dr. Michael Ash  
*Southeastern Community College*

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*City of Mount Pleasant*

Kirk Miller  
*City of New London*

Steve Detrick  
*Henry County*

Chad Hudson  
*Private Sector*

## Lee County

Laura Legois  
*City of Fort Madison*

Jim Ferneau  
*City of Keokuk*

Garry Seyb  
*Lee County*

## Management Staff

Mike Norris  
*Executive Director*

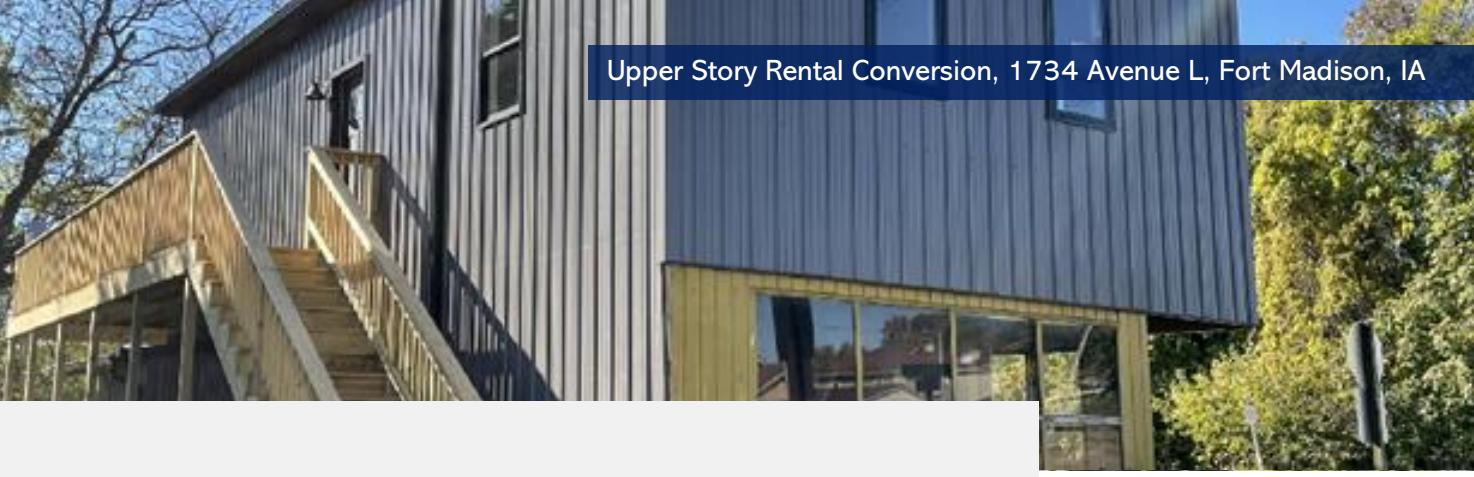
Lori Gilpin  
*Finance Director*

Zach James  
*Assistant Director*

Pat Inrachavongsa  
*Transit Director*

**“Thank you for your support of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Great River Housing Trust Fund golf outing. Your support helped to make this event a huge success – the tournament attracted 84 golfers from around the Southeast Iowa region to raise \$8,753 that will benefit the Great River Housing Trust Fund. Since 2011, your support has helped raise over \$89,725 from the golf tournament to support the Trust Fund. “**

- Mike Norris, Executive Director



# HOUSING DEPARTMENT



## GREAT RIVER HOUSING TRUST FUND

Great River Housing Trust Fund program is funded by the Iowa Finance Authority, Federal Home Loan Bank, and contributions from local cities, counties, and businesses. The funds are used in the region to assist low to moderate income homeowners with rehabilitation or down payment assistance and for developer assistance.

Below are the activities from FY2025:

### REHABILITATION

- Lee County – 3 projects
- Henry County – 3 projects
- Des Moines County – 3 projects

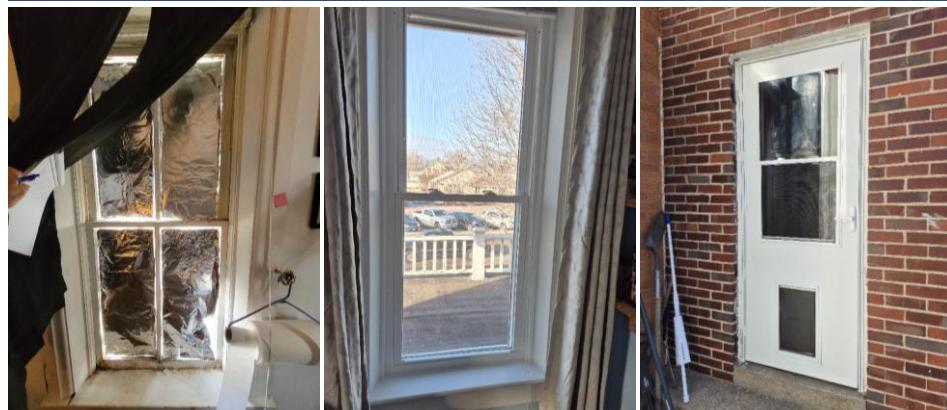
### DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

- Closed with 4 homeowners

### DEVELOPMENT – UPPER STOY RENTAL/ CONVERSION

- Mount Pleasant – 2 units
- Fort Madison – 1 unit
- Keokuk – 2 units

Door and Window Rehab, 410 8<sup>th</sup> St., Fort Madison, IA





## HOUSING DEPARTMENT



### GREAT RIVER HOUSING TRUST FUND

#### 629 MAIN STREET, KEOKUK

Downtown Keokuk will soon see new upper story units at 629 Main Street. Three affordable units and one market rate unit are being developed on the second and third floors of this historic building. This is the second phase of the revitalization of the 600 Main Street block.

The City of Keokuk received a Home Rehabilitation Block Grant Pilot Program in 2023 and \$300,000 was committed in FY25 towards these new units that must remain affordable for 15 years.

#### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT, MOUNT PLEASANT

- Received \$25,000 assistance from the Trust Fund
- 3 bedroom, 2 bath
- Infill project on a lot that was donated to Habitat after demolishing the original dilapidated house.

629 Main Street, Keokuk, IA



Habitat for Humanity Project, Mount Pleasant, IA





# HOUSING DEPARTMENT



## HOUSING DEPARTMENT GRANTS AWARDED IN FY25

Project	Source	Funding Amount
Great River Housing Trust Fund	Iowa Finance Authority	\$477,757
Great River Housing Trust Fund	Local Matching Contributions	\$119,440
SE Iowa Lead Hazard Reduction Grant	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	\$1,120,246
SEIRPC Rehab Program	Federal Home Loan Bank	\$448,000
Housing Renewal Program	Habitat for Humanity of Iowa	\$95,000
	<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$2,260,443</b>



Green Oak Development, Keokuk and SEIRPC were recognized with a 2025 Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for Green Oak's Keokuk 600 Block Downtown Upper Story Housing Conversion Project.





Homes in 2026 are available for order: \$108,000 for a 1,200sf home delivered to the site, \$98,000 for a 2BR 1,000sf home. To order a home, you must complete the predevelopment checklist at [www.homesforia.com](http://www.homesforia.com) with HFI.



# HOMES FOR IOWA

Homes for Iowa, Inc. (HFI) is a 501c3 registered modular home builder in Iowa. HFI works with Iowa Prison Industries under the 'Homes for Iowa' program to train incarcerated men in building trades while constructing single family homes outside of the Newton, IA correctional facility. Homes for Iowa aims to provide state of the art building trades training and re-entry employment assistance to reduce recidivism while constructing attainable, quality homes for sale to Iowans across the state.

At the end of 2025, HFI had 18 homes under construction and moved 39 in the calendar year. 2026 homes are available with plans to build and move 50 homes in 2026.

Life to date, HFI has moved 153 homes to 51 Iowa counties, and 79 different cities, trained over 500 men, and heard outstanding success stories from its former incarcerated crew members.

The homes have become well-known for build quality, custom touches, and insulative properties. Homes are stick built with 2x6 frames, clear-span trusses, and are built and shipped in one piece with 24x50 dimensions.

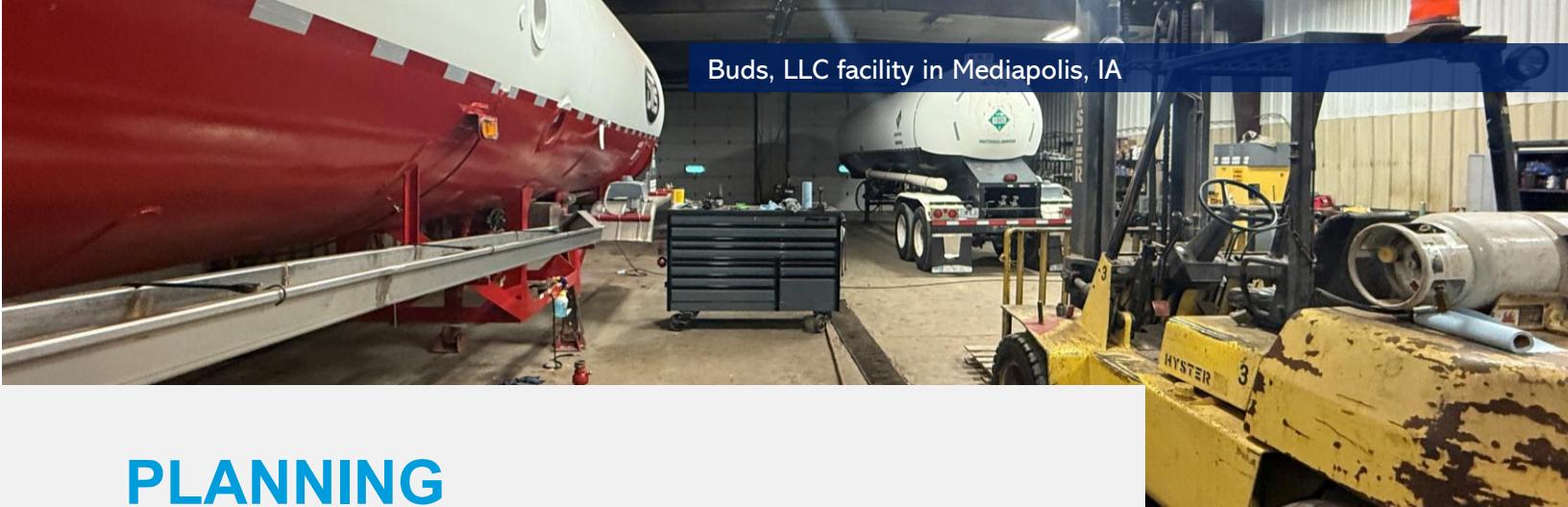
Major accomplishments in 2025 include:

- Constructing the "Big 2BR" 1,200sf plan with a "Perry" roofline (hipped roof)
- Hired Dave Miller as HFI Executive Director. Dave was formerly the economic and community development director for the City of Rock Valley.
- Displayed a big 2BR Perry at the Iowa State Fair for the second year in a row and hosted an estimated 10,000 visitors in the model home.

## HOMES FOR IOWA IN SE IOWA

SEIRPC's Mike Norris, serving as president of the organization, works with former SEIRPC board member Barb Smidt (retired bank market president) on the HFI Board of Directors. HFI coordinates all home orders, develops home plans, transacts all home sales, creates program strategy with IPI, and sets program policies for home sales, and production numbers. HFI also pays for all costs of the program through home sales.

Southeast Iowa has taken delivery of 17 HFI homes or 11 percent of total homes delivered to Date. Development projects were located in Keokuk, West Burlington, Mount Pleasant, Oakville, rural West Point, West Point, Winfield, rural Winfield, rural Columbus Junction, Morning Sun and Fort Madison. In 2025, Southeast Iowa saw homes delivered to Keokuk, Morning Sun, and rural Columbus Junction.



## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

### REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS

Inquiries about the SEIRPC Revolving Loan funds remained stable and busy in FY2025, with 14 inquiries for the year. This led to three new loans for FY2025 for the following businesses:

- \$110,000 loan was made to Buds, LLC in Mediapolis for building and land purchase, equipment, and working capital, retaining 1 job and creating 2.5 jobs. Buds, LLC is a new company specializing in testing, certifying, and fixing cargo tank semi truck trailers.
- \$150,000 loan was made to Palmer Capital, LLC for working capital, creating 3 new jobs. Palmer Capital, LLC is a new commercial real estate company based in downtown Burlington.
- \$123,965 to RLH Smith, LLC to purchase the building that is home to The Broadway Bar and Grill, retaining 29 jobs and creating 5 new jobs.

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### LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Lee County Public Health's new building went underway in October 2024. Dozens of employees, local government officials and other supporters gathered December 5, 2025, to commemorate completion of the new Meller Family Health Center, home to Lee County Health Department and Lee County EMS. The new facility contains offices and support spaces for Lee County Health Department's providers, a two-bay garage to house ambulances for Lee County EMS, living quarters for on-duty paramedics and EMTs, communications center and decontamination room, and shared meeting and training space. Prior to opening the new facility, both agencies had temporary facilities.



# PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## GRANTS ADMINISTERED IN FY25

Project	Source	Funding Amount
<b>City of Morning Sun</b> Sewer Improvements	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF); EPA Congressional Spending	\$500,000 (CDBG) \$2,749,000 (SRF) \$1,000,000 (EPA)
<b>City of Danville</b> Sewer Improvements	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF); Wastewater and Drinking Water Financial Assistance Program (WTFAP)	\$500,000 (CDBG) \$5,571,000 (SRF) \$500,000 (WTFAP)
<b>Lee County</b> New Lee County Public Health Dept. Building	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); USDA Emergency Rural Healthcare Grant; Community Project Funding; American Rescue Plan (ARPA)	\$600,000 (CDBG) \$974,000 (USDA) \$2,200,000 (CPF) \$1,000,000 (ARPA)
<b>City of Winfield</b> Sewer Improvements	State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF); Wastewater and Drinking Water Financial Assistance Program (WTFAP); EPA Congressional Spending	\$4,098,000 (SRF) \$500,000 (WTFAP) \$1,000,000 (EPA)
<b>Midwest Old Threshers</b>	Destination Iowa Grant	\$500,000
<b>City of Grandview</b> Sewer Improvements	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF); Wastewater and Drinking Water Financial Assistance Program (WTFAP), Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)	\$300,000 (CDBG) \$500,000 (WTFAP) \$2,246,000 (SRF) \$1,000,000 (BIL)
<b>City of Fort Madison</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Street Combined Sewer Separation	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF); EPA Congressional Spending (EPA)	\$500,000 (CDBG) \$8,060,000 (SRF) \$1,750,000 (EPA)
<b>Keokuk Municipal Waterworks</b> Water Tower Rehab	State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF); Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)	\$4,504,000 (SRF) \$1,300,000 (BIL)
<b>City of Mediapolis</b> Sewer and Stormwater Improvements	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF); USDA Congressional Spending (USDA)	\$500,000 (CDBG) \$500,000 (SRF) \$2,000,000 (USDA)
	<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$46,366,543</b>



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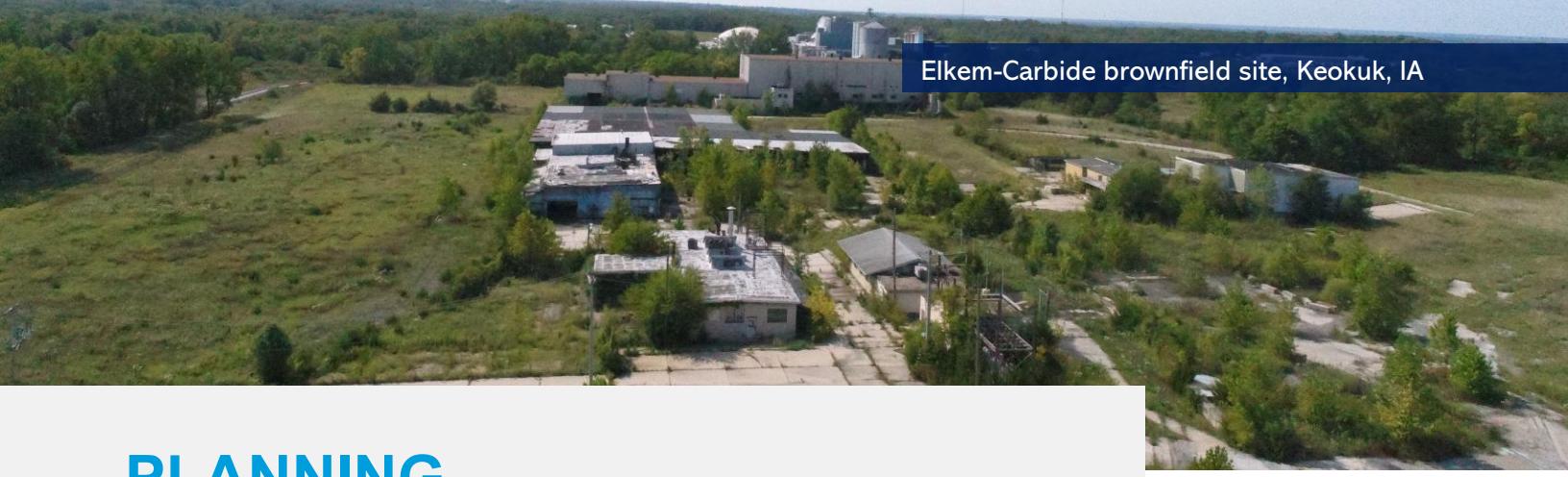
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### GRANTS SECURED IN FY25

Project	Source	Funding Amount
<b>Burlington</b> Riverfront Trail Connector	Iowa Department of Transportation – State Recreation Trail	\$71,625
<b>Burlington</b> Riverfront Trail Connector	Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Resource Enhancement & Protection	\$95,500
<b>Donnellson</b> Westview Park Phase II Trail	Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Resource Enhancement & Protection	\$50,000
<b>Donnellson</b> Westview Park Phase II Trail	Lee County Charitable Fund	\$25,000
<b>Louisa County</b> Wapello and Columbus Junction Downtown Historic Survey	Iowa Economic Development Administration - Certified Local Government Program	\$12,000
<b>Keokuk</b> Main Street Keokuk, Inc. 1114-1116 Main Street Buildings Stabilization and Redevelopment	Community Catalyst Emergency Grant	\$100,000
<b>Keokuk</b> Main Street Keokuk, Inc. 1114-1116 Main Street Buildings Stabilization and Redevelopment	Main Street Challenge Grant	\$100,000
<b>Keokuk</b> Main Street Keokuk, Inc. 1114-1116 Main Street Buildings Stabilization and Redevelopment	Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Brownfield Grant	\$10,021
<b>Keokuk</b> Main Street Keokuk, Inc. 1114-1116 Main Street Buildings Stabilization and Redevelopment	Great River Housing Trust Fund	\$80,000
<b>Mediapolis</b> Wastewater Treatment Plant	Community Development Block Group	\$500,000
<b>Fort Madison</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Street Sewer Separation	Community Development Block Group	\$500,000
<b>Wapello</b> Downtown Façade Improvements	Community Development Block Group – Revitalization Fund (Façade)	\$650,000
<b>Keokuk</b> Elkem Lots 3 and 4 cleanup	Environmental Protection Agency Cleanup Grant	\$1,996,900
<b>SEIRPC</b> 5-2-1-0 Healthiest Choices Count	Iowa Department of Public Health – 5-2-1-0 Initiative	\$10,000
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>\$4,201,046</b>



## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

### KEOKUK BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT/ CLEANUP GRANT

The Elkem-Carbide site has been abandoned for 20-plus years with a declining valuation.

The Elkem facility was initially planned without municipal oversight and was developed prior to being annexed by the city in the 1950's. The site once enjoyed manufacturing prominence, robust community development, and significant earnings among workers, until operations ceased, and the site was vacated in 2007.

The City of Keokuk and SEIRPC have consistently made aggressive efforts during this past decade to get the site to where it is today, including the following funds:

- Regional Assessment grant in 2010
- EPA Technical Brownfields Assessment in 2016 to conduct Phase I and Phase II assessment
- Site Specific Assessment Grant for the entire 79- acre Elkem site

Since the assessment work was complete and the City became aware of all the contamination levels on site, SEIRPC and the City moved forward with efforts to clean up the site.

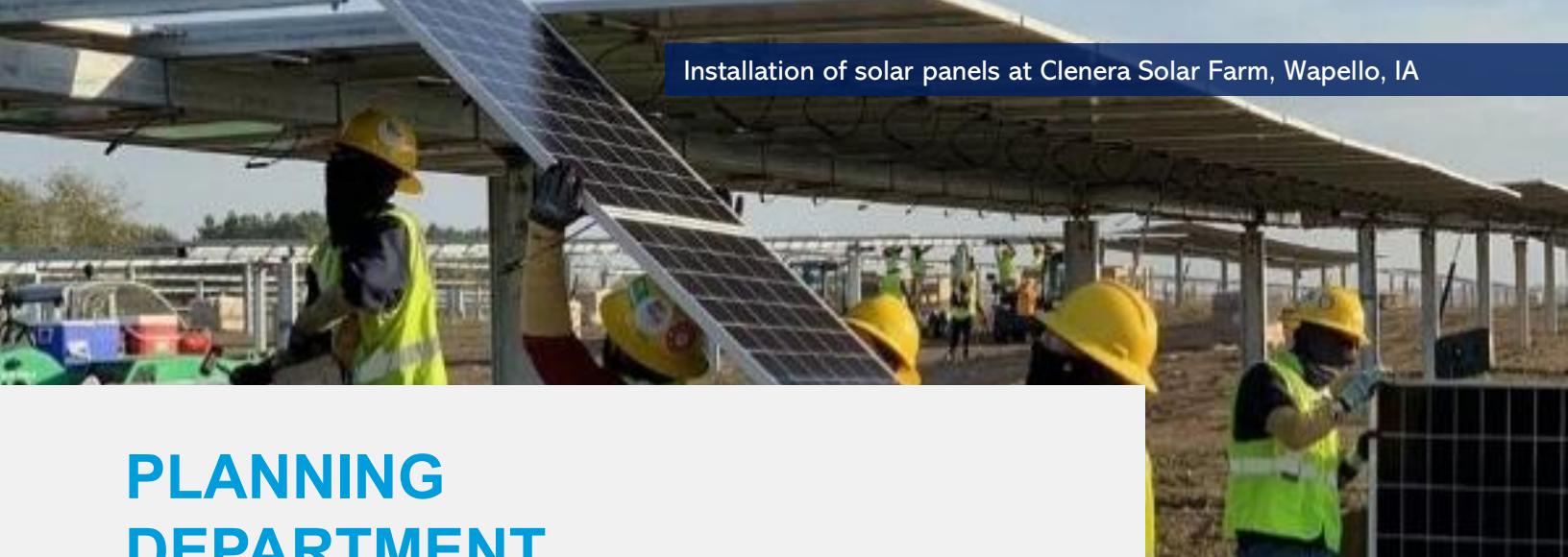


OVER **\$8**  
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FOR ASSESSMENT  
AND CLEANUP

In FY2023 and 2024, SEIRPC secured a total of \$6.4 million for the City of Keokuk to clean up Plat I (northern portion) and Auditor's parcel (central portion) of the site.

In FY25, SEIRPC secured another round of clean up funding - over \$1.9 million from the U.S. EPA to revitalize the southern portion of the site. The funds will allow the City to cleanup 16.37 acres of City-owned southern parcel. The project involves the evacuation of surface soil contaminants, the disposal of hazardous materials, and the removal of asbestos from within structures. The surface soil contaminants include meshed coal, coal slag, petroleum coke, and carbonite.

SEIRPC continues to take on several grant requirements for the Auditor's parcel, Plat I and the southern parcel including ACRES reporting, and quarterly, annual, and closeout reports.



## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

### WIND, SOLAR & BATTERY ORDINANCES

In recent years, Southeast Iowa has seen a huge increase in interest from developers pursuing renewable energy projects. Two commercial-scale solar energy projects have already been developed in the region, and there are active prospects for even more, as well as wind energy projects. The rapid emergence of this trend has left elected officials struggling to stay ahead of the curve and adopt reasonable, common-sense regulations that appropriately balance the interests of developers, local landowners, and other stakeholders.

SEIRPC first got involved with this process in 2020, when Louisa County was preparing for a large new solar development south of Wapello. Then in 2023, staff worked with the Des Moines County Board of Supervisors to draft new county ordinances to regulate both wind and solar energy projects.

By the summer of 2024, similar development pressures were being felt in Lee County. While Alliant Energy had successfully developed a solar farm without a county ordinance in place, elected officials were concerned about the prospect of other similar projects taking shape, without any 'quality control' to ensure a consistently positive outcome. Accordingly, after reviewing the previously adopted ordinances in Des Moines County, the Lee County Board of Supervisors engaged the services of SEIRPC to draft similar ordinances for their county.

There is no one size fits all when it comes to local land development ordinances. Therefore, SEIRPC participated in a series of work sessions with the Board, to identify local priorities and preferences, and how these might differ from those in Des Moines County.

In May 2025, following several informational town hall meetings for the general public, the Lee County Board of Supervisors adopted a single combined ordinance that addresses wind, solar and battery storage systems. SEIRPC has since entered into a contract with Lee County to provide administrative services for the new ordinance.

By this time, the Des Moines County Board had expressed an interest in reviewing the previously adopted ordinances from 2023. Accordingly, SEIRPC participated in a series of work sessions to help the Supervisors refine and enhance the existing ordinances. This also provided an opportunity to discuss the possible inclusion of several additional topics that had been addressed in the Lee County ordinance.



# PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## STBG SCORING EVALUATION

Since 2005, SEIRPC has maintained an annual competitive application process for allocating federal transportation dollars to the Southeast Iowa region. This involves two separate grant programs:

- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program – primarily for road reconstruction projects
- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) – primarily used for the construction of bike/pedestrian trails.

Under the competitive process, applications are submitted to SEIRPC staff and then scored based on a variety of criteria. Objective criteria are reviewed and awarded points by staff, as they involve measurable data and basic 'yes or no' responses. Subjective criteria are reviewed and awarded points by members of the Technical Advisory Committee – an appointed board of 9 people representing various designated stakeholder groups. STBG projects are separated pools of funding for cities and counties.

In the summer of 2024, SEIRPC staff initiated a process of analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of the existing STBG scoring process, with the results presented to the SEIRPC Executive Board for review and evaluation. This followed a similar process that occurred for TAP in 2023.

Several key weaknesses were identified:

- Disadvantage for Small Cities.
- Data Reliability and Consistency and
- Dominance of Objective Criteria

After a thorough evaluation of the scoring criteria, staff presented a revised set of criteria to the SEIRPC Board, which was formally approved in December 2024. Below is a summary of the major changes:

- The total available points are now split roughly 50/50 between objective and subjective points.
- Additional subjective criteria were added, to address several topics where the TAC previously had little to no opportunities for providing input.
- Most of the complex data formulas were eliminated, and instead, each data point is evaluated and scored on its own.
- Several criteria were added to create a balance between larger and smaller cities, while still ensuring that funding goes toward the region's most deserving projects, overall.

In the spring of 2025, staff administered the first round of STBG funding under the new scoring criteria. Also, an online application process called Jotform was used for the first time, which allows users to submit all their application materials online.



## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- Administered Zoning, Subdivision, and Floodplain Development Ordinances for Des Moines County, and helped the County craft and adopt ordinances for regulating utility-scale wind and solar farms.
- Administered Regional Traffic/Trail Counting Program with counts performed in Mount Pleasant, Columbus Junction, Burlington, Salem and more.
- Continued to administer the Traffic Speed Indicator Sharing Program, with local communities using SEIRPC's equipment to promote safe driving in school zones, and prevent speeding in construction zones, among other applications.
- Assisted regional groups including Highway 61 Coalition, Highway 34 Coalition, PORT of Fort Madison, Louisa County Trails Council, Healthy Henry County Communities, Burlington Downtown Parking Committee, Live Healthy Lee County, and Greater Burlington Partnership.
- Provided statewide mapping assistance for the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) and its Certified Sites Program.
- Administered the Transportation Investment Generation Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant through U.S. Department of Transportation for Burlington downtown and riverfront revitalization including quarterly and performance measure reporting.
- Worked on developing the following ordinances:
  - Salem City Code
  - Keokuk Subdivision and Zoning Ordinance
  - Des Moines County Solar, Wind, and Battery Storage Ordinance
- Completed the following ordinances in FY25:
  - New London Building Code
  - New London shipping container ordinance
  - Danville electrical code ordinance
  - Mediapolis Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance
  - Lee County Wind, Solar and Battery Storage Ordinance
- The Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission (SEIRPC) led the 5-2-1-0 Community Planning Project in Burlington, Iowa. The project involved engaging a group of community partners and stakeholders in completing a comprehensive assessment around the nutrition and physical activity assets and partnerships in our community. The goal of this project was to mobilize and empower community partners in expanding nutrition and physical activity projects in their communities and have a strong plan for future implementation.



# SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL ECONOMIC PORT AUTHORITY (SIREPA)

The Southeast Iowa Regional Economic and Port Authority (SIREPA) is a municipality of Iowa authorized in Iowa Code Chapter 28J. It was formed in 2006 by Lee County, Fort Madison, and Keokuk. The organization has wide-ranging abilities as a multi-purpose economic development entity – with ability to work in multiple areas besides “ports”. Since late 2014 SEIRPC has provided administrative services under contract.

SIREPA continued implementation of its big projects - the Lee County Career Center concept and the Lee County broadband expansion project. SIREPA purchased the former KL Megla building in rural Montrose in partnership with Lee County Economic Development Group (LCEDG) to reserve the facility for future use for economic development uses.

The Lee County Career Center concept encompasses career exploration, technical training, and now childcare. Lee County partners envision the part of the building used as a larger scale childcare center, to alleviate the county's childcare shortage which ultimately affects workforce availability.

As a result, Lee County will see an additional \$51 million in broadband investment to bring Tier 1 broadband service to approximately 4,400 rural Lee County addresses. In 2026, SIREPA anticipates updating its strategic plan last updated in 2019.



## SIREPA BOARD MEMBERS



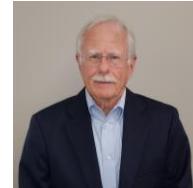
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Completed Westview Park Phase I trail showing the shelter house, ball fields and signposts for interpretive signs, Donnellson, IA





RAGBRAI riders in July 2024, Mount Pleasant, IA

# TRANSIT DEPARTMENT



SEIBUS completed its 21st year of service to Southeast Iowa in FY2025.

SEIBUS helped at multiple events such as 51<sup>st</sup> RAGBRAI in FY2025. SEIBUS provided rides to the festival in Central Park, camp sites in Midwest Old Threshers grounds where riders could enjoy food vendors, a beverage garden, games, and entertainment. SEIBUS provided transportation in Mount Pleasant for RAGBRAI on Day 6 Ottumwa to Mt. Pleasant (4,086 rides, 873 miles).

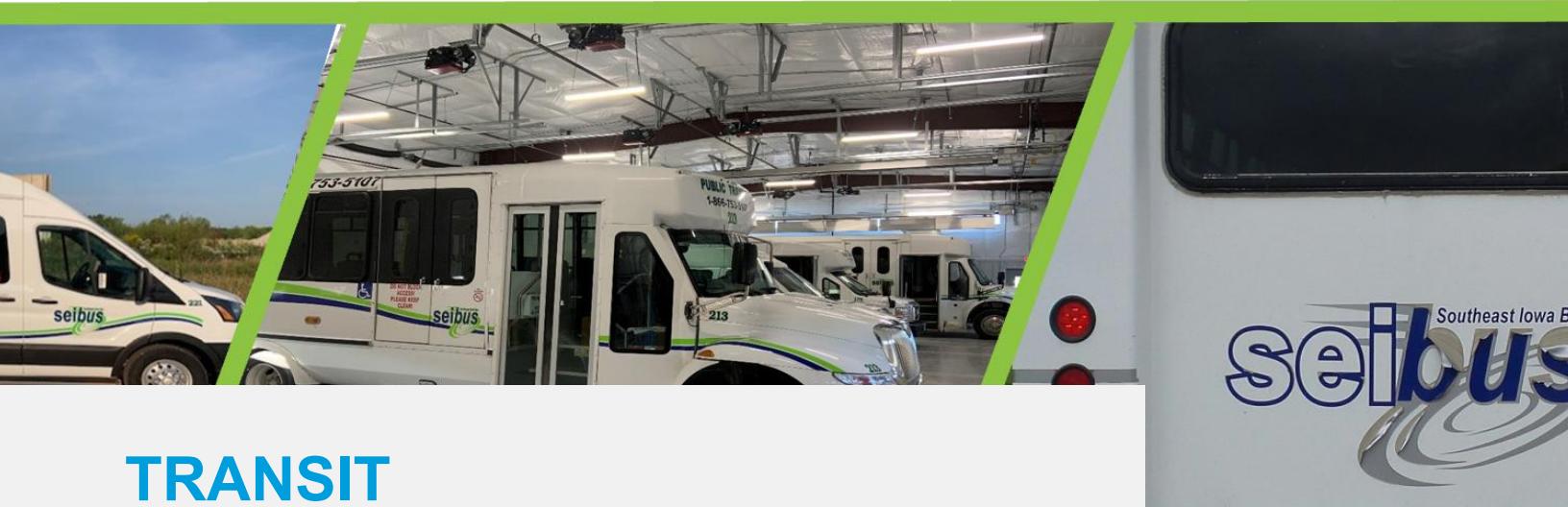
This was the first time since 2009 that Mt. Pleasant had hosted this event and was chosen as an overnight community.

SEIBUS proposed an increase from \$2.50/one-way ride to \$3.00 in-town, estimated a \$10,000 revenue increase. The last dated request to raise fares was in July 2006, due to escalating fuel prices at the time. SEIBUS had only been in operation for two years and was a much different service at that time.



## SEIBUS COMMUNITY AND AGENCY PARTNERSHIPS

- **Milestones AAA**
  - **Des Moines County**
  - **Henry County**
  - **Louisa County**
  - **Lee County**
  - **City of Fort Madison**
  - **City of Keokuk**
  - **Old Threshers Reunion**
  - **Access2Care**
  - **Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center**
  - **Imagine the Possibilities**
  - **Modivcare**

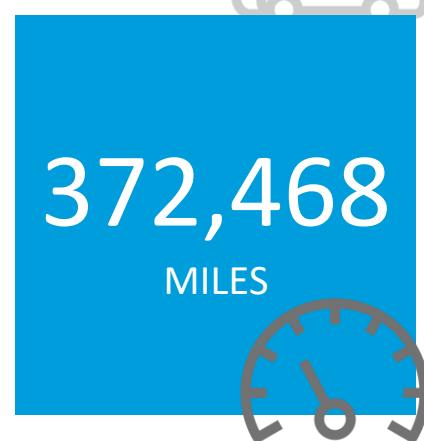


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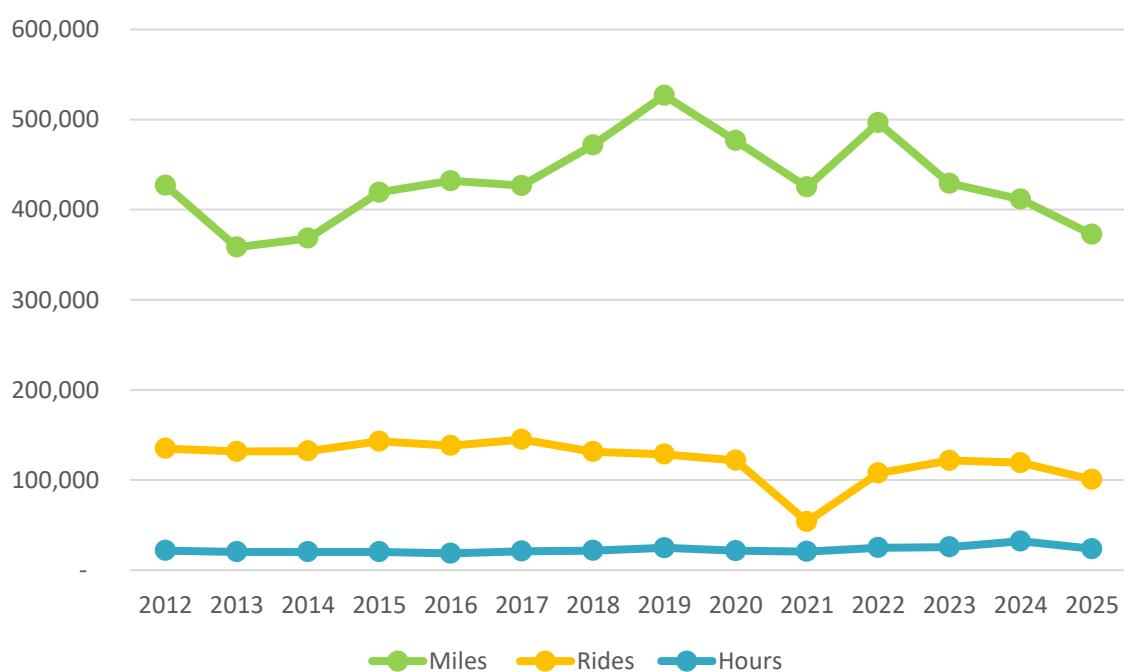


**100,559**

TOTAL RIDES



### SEIBUS – RIDES, HOURS AND MILES – FY2015 TO FY2025





## FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

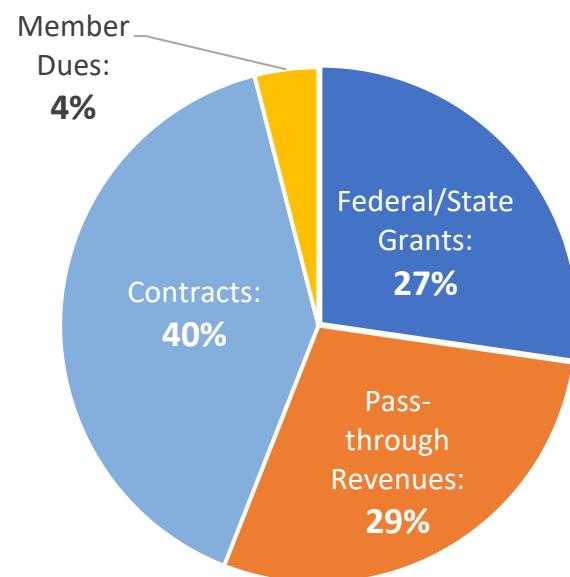


Every **\$1** in  
Member Dues

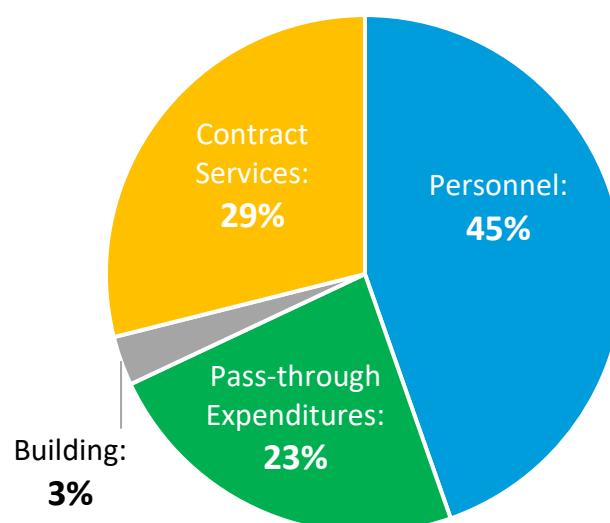
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**\$64** in outside funds  
secured

Managing **\$46.4**  
**million** in Outside  
Funds for Regional  
Projects



**2025**  
Revenues



**2025**  
Expenditures

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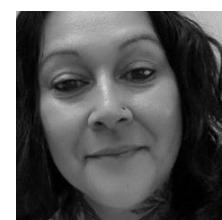
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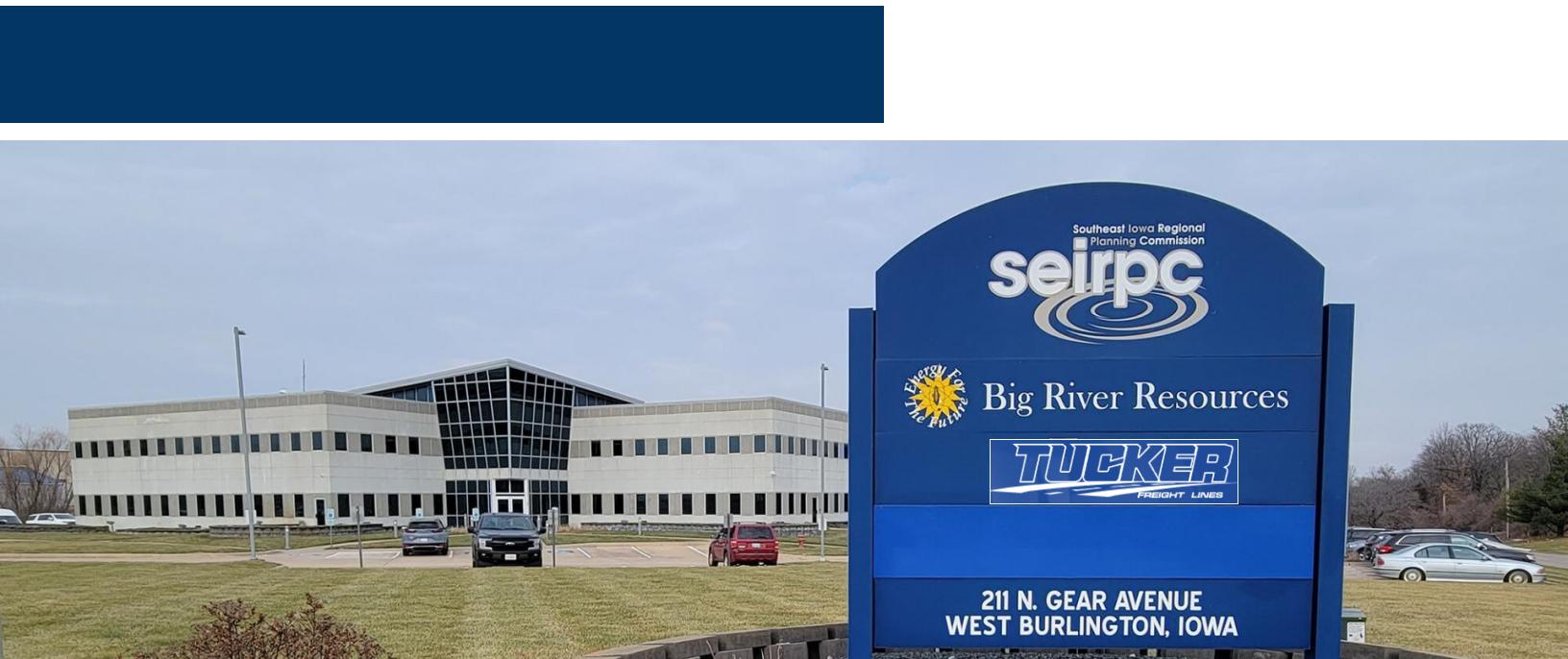
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