



Planning Awardees

City of Ashland		
Planning	Ashland Wellness & Aquatic Center Planning	\$15,000.00
<p>The City of Ashland is currently in the planning stages for building a recreation/wellness facility that may include one or two pools, three or more gymnasiums, a daycare, a meeting/gathering space, and an outdoor recreation space. This would be situated northeast of the 23rd and Furnas Street intersection, next to the high school.</p>		
<p>Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$15,000.00</p>		

Village of Bartlett		
Planning	Bartlett Community Center Planning Project	\$15,000.00
<p>The Village of Bartlett is applying for a planning grant for the purpose of planning to construct a village community center. The initial grant would be a planning grant for the project. Pre-planning talks between the Village and the School District propose the project to be located directly east of the High School Building. In the early pre-planning stages, the Village and School District have identified many possible uses for the community center. Some of the highlights include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Community center for various celebration and gatherings; 2) Weight and workout facility; 3) Auxiliary gymnasium; 4) Community/school district storm shelter. 		
<p>Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$15,000.00</p>		

City of Battle Creek		
Planning	Battle Creek Master Park Plan	\$15,000.00
<p>JEO Consulting Group will create a master plan for Battle Creek Park to guide improvements that enhance recreation and accessibility. The plan will focus on key amenities like the swimming pool, ball diamonds, tennis and basketball courts, soccer fields, and picnic areas. It will also assess the clubhouse, ensuring it remains a useful space for community events. The park's playgrounds, including one with a WWII armored vehicle, will be evaluated for safety and appeal.</p> <p>A basic scope of services provided by the city engineer includes the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Project Kick-Off and Project Initiation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Conduct the project Initiation/Kick-off Meeting – Meet with the City representatives to gain input regarding project requirements and goals in detail and review available data pertaining to the project area. 2) Data Collection, Inventory and Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Consultant will use the available lidar survey and current aerial photography to serve as the base for the master planning effort and conduct a site visit to inventory and document the property. 3) Conceptual Design Alternatives 		



* Consultant will develop two conceptual master plan drawings to identify and graphically represent major site components. Consultant, City, and key stakeholders will review conceptual plans and will develop planning-level cost estimates for the improvements.

4) Community Engagement

* The consultant will support the Client in the development, deployment, and tabulation of a public input survey related to the proposed master plan for Battle Creek Park.

Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$15,000.00

Village of Eustis

Planning	Eustis Library Construction Planning	\$10,000.00
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Eustis' library is in a residential neighborhood in a small house perched on the side of a hill. It is accessible only by six stairs leading to the entrance, and only has street parking. It has served the community over the years, but it doesn't have restrooms, isn't easily accessible, and doesn't meet fire codes. The current facility cannot convert into a library that promotes connection, supports lifelong learning, and serves as a vital community hub. Eustis will utilize planning funds to gather public input and assess the demands for an updated library. Five Rule Planning would assist Eustis with this phase. The Village acquired a piece of property in the past year in the downtown area with the idea that the existing building could be added on to accommodate the village library. Accessibility at this location will be difficult and any location selected will be handicap-accessible. The rolling hills of the community can create extra challenges for entrances and parking. This idea needs to be explored by the city's engineer, Tom Werblow, of TC Engineering, to determine if this would be feasible or if an alternate location would serve the community better. Planning funds would be used to create site layouts, a preliminary design, and opinion of costs to prepare for project implementation. Funds would also be used to create conceptual drawings utilized for the fundraising campaign. The Village owns the current library and will continue to own and operate the new facility. It is governed by a library board that helps decide programming and manages endowments left to the library.

Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$10,000.00

City of Holdrege

Planning	Holdrege Historic City Auditorium Revitalization Planning	\$15,000.00
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The Holdrege City Auditorium, completed in 1919, is located one block west of the historic downtown courthouse square. It was constructed with the intent to address the need to have space for a wide variety of public events and gatherings. The first public event held there was a political rally. It hosted plays, music, and silent films. With the construction of a privately owned movie theater in the community in 1927, the City Auditorium transitioned away from screenings to focus on live entertainment, and later recreation. The Auditorium has a capacity of 853, including 253 of the original mezzanine level seats. The gymnasium on the main floor, the kitchen, and public meeting rooms are used frequently for sports tournaments, league games, weddings, graduation parties, and gatherings of service organizations. The facility is owned and managed by the City of Holdrege and used primarily as a recreation center. The City proposes to complete a Planning Study and Public Engagement process to better understand the needs and vision of the community for the facility and develop a proposal for renovation that will meet the programming needs for the next century while respecting the historic nature of the building. If awarded, the City intends to engage the whole

community as well as a targeted group of stakeholders, and contract with qualified architectural and engineering consultants to assess the facility and develop conceptual plans and cost estimates for renovation.

Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$30,000.00

City of Humboldt

Planning	City of Humboldt Public Pool	\$15,000.00
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The City of Humboldt is seeking planning grant funds for an engineering study to evaluate the conditions of the public pool, assess the renovations necessary to repair the pool, and estimate costs of the needed repairs. Constructed in 1951, the public pool is in the Lake Park area on the south edge of Humboldt. It received renovations through the years, including a new pool house in 2008, a new pool deck in 2016, and a circulation system in 2018. The pool was last opened for the 2022 summer season. The decision was made in 2023 not to open the pool for the summer season due to the perceived condition of the pool and disagreements over the costs of operation. In 2023, volunteers stepped forward in support of returning the pool to operation. The committee was approved by the City of Humboldt and consists of 11 members led by a board of four officers and many volunteers. They have held 14 fundraisers with three additional fundraisers planned for 2025. The project is supported by the Humboldt Community Foundation who holds the funds raised for the project, which total \$22,822.03. To date, there have not been any formal engineering studies of the facility to evaluate the pool condition or provide any type of cost estimate. This proposed study will provide the City of Humboldt with the information that it needs to decide on the feasibility of the facility.

Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$15,000.00

City of Minden

Planning	Minden Community Wellness Center Planning Study	\$7,500.00
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The City of Minden proposes to conduct a planning study for a Community Wellness Center. The City has an agreement with Miller & Associates Consulting to conduct the study. Scope and extent of services include: (1) gather data from primary and secondary sources; (2) conduct an online public input survey; (3) facilitate two public input meetings to gauge opinions on the needs and wants of the community, including desired amenities and priorities; (4) conduct a site analysis of up to three possible locations, including one rehabbed and two new construction locations; (5) provide facility programming and space planning; (6) complete site and building rendering; (7) develop conceptual floor plan and associated preliminary opinion of probable construction costs; (8) compile final feasibility study.

Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$7,500.00

City of Newman Grove

Planning	Newman Grove Community Center and Library Planning Study	\$15,000.00
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The City of Newman Grove is working with a local donor interested in contributing substantially to the construction of a new library. At the same time, Newman Grove Public Schools and the city's economic development advisory board have been working on planning and fundraising for a new

community center. Newman Grove Ventures is a 501c6 organization that recently purchased ground in the city that NGV intends to develop for the purpose of improving the local economy and lives of the residents. This study is an opportunity to complete community engagement, programming, and planning activities that will prepare the city to move toward construction of the new center. The Project will result in plans for a new community center that has the facilities and square footage to support the needs of the Newman Grove community.

Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$15,000.00

Village of Oxford

Planning	Oxford Parks Planning Study	\$15,000.00
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The Village of Oxford has ballfields in need of maintenance, improvements, and upgrades. The proposed project will create a master plan for the village's park system that focuses on capital improvements that need to be made to the ballfields to improve player safety and fan experience. At the same time, the village's other parks and recreational amenities will be included in the plan to ensure the village's resources can be equally contributed to the village's amenities and to determine what improvements will need to be funded through other sources of funding.

Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$15,000.00

Village of Salem

Planning	Salem Community Building Restoration Planning	\$15,000.00
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Due to the age and importance of the Community Building to the village, Salem is seeking to apply for planning funds to develop engineering and architectural plans and specifications to lay the groundwork for sorely needed renovations. This building serves as the center of the community where friends, family, and neighbors gather for social interaction and to support each other and their village. Over a century old, the Salem Community Building is outdated and becoming an unsafe space to continue hosting town gatherings. Most notably, the roof and exterior brick walls are no longer sealed against weather. The water infiltration that is seen each year is proving incredibly damaging to the structural integrity of the building. According to the Facility Audit completed by Fakler Architects in December of 2024, among the extensive list of improvements required to update this building, the highest priority items include stabilization of the foundation; tuck pointing of the north, east, and west walls; and the replacement of the roof to seal the building against further deterioration from water infiltration. To ensure these repairs are lasting, the village is seeking to hire qualified engineers and architects to produce plans and specifications to drive the construction.

Key benefits of this study include:

- Detailed engineering assessment
- Improvement plans
- Projected construction costs

Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$15,000.00

City of Tecumseh

Planning	Tecumseh Civic Center	\$15,000.00
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Due to the increasing need for a unified, multi-purpose community space, Tecumseh is seeking to apply for funds to develop a Feasibility Study, which will serve as a roadmap for building a new facility with a larger, more efficient space. It will cover essential aspects including site specifications, utility needs, street development, building concepts, and a detailed cost estimate, ensuring the project's success. Currently, the city utilizes its existing community building for recreational purposes, such as pickleball and youth sports, and hosts community meetings in their public works building and library, pending availability.

Key benefits of this study include:

*Site Selection: The city has identified a location that will provide them optimal space, not only for a community center but also for other community amenities.

*Utility Requirements: Outlining the needs for electricity, water, gas, and sewer, with an emphasis on sustainability and energy efficiency.

*Street Development: Addressing traffic flow, parking, and pedestrian access to ensure ease of use for all community members.

*Building Design: Providing conceptual layouts that support multi-use spaces, accessibility, and community needs.

*Cost Estimate: Delivering a detailed budget, covering land, construction, utilities, and contingencies to ensure financial transparency and avoid cost overruns.

*Scalability: Ensuring the center can adapt to future community growth and evolving needs.

This comprehensive planning document will guide the design and construction, ensuring a functional, sustainable, and accessible community center that meets both current and future needs.

Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$15,000.00

Capital Construction Awardees

City of Auburn

Capital Construction	City of Auburn Legion Memorial Park Project	\$562,000.00
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The City of Auburn is seeking construction funds for renovations to the municipal swimming pool and sports courts facility. These projects are located in the City's historic Legion Memorial Park, which currently includes a playground, swimming pool with bathhouse, skate park, and sports court facility with three tennis courts and two basketball courts. The municipal pool was constructed in 1994. Despite continued investment in the facility by the City of Auburn, the pool needs substantial renovations to improve the operation, safety, and accessibility of the facility for the public. The proposed improvements to the municipal pool include six areas of renovation including 1) the pool shell and gutter system, 2) tot pool basin, 3) pool deck, 4) waterslide, 5) chemical and filter rooms, and (6) bathhouse. These improvements will address the needed renovations, improve the efficient operation of the pool systems, improve safety for users and make the bathhouse restroom and showers ADA accessible. The sports courts facility was constructed in 1984. It currently includes three tennis courts and two basketball courts. Recently the City has been receiving requests for renovations to the courts to have pickleball courts added to the facility. Based on a community survey and observations of the limited indoor and outdoor options, the proposed sports courts renovations include converting two existing tennis courts into six pickleball courts, resurfacing the remaining tennis court and two basketball courts, and installing LED lighting.

Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$562,000.00

City of Curtis		
Capital Construction	City of Curtis Swimming Pool Facility	\$562,000.00
<p>The City of Curtis is seeking funding to build a new Swimming Pool Facility, replacing the original pool that has served the community since 1956. Though renovations took place in 1960 and the 1990s, the aging facility now faces water loss, accessibility issues, structural rust, and outdated systems. Located in the northwest part of the City, across from Medicine Valley Grade School, the pool is in a primarily residential area within walking distance for many residents, including students from the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture. In March 2023, the City secured a Planning Grant from the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund. A site inspection by Miller & Associates in May 2023 revealed structural and operational concerns, leading to a Feasibility Study presented to the City Council in January 2024. Guided by community input, the proposed facility will include five 25-meter swim lanes, a flume slide, zero-entry play features, park-access restrooms, a family changing room, and lighting for night swimming. The 4,525-square-foot pool will support lessons, competitions, and a toddler play area, while a new 1,560-square-foot bathhouse will enhance accessibility. The new facility will be built just north of the existing pool, allowing it to remain open during construction so residents can still enjoy the swimming season. To fund the \$3.9 million project, voters approved a 0.5% infrastructure sales tax in November 2024, reaching the City's maximum tax rate. This project will enhance recreation, improve accessibility, and strengthen community engagement for Curtis's residents and visitors.</p>		
Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$3,490,700.00		

City of David City		
Capital Construction	David City Municipal Auditorium and Track Rehabilitation	\$281,500.00
<p>The City of David City proposes to rehabilitate and upgrade the David City Municipal Auditorium (DCMA) and adjacent track-and-field facilities to ensure their long-term functionality, accessibility, and historical preservation. The DCMA, built between 1941-1943 as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project, is a significant Art Moderne-style structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NHRP). It serves as a central gathering space for community events, school activities, cultural performances, and recreational programming. Planned improvements include upgrading the HVAC system to introduce cooling on the main level, expanding and modernizing the audio system for better event functionality, and replacing the stage curtain to improve usability for performances and presentations. The track-and-field facilities, located adjacent to the auditorium within the city's park system, are heavily used by David City schools and the general public for athletic competitions, training, and recreational activities. This project will resurface the track, repair the retaining wall, and upgrade the public restroom facilities to ensure continued safety and accessibility (Project). The Project is located within the City's main public park, near Highway 15, providing a key recreational and civic space for both residents and visitors. These improvements align with the City's long-term community development goals by preserving essential public infrastructure, expanding event capabilities, and enhancing quality-of-life amenities for current and future generations.</p>		
Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$281,500.00		

City of Gretna		
Capital Construction	Gretna Community Complex and Public Library Construction	\$562,000.00
<p>The City of Gretna proposes constructing the new Gretna Community Complex and Public Library to meet the needs of its rapidly growing population. Nestled off I-80 and Highway 370 between Omaha and Lincoln, Gretna offers the advantages of small-town living while being one of the fastest-growing cities in Nebraska's fastest-growing county. To accommodate this growth, the City has acquired a 35-acre site near Gretna Crossing Park, a 157-acre recreational hub, to develop a state-of-the-art community complex that will enhance the quality of life for residents, attract new community members, and boost tourism. The Community Complex will feature amenities, including an outdoor event space, art installations, sculptures, rain poetry, retail areas, a food court/co-working/incubator space, City Hall, a centralized public library, city meeting rooms, Council Chambers, and rentable community spaces. Additionally, the site will maintain connections to parks and trails. This project supports Gretna's vision for sustainable, scalable development and ensures that the facility evolves alongside the community's needs. The grant project builds on the work completed in the 2022 CCCFF planning grant, previously awarded to Gretna. The proposed complex is a transformative investment that will provide residents with a vibrant, multi-functional space for recreation, learning, and connection.</p>		
Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$562,000.00		

Village of Kenesaw		
Capital Construction	Kenesaw City Auditorium Renovation	\$562,000.00
<p>The Village of Kenesaw proposes to renovate the existing Kenesaw City Auditorium into a multipurpose civic center. The building is in downtown Kenesaw on Smith Avenue (Kenesaw's main thoroughfare). The 12,000-square-foot facility was constructed in the 1930s under the Works Progress Administration (WPA) program. The bricks used in its construction were handcrafted locally, establishing the auditorium as a significant historical landmark. Over its life, the building has served various functions—being a center of community activity. However, it has been vacant for the past 15 years. A community survey conducted in early 2024 revealed that over 90% of Kenesaw's residents desired to rehabilitate the building. In response, a committee of dedicated citizens organized and developed a plan to rehabilitate the building. This project is a collaboration of the Village of Kenesaw, Kenesaw Public Schools, and Kenesaw Community Development Corporation and addresses numerous community needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An event space that can accommodate large public and private gatherings (250-person capacity). • A meeting room that can be used for smaller gatherings. • A new and permanent location for the Village of Kenesaw city office centrally located on Kenesaw's main street. • A new and dedicated facility for the Kenesaw Public School wrestling programs. • Expanded practice space for Kenesaw Youth Sports programs. • A classroom for the new Kenesaw Public School Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program. • Revitalization and beautification of downtown Kenesaw to retain residents and attract new people, businesses, and events. 		
Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$1,791,963.00		

City of McCook		
Capital Construction	City of McCook Sports Complex	\$481,993.00
<p>The City of McCook proposes constructing a new recreational sports complex on the west side of town, to be located just east of Highway 83 and just north of Q Street in McCook. The land on which the proposed sports complex will be constructed is owned by the City of McCook. The sports complex will be completed in phases, and CCCFF funds are requested for one component of the project: to construct a full-size, state-of-the-art synthetic turf soccer field. This field will help provide athletes with a high-quality experience for soccer, flag football, and sports practices. Turf will enable the field to be used year-round, in all kinds of weather. Other components of the McCook Sports Complex will include a second soccer field; championship baseball and softball fields; a four-plex softball/baseball complex; field-specific warm-up areas and bull pens; batting cages; basketball courts; tennis courts; pickleball courts; concession stands; restrooms; an umpire area; adequate seating with shade/protection; a playground area; splash pad; picnic areas; adequate parking and lighting; and walking trails, creating a vibrant recreational hub for McCook and the surrounding region.</p>		
Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$1,684,814.00		

Village of Nemaha		
Capital Construction	Nemaha Community Building Memorial Park	\$37,000.00
<p>The Village of Nemaha proposes expanding the existing Nemaha Memorial into the Community Building Memorial Park by converting the currently unused green space between the memorial and the newly constructed Nemaha Community Building into a landscaped community space. The project will incorporate a flagpole, sitting wall, paver walkway, stone patio area, floral and arboreal plantings, flagstone path, stone raised planter beds, six picnic tables, and four benches for additional seating to create an inviting environment for residents and visitors. Final site plans will determine the width of paths and additional landscaping specifics. The Nemaha Memorial, a beautiful set of granite walls and benches honoring the town's rich history, and the Nemaha Community Building are both important community features. This project will enhance these spaces by connecting them and making them more accessible and inviting for community and visitor use. The project site is located on 1st Street (Highway 67), the main road through town, between Main St. and Washington St., just inside the town entrance. The proposed improvements will enhance the visual appeal of the area and provide a dedicated outdoor space for residents and visitors to gather, reflect, and enjoy recreational activities.</p>		
Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$37,000.00		

City of Papillion		
Capital Construction	Papillion, NE Papio Bay Aquatic Center Renovation and Modernization Project	\$1,125,000.00
<p>The Papio Bay Aquatic Center Renovation and Modernization project will revitalize a 31-year-old facility, creating a more inclusive, family-friendly, and sustainable space to meet growing community needs. Located in Halleck Park near downtown Papillion, the project includes renovating the bathhouse and check-in area, adding a 1,000-square-foot concession stand and mechanical building, and constructing a 540-foot lazy river. A new 50-meter lane area will accommodate competitive and recreational swimmers, while an interactive splash pad replaces the underutilized wading pool and sand play area. Additional upgrades include ADA-compliant entries, expanded lounge areas, shaded</p>		

seating, and a multi-slide complex designed for all ages. These enhancements will increase attendance by 10%-15%, drawing 4,900-7,300 additional visitors annually. The resulting economic impact is estimated at \$1.0M-\$1.5M per year, benefiting local restaurants, retail, and services. The project will create 12-15 part-time seasonal jobs and support 30-40 construction jobs, strengthening local employment and reinforcing Papillion’s role as a regional economic hub. By investing in this popular community asset, the City of Papillion demonstrates its commitment to the CCCFF program’s goals of enhancing community spaces, promoting economic development, and improving the quality of life for residents.

Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$10,428,770.00

Village of Shelton

Capital Construction	Village of Shelton Municipal Swimming Pool Facility	\$562,000.00
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The Village of Shelton is seeking funding to assist with constructing a new swimming pool facility located adjacent to the existing facility within the Veterans Memorial Park. The Village-owned and operated Shelton Public Swimming Pool was constructed in 1958 using a bond issue. In 1974, the bathhouse was remodeled, a new filter plant was installed, and the recirculation piping was replaced. In 2002, the vacuum DE filter was replaced with a new high-rate vertical pressure sand filter system. A new pool drop slide was added in 2010. An ADA chair lift and shade structure were added in 2012. The Village was awarded a CCCFF Planning Grant in 2023 to complete a Feasibility Study. The Study highlighted the existing conditions of the current facility, and major improvements needed to resolve the deficiencies and bring the facility into compliance with ADA requirements. One of the features is the zero-depth entry, which allows easy access to the water for young children, the elderly, and individuals with mobility challenges. Accessibility is a key consideration, with stairs provided along the sloped entry, meeting the requirements for ADA compliant access. With a surface area of approximately 4,750 square feet, the pool offers ample space for various activities, whether it's swimming, diving, or simply relaxing. Complementing the pool is a new bathhouse, which spans about 1,790 square feet. The Bathhouse includes a family changing room, ensuring privacy and convenience, as well as a mechanical room, ensuring smooth and efficient operation of the pool's systems.

Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$3,340,300.00

City of Sidney

Capital Construction	Sidney Northside Park Project Construction	\$562,000.00
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As part of Sidney's efforts to foster community cohesion and revitalization, this project focuses on the transformation of the existing park into an all-inclusive space for community members to utilize. The new structures and amenities will serve as a hub for civic engagement and activity. This revitalization project will bring several new features to Sidney's Northside Park, including: inclusive playground equipment; inclusive swing sets; a dual zip line with one standard pomma-style zip line and an inclusive seated style zip line; a large 1,200-square-foot pavilion with lighting, and a moderately sized multi-feature splash pad. The project will also construct new sidewalks and ADA egress ramps around all sides of the park, and several interconnecting rec paths through the park to provide access to each amenity. Educational and wayfinding signage will be installed along with the addition of new trees and minor landscaping improvements. New and improved lighting will be added to the park as

well. To additionally support the community gathering space, a 30-foot by 40-foot pavilion will be placed in the park. The project directly addresses the largest issues with access currently in the park.

Local Matching Funds (Cash Match): \$1,000,546.70