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Des Moines--Diamond Vogel Paint and Keep Iowa Beautiful announced the grant awards for the "Paint Iowa Beautiful" program. The program provides free paint to a wide variety of public service projects throughout the State. The program is administered through Keep Iowa Beautiful with the paint provided by the Diamond Vogel Paint Company.

"This seven-year partnership with Keep Iowa Beautiful allows Diamond Vogel Paint to assist and work with the many local volunteers that help build pride in their communities where they live and work," said Doug Vogel, Vice-President, Trade Marketing, of the Iowa based company. "Our company has awarded nearly 5,000 gallons of Diamond Vogel paint to over 200 projects in 100 communities."

Gerald Schnepf, Executive Director of Keep Iowa Beautiful added, "The Paint Iowa Beautiful program helps us increase our assistance to neighborhoods, communities, historic projects and other public service organizations in improving the attractiveness and beauty of our home areas. These projects definitely improve the beauty of Iowa, its countryside and its communities."

Keep Iowa Beautiful is a non-profit organization affiliated with Keep America Beautiful. Program efforts include litter reduction, public nuisance abatement and beautification programs.

Diamond Vogel is an Iowa based, family owned company started in 1926 by Andrew Vogel. It serves 13 states with seven manufacturing facilities and over 60 service center outlets providing Architectural Finishes, Industrial and Original Equipment Finishes and Home Decorating Products.

2010 AWARD WINNERS

The following is a listing of the 37 statewide award winners for the 2010 allocation of paint from the Diamond Vogel Paint Company.

Community/Org.	Type of Project	Name of Contact
Afton Hometown Hope Helping Hands	Store fronts on town square & homes	Kristie Nixon
Alden City of...	Swimming pool	Janaan Harding
Alta Hanover Historical Society	Mill House & machine shed	Arlin Hinkeldey
Amana Iowa Theater Artists Company	Iowa Theater Arts Building	Doug Conrad
Ames Ames C.art Campustown Mural Proj.	Mural	Kristin Roach
Anamosa Anamosa High School Art Class	Banners for downtown	Nancy Kula
Belmond Belmond Historical Society	Rural school in park	Larry Turner
Belmond Belmond Area Arts Council	Art/Farm Museum	Dave Nelson
Bremer County Bremer Co. Barn Quilt Assoc.	Barn quilts	Ron Lenth
Bridgewater	125 th Celebration Shed, shelter, barrels & gym	Mary Dunn
Brooklyn Brooklyn Museum	William Manatt House	Margery DeVilder

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Central City Central City Historical Society	Old Library Museum	Sharon Timms
Des Moines Easter Seals Iowa	Lodge and cabins	Angela Hilbert
Dubuque Dubuque Co. Historical Society National Mississippi River Museum	Boathouse & pilothouse	Meg Wall-Wild
Dysart Dysart Lions Club	Shelter house & baseball dugouts	Dwayne Luze
Elkhorn American Legion Post 322	Veteran's memorial mural	Jim Sporleder
Elkport Immanuel Preservation Society	Steeple & sanctuary	Beverly Bahls
Ellsworth Ellsworth Horizons	Local homes	Linda Clark
Fairfield Fairfield Beautiful Commission	Adopt-a-home	Nancy Horras
Fort Dodge Pride in Community Appearance	Graffiti, barriers & shelters	Jan Wilson
Fort Madison City of...	Park pavilion	John Luna
Grundy County Grundy County Development & County Extension	Repaint 12 quilt blocks	Kelly Riskedahl
Hardin County Harding County Farm Museum	School, shed, barn & corncrib	Darold Duerr
Lake Mills Lake Mills Chamber Dev. Corp	Downtown buildings	Marilyn Hoffman

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LeMars City of...	Park restrooms	Brad Epling
Marcus Marcus for Progress/Mail Street	Senior Center	Vangie Cowen
Marshall County Central Iowa Fair Association	Exhibit building & livestock building	Tammie Hanson
Marshalltown Quakerdale Wolfe Ranch Life Enrichment Center	Ranch & out buildings	Doug Hanson
Mason City North Iowa Fair	5 buildings at fair grounds	Linda Flaherty
Mills County Mills County Historical Museum	Historic barn painting	Bev & Marv Allbaugh
Muscatine Keep Muscatine Beautiful	Graffiti & spring clean up	Laura Liegois
Ottumwa Make Ottumwa Shine	10 homes	Jody Gates
Ottumwa Ottumwa Progress, Inc. & Main Street Ottumwa	Plum Crazy historic building on main square	Cindy Woodbury
Sabula Sabula B.S. Committee	railroad underpass	Bridget Kilburg
Sioux Rapids Sioux Rapids Area Historical Assoc.	Garage/storage for museum	Avis Yungbluth
West Liberty Chamber Beautification Committee	5 downtown buildings	Letha Ottaway
Woodbine City of...	Paint the new Woodbine Community, Welcome & Volunteer Center	Deb Sprecker