

Community Vitality Center

Community Vitality Center Request for Proposals

Proposal Title: CVC Mini-Grant Demonstration Project
Submission Date: Monday, Feb. 16, 2009

Summary

The mission of the Iowa Community Vitality Center (CVC) is to serve as a catalyst for innovative projects and initiatives designed to improve the vitality of Iowa communities. The CVC facilitates networking among small and medium size rural communities, sponsors policy analyses, engages communities in dialogue, and fosters discussion among rural and urban interests.

For 2009, CVC has organized committees to evaluate proposals in the following three categories:

1. Strategic Collaborative Leveraging Opportunities
2. Support for Network Development for Philanthropy Capacity or Entrepreneurship Development
3. Innovation Oriented Opportunities

The Community Vitality Center Board has approved several programs that provide matching funds typically up to \$10,000 for community demonstration projects that:

1. Involve implementation of innovative concepts for generating community vitality
2. Help to extend the lessons learned from existing innovative models to other communities.

Eligibility

Proposals are to develop innovative demonstrations that lead to enhancing the vitality of a non metro community, rural area, or region. Projects are typically selected to provide geographic diversity and a wide variety of collaborations and institutional circumstances to enhance dialogue, discovery, analysis, and lessons learned from the proposals submitted. Government units, regional groups, nonprofits, foundations, economic development organizations, extension, and others are eligible to submit proposals.

Submission

1. Contact Dr. Mark Edelman with questions. medelman@iastate.edu or 515-294-6144
2. Submit the completed grant proposal form to cvc@iastate.edu by 5:00 PM on the Submission date.