

CITY OF SHELDON

Grant Funding and Capital Project Accomplishments – 2011

Looking back over the last year, there were a number of capital projects that were completed and a number of projects that will once again take place in 2012. There were many improvements that were completed in large part to various partners and grant funding that assisted in making these projects possible. Often times we forget about these accomplishments and the amount of funding that is leveraged every year. Below, please find various projects and grant funding sources that were used to help complete some of these projects.

- 1) Acquisition of new Industrial Park - \$250,000 Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy Grant (RISE) to install roadway.
- 2) Highway 18 Widening Project - \$400,000 Urban-State Traffic Engineering Program Grant (U-STEP).
- 3) Housing Rehabilitation Program - \$300,000 from Community Development Block Grant Program to rehabilitate 10-12 homes.
- 4) Purchase and installation of new 20 yard recycling container – Solid Waste Alternatives Program Grant of \$4,355 from the Department of Natural Resources.
- 5) Streetscape Development Plan for downtown Sheldon - \$15,000 from the Sheldon Marketing Committee
- 6) Renovation of 2nd Avenue (Old 60) roadway project - \$250,000 from the Iowa Department of Transportation from Transfer of Jurisdiction funds.
- 7) Sheldon Regional Airport Conventional Hangar Project - \$400,000 of entitlement funds from the Federal Aviation Administration.
- 8) Partnership with Northwest Iowa Community College and the completion of the new Lifelong Learning and Recreation Center.
- 9) Annexation of approximately 95 acres of property east of Highway 60 for future development.

BLUE ZONES PROJECT

There are places in the world where people live healthy, happy lives well into their nineties or even 100s. Dubbed "Blue Zones" by National Geographic researcher Dan Buettner, these longevity hotspots share nine lifestyle habits—Power 9—responsible for their remarkable results.

Communities across Iowa are invited to apply to become one of ten to receive direct assistance from national experts in their quest to be-

come Blue Zones Communities. Citizens can help bring Blue Zones principles to their community by signing up to show their support.

Of the 900 communities in Iowa, ten will be chosen to receive direct support from the Blue Zones Project Team in their quest to become Blue Zones Communities. With your help, Sheldon could be one of them. They're looking for places with lots of community support. And they're going to measure that enthusiasm by

the number of residents that pledge to participate if their hometown is chosen to become a Blue Zones Community.

Show your support and vote for Sheldon by going to www.bluezonesproject.com or texting "BZP" to the number 772937. For more information, contact Greta Giese, Coordinator of the NCC Lifelong Learning Center at (712) 324-5061 ext. 152, or ggiese@nwicc.edu.

Don't Miss this spectacular event.....

Join us for the

2012 Sheldon Home and Design Expo

Saturday, March 3, 2012

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Life Long Learning Center

Northwest Iowa Community College Campus

- New name-Sheldon Home & Design Expo
- New location- Life Long Learning Center, Northwest Iowa Community College Campus
- Saturday, March 3- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Childrens Entertainment** 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **Demonstrations**
 - How to demonstrations
 - New products introduced
- **Door prizes throughout the day**
- **"Prize Power on the Hour"**
 - Drawing for AWESOME prizes valued over \$100 will take place every hour

Want to be a vendor at the Sheldon Home & Design Expo? Contact the SCDC office at 712-324-2813 or smatus@sheldoniowa.com

Look for more information in the March City Newsletter.

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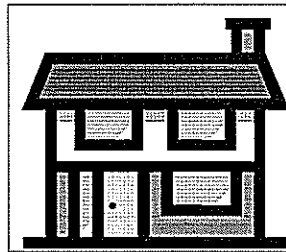
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STATE RELEASES FUNDING TO THE NORTHWEST IOWA REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND

The Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund, Inc. (NWIRHTF) announces the release of \$241,707 from the State Housing Trust Fund for fiscal year 2012. The money was released from the Iowa Finance Authority, who administers the State Housing Trust Fund. This financial assistance along with \$45,321 in matching funds from the participating counties will allow the NWIRHTF to provide financial assistance to low to moderate income homeowners in making the necessary repairs to their homes. The financial assistance will be in the form of both grants and low interest loans. NWIRHTF is a non-profit



housing organization that promotes the creation and preservation of affordable housing in Buena Vista, Emmet, Lyon, Osceola, O'Brien and Sioux counties. Financial assistance is limited to only households at or below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI) and at least 30% of the funding will be set aside to benefit extremely low-income households. The income limits for O'Brien County are:

30% AMI (1-2 persons)
\$20,471
30% AMI (3-6 persons)
\$23,542
80% AMI (1-2 Persons)
\$54,590
80% AMI (3-6 Persons)
\$62,779

The Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund has awarded over \$254,301 in loans and grants to 38 low and moderate income households. Applications for 2012 can be picked up at City Hall or at the County Court House. For additional information, please feel free to contact Sherry Zinn at the Northwest Iowa Planning & Development Commission. S. Zinn can be reached at (712) 262-7225 Ext.