



Frequently Asked Questions

What is I-JOBS?

Governor Culver's signature initiative, I-JOBS will strengthen Iowa's economy, help our state recover from the natural disasters of 2008, and preserve or create thousands of jobs. The \$830 million three-year program includes several parts but focuses on public infrastructure, transportation, disaster recovery & prevention, environment & water quality, telecommunications & renewable energy and housing.. I-JOBS is funded with existing state gaming revenue, meaning no increase in taxes.

What is the role of the I-JOBS Board of Directors?

The Iowa Legislature charged the I-JOBS Board of Directors with establishing, overseeing and providing approval of the I-JOBS Local Infrastructure Program. The Board will encourage and support public construction projects related to disaster relief and mitigation. I-JOBS includes \$165 million for this purpose:

- \$46.5 million in grants targeted to Linn County, Cedar Rapids, Palo, Elkader and Charles City
- \$118.5 million in competitive grants to be awarded to cities, counties, and nonprofit organizations

Who administers the I-JOBS programs that the I-JOBS Board does not?

I-JOBS includes several components; public infrastructure, transportation, disaster recovery & prevention, environment & water quality, telecommunications & renewable energy and housing. Various state agencies will administer these programs. The I-JOBS Board will oversee only disaster recovery, prevention and local infrastructure.

When will Linn County, Cedar Rapids, Palo, Elkader and Charles City receive the funds that are earmarked for them?

The I-JOBS legislation states that these entities must submit a plan to the I-JOBS Board no later than September 1, 2009, detailing a description of the project, a plan to rebuild, and the amount or percentage of federal, state, local or private matching moneys that will or have been approved for the project. Those plans may be submitted to:

Iowa Finance Authority
Attn: Joseph Jones
2015 Grand Ave.
Des Moines, Iowa 50312
joseph.jones@iowa.gov

Funds not utilized in accordance with this rule shall revert to the I-JOBS competitive grant program for disaster recovery, prevention and local infrastructure.

When can my community/county/nonprofit organization apply for competitive funds for disaster recovery & prevention?

A Notice of Intent to Apply for the noncompetitive funds is available now at www.IowaFinanceAuthority.gov. The program's application will be available on July 1. The first deadline for the funds is August 3. Additional funding rounds will follow. The I-JOBS Board will review and approve competitive grant applications for disaster recovery, prevention and local infrastructure.