

Keep Iowa Beautiful Project Funding Applications Available

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Des Moines, IA– October 10, 2007 – Applications are currently being accepted for Keep Iowa Beautiful (KIB) projects, which are administered by the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT). The annual application deadline for funding is Dec. 31. Projects are funded on a grant basis with no matching funds required.

The primary criteria for determining funding priorities is the anticipated long-term effectiveness of a project to clean up or prevent litter, improve waste management or recycling efforts, beautify a site, prevent illegal dumping or eliminate public nuisances.

The following local projects received a total of \$36,361 during the last funding cycle: Bloomfield Main Street; City of Burlington; Partners for Conservation (Burlington); Operation Downtown (Des Moines); Donnellson Vision Inc.; Fairfield Beautification Commission; Greenfield Chamber of Commerce; City of Independence; Iowa County; Iowa Department of Natural Resources; Marshalltown Central Business District; Bloomington Grange (Muscatine); Character Counts Task Force of New Hampton; Center for Siouxland; Union County Development Association; Webster City Take Pride Committee; City of West Point; and Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful. Statewide KIB projects received \$15,678 in this funding cycle.

The Iowa General Assembly passed tax check-off legislation to provide funds for litter prevention, waste management and recycling, and beautification projects. The Iowa DOT established rules for disbursing the funds. Approximately 70 percent of the funds appropriated to the Iowa DOT through the check-off are allocated to community projects. The remaining funds are allocated to the KIB organization for statewide efforts.

Applications for KIB grants may be obtained at [click here](#), on the Iowa DOT's website (www.dot.state.ia.us/forms/index.htm) or by calling Kathy Ridnour at 515-239-1713.