



Economic Development

2024 Main Street Challenge Grants

Community	Location	Grant Amount	Local Match	Total Project Cost	Description
Cedar Falls	109 E. Second St.	\$100,000	\$482,500	\$582,500	A complete building stabilization and rehabilitation will add smaller retail spaces for start-ups, as well as an upper-story living space with a rooftop view of downtown Cedar Falls.
Dubuque	980 Main St.	\$85,000	\$251,000	\$336,000	The transformation will replace the current strip-mall appearance of the property with multiple distinct storefronts, aligning better with the architectural character of surrounding historic buildings, while adding to the area's recreation offerings with the opening of Slanted Climbing gym.
Grundy Center	625 – 627 G Ave.	\$100,000	\$160,000	\$260,000	This will be home to a new cidery, South Porch Cider Co., which will fill a market void in Grundy Center. The historically sensitive rehabilitation of the building will restore the original tin ceilings, as well as create a meeting space and two upper-story housing units.
Keokuk	1114 & 1116 Main St.	\$100,000	\$152,875	\$252,875	These buildings have been an important part of the streetscape view for almost 150 years, yet have been vacant for more than 25 years. This project will breathe life back into the buildings, making them both a striking presence and a useful asset to the community, with two new upper-story housing units and first-floor commercial space.
Lansing	230 – 250 Main St.	\$76,808	\$76,807	\$153,615	Dave and Laurie Janzen purchased Lansing Hardware Hank in 2013. They have since expanded and diversified their offerings, while being big supporters of Main Street Lansing. This exterior project will improve the facades of five storefronts, to create a cohesive look and elevate the visual appeal of the entire block.
Osceola	127 S. Main St.	\$100,000	\$154,765	\$254,765	The Iron Horse Neighborhood Grill will expand in both size and offerings, by creating the only on-premises banquet/event space and restaurant in southern Iowa, while revitalizing a historic building.
Oskaloosa	203 & 205 High Ave. E.	\$69,000	\$69,000	\$138,000	The upper story of Jaarsma Bakery's new location in downtown will receive a massive upgrade, with nine new wood upper-story windows, a new cornice, molding, masonry and interior work.
Washington	106 S. Iowa Ave.	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$300,000	The rehabilitation will bring the building's façade back to its 1900s appearance, with a large second-floor window opening overlooking the square. The innovative plan includes a residential unit on the back side.
Waterloo	319 – 321 E. Fourth St.	\$100,000	\$688,929	\$788,929	This overall project is known as the Martin Building: Windows of Opportunity. The Martin Flats project will transform second-floor office space into two market-rate residential units and rehabilitate the first-floor storefront.
Woodbine	524 Lincolnway St.	\$100,000	\$215,168	\$315,168	An adaptive reuse of the Hickey Oil Canopy Service Station will complete the rehabilitations of the remaining three historic canopy stations along the Lincoln Highway in Woodbine. This project will create a one-stop shop for realty, enabling related business like title, legal, financial adviser and construction management to happen in one building.
Total		\$930,808	\$2,451,044	\$3,381,852	