

Community & Economic Development Work Program

FY-2022 Work Program Activities

July 2021

FY-2022 COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORK PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

The following pages detail the work activities that MAPA and contract subrecipients will undertake in FY 2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022). These activities are divided into Community Development Assistance (710), Economic Development Assistance (720) and Disaster Recovery Assistance (730)

Community Development Assistance (710)

Objective - To provide technical assistance to jurisdictions in identifying community development and housing needs and the resources to meet those needs.

Previous Work

- Jurisdictional visits to determine local needs and aspirations
- Preparation of local strategic plans, land use plans and related ordinances
- Providing management assistance to local governments and other organizations
- Preparation of applications for financial assistance
- Assisting jurisdictions with management of financial assistance awarded
- Enhancing professional competence through education activities and related agency participation

Work Activities

21. Jurisdictional Visits - Meet officials and other community representatives of each community within the MAPA region. Document the needs and objectives of communities. Provide technical assistance on methods to address needs and develop implementation strategies consistent with local objectives. Coordinate local activities with other regionally significant projects.
22. Local Planning Assistance - Provide local jurisdictions assistance with strategic, comprehensive, disaster mitigation, and local land use ordinances and policies.
23. Local Management Assistance - Provide local jurisdictions with community management assistance (urban renewal and revitalization, demolition, etc.).
24. Grant Writing Assistance - Prepare financial assistance applications for local jurisdictions and other members to address established needs and to implement local plans and strategies. Focus will be placed on place making through downtown redevelopment, public infrastructure, housing rehabilitation and development, quality of life and recreational improvements, and hazard mitigation.
25. Grant Management - Contract for the administration of financial assistance awards to ensure compliance with state and federal requirements. This includes completion of environmental reviews, procurement, labor standards compliance, financial and project management, reporting, monitoring, etc.
26. Technical and Policy Education Activities - Participate in ongoing education and staff development activities such as workshops, conferences, and webinars devoted to planning and research-related policy and technical information. Event sponsors include local, state and national organizations such as the Greater Omaha Chamber, Nebraska Regional Officials Council (NROC), Iowa Councils of Government (ICOG), National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), American Planning Association (APA), Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association (NPZA), and other organizations.
27. Related Agency Participation - Participate in local, state, and national associations that provide ongoing education, training, staff and leadership development, and peer-to-peer knowledge exchange. Event sponsors include local, state, and national organizations, including those listed under 710-26.



28. Certification and Memberships - Staff members apply, take required tests, and actively participate in professional organizations such as the APA's American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

Ongoing Projects

Iowa COG H-2A Workforce Development Housing Inspections
Mills County Watershed Project CDBG-NDR
Pottawattamie County 2020 and 2021 CITIES Program
Pottawattamie County (Carson and Macedonia) CDBG
Carter Lake CDBG sanitary sewer CDBG
Weeping Water Comprehensive Planning CDBG

Anticipated Projects

CDBG infrastructure or DTR - TBD
Community strategic and Comprehensive Plans - (4)



Economic Development Assistance (720)

Objective - To provide technical assistance to jurisdictions to identify economic development needs and the resources to meet those needs.

Previous Work

- Preparation and maintenance CEDS
- Planning for distressed areas
- Assisting local jurisdictions with economic development activities
- Revolving loan fund partnership
- Administration of revolving loan funds
- Promoting and planning for affordable housing

Work Activities

21. Economic Development Assistance - Prepare and maintain Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the MAPA region including reporting and compliance management. Assist in economic development planning with emphasis on economically distressed and low and moderate income areas. Assist local jurisdictions with economic development studies and strategies, economic development financing and projects, and management of revolving loan funds. May apply for RLF capitalization and program expansion in partnership with non-profit organizations.
22. Housing Activities - Provide local jurisdictions assistance with housing needs assessments and studies. Secure financial assistance for housing rehabilitation, acquisition rehabilitation, and new housing construction with emphasis placed on affordable and workforce housing.

Ongoing Projects

Valley - Waterloo OOR NAHTF
Dana Suites - NAHTF
PottCoHTF
RLF

Anticipated Projects

Plattsmouth Economic Development application CDBG
Traject Brownfields and Demolition



Disaster Recovery Assistance (730)

Objective - To provide technical assistance to jurisdictions with disaster recovery needs.

Previous Work

- Preparation of hazard mitigation plans
- Preparation of applications for disaster recovery assistance
- Assisting jurisdictions with management of disaster recovery awards

Work Activities

21. Hazard Mitigation Planning - Assist local jurisdictions prepare hazard mitigation plans and amendments. Participate with local and state disaster recovery planning efforts.
22. Disaster Recovery - Provide local jurisdictions with assistance in preparing needs assessments, plans and strategies, financial assistance applications, and grant management necessary to implement activities necessary for disaster recovery.

Ongoing Projects

Disaster recovery grant EDA
M&P Levee District study EDA
Council Bluffs levee improvements EDA
Pacific Junction property buyouts FMF, HMGP, & CDBG
Pacific Junction Interim Mortgage Assistance FMF
Pottawattamie property buyouts HMGP & CDBG
Oakland property buyouts HMGP & CDBG
Mills-Fremont IDEA Planning Project EDA
COVID Disaster recovery grant EDA

- NROC Broadband
- ICOG Toolkit
- ICOG Broadband
- EDO Partnership

Glenwood Housing Project CDBG-DR

Anticipated Projects

Blair EDA disaster recovery water system improvements
Mills County match funding for Bunge Avenue roadway improvements RISE
CDBG disaster recovery infrastructure applications - (2)
CDBG disaster recovery housing applications - (1)
Mills County hazard mitigation plan amendment

