REAP Grant Resources

This document contains information for communities, counties and non-governmental organizations wishing to apply for Resource Enhancement & Protection Grants. If questions arise, please contact Michelle Wilson at Michelle.Wilson@dnr.iowa.gov or 515-446-0535.

What Types of Projects are NOT eligible for REAP Funding?

Funds are not available for single or multipurpose athletic fields, baseball or softball diamonds, tennis courts, golf courses, and other organized sport facilities. Swimming pools and playground equipment, frisbee golf, and dog parks are also ineligible.

Resources for REAP Grants

- Iowa Administrative Rule 571, Chapter 33, Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund: County, City, Private Open Spaces and Conservation Education Grant Program(pdf)
- REAP Committee Chair and REAP County 5-Year Plans (pdf)
- Iowa Open Spaces Plan (pdf)
- State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
- Iowa Wildlife Action Plan
- Iowa Forests Action Plan
- Iowa DNR SlideRoom - Grant Application Submission
- Land Acquisition Applications.
    - Appraisal guidelines to assist applicants and their contracted certified appraisers in performing appraisals for grant reimbursement or general certified appraisers contracted by the DNR for performing appraisals on behalf of the DNR.
        - Real Estate Appraisal Report Guidelines- For Grant Applicants
        - Real Estate Appraisal Report Guidelines - For Certified Real Property Appraisers

City Parks & Open Spaces

Three (3) city size categories and grant amount ceilings have been established to assure grants are distributed to all sizes of cities. The amount of REAP grant money available to a city depends on population. Population numbers are derived from data reported via the last US Census, currently 2020 Census Data. The population categories and respective grant amount ceilings are shown below:

Population	Maximum
0-1,000	$50,000
1,001 - 5,000	$75,000
5,001 -10,000	$100,000
10,001 - 25,000	$125,000
25,001 - 50,000	$150,000
50,001 - 75,000	$200,00
Over 75,000	$300,000

Applications that are funded, must be completed within two years of the grant award. 90% of funds can be requested at the time a grant agreement is signed and the remaining 10% will be awarded upon successful completion of the project. If this award is to be used as matching funds for other state and/or federal grants that information should be included in the grant narrative. **Applications are due on August 15th, or the closest day to August 15th if it falls on a weekend, each year.**

Grant Application Components and Scoring Rubric

REAP Application Components
REAP Grant Project Budget Workbook
REAP City Parks & Open Spaces Grant Scoring Rubric

Awarded Grants

- REAP FY 2023
- REAP FY 2024

County Conservation

Counties are eligible to receive these funds if they are dedicating at least 22¢ per $1,000 of the assessed value of taxable property in the county for county conservation purposes. In other words, a county must be committing a specified tax levy amount from county tax dollars to conservation in order to receive their REAP County Conservation funding.

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Grant Application Components and Scoring Rubric

REAP Application Components
REAP Grant Project Budget Workbook
County Conservation Grant Scoring Rubric

Awarded Grants

- REAP FY 2023
- REAP FY 2024

Conservation Education

The Conservation Education Program (CEP) is a key provision of the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Act of 1989. $350,000 is allocated annually for formal and non-formal education projects and programs through competitively awarded grants and cooperative agreements. Applicants can apply for funding that supports hands on interactive types of educational experiences (ie. workshops, trainings, field trips, classroom activities) or passive education experiences (ie. interpretive or wayside signs, brochures or video programming, education center exhibits).

Applications are due on February 20th, or the closest day to February 20th, if it falls on a weekend, each year.

Dissemination Grants may not be available every year. If available, applications will be live on SlideRoom 90 days prior to application submission.

Grant Application Components and Scoring Rubric

REAP CEP Large Grant Application Components
REAP CEP Budget Workbook
REAP CEP Large Grant Scoring Rubric

REAP CEP Small Grant Application Components
REAP CEP Small Grant Scoring Rubric

REAP CEP Dissemination Grant Scoring Rubric

Awarded Grants

- REAP CEP Grant History 2018-2024

Private Cost-Share Grants

One-tenth of the 28% of REAP Open Spaces Protection is set aside to cost-share land acquisitions with private organizations. The cost-share arrangement entails 75% of the acquisition costs coming from REAP and the other 25% coming from private contributions. This program provides an excellent opportunity for private conservation organizations to help provide outdoor recreation opportunities and protect critical habitat. The

State of Iowa owns and manages the property that is jointly purchased on behalf of the public. **Applications are due on August 15th, or the closest day to August 15th if it falls on a weekend, each year.**

Grant Application Components and Scoring Rubric

REAP Application Components
Private Cost-Share Grant Scoring Rubric

Awarded Grants

- REAP FY 2023
- REAP FY 2024