

304 South Maple – Fairfield, Iowa 52556

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# Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Authority

## Guidelines for the Authority's State Cost Share Funds FY22

**Program Description:** The Iowa State Legislature appropriated funds to support the Authority's efforts to accelerate the installation of structures to improve transportation infrastructure and protect water resources in southern Iowa. On-road structures can be cost-effective alternatives for the replacement of the large number of deficient and obsolete bridges and large culverts in southern Iowa. On-road and off-road structures can also be effective at reducing the impact of sediment and chemicals on the quality of water resources in southern Iowa.

**Eligible Recipients:** Member Counties in the Authority that have assigned a Director to the Board and are current on Authority membership fee.

**Eligible Projects:** The installation of on-road and off-road structures and related projects that provide both transportation infrastructure and water resource benefits. Eligible projects should reduce soil erosion, prevent sedimentation, and stop nutrients and chemicals from entering water resources while improving the rural transportation infrastructure in the Authority's ten-county region in southern Iowa.

**Cost Share Rate and Amount:** The general guideline for cost share is 50% of the total project cost. Any request can be submitted and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The cost share rate and amount can be modified by the Authority Board of Directors.

**Project Applications:** Project applications can be submitted at any time. Applications should be jointly developed by the member County and the Soil and Water Conservation District. Applications require signatures of the Chair of the County Board of Supervisors, County Engineer, and Chair of the Soil and Water Conservation District.

**Project Review and Approval:** Project applications will be evaluated by the Project Review Committee. The Authority Board of Directors will take final action on applications. Applications will be reviewed and approved on a continual basis.

**Project Agreement:** Member Counties with a project approved for cost share funds will enter into an agreement with the Authority. Counties will be responsible for:

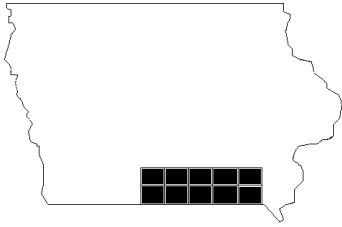
- Application of appropriate professional engineering standards.
- Compliance with applicable procurement procedures.
- Operation and maintenance of completed projects.

**Payment of Cost Share Funds and Final Report:** Payment of cost share funds will be made by the Authority to the member County as a reimbursement upon completion of the project and submittal of the final project report. The final report will include: (1) certification by the same parties that signed the project agreement stating that the project has been completed as per the project agreement, (2) summary of the total project cost, (3) list of sources of funds and other contributions used to complete the project, and (4) before and after photographs of the project site. The report should include an estimate of the number of hours and associated value of personnel time dedicated to the project as well as the amount and value of land associated with the project. A copy of the engineering design for the project will be retained and available for review as needed and on file in the member County office.

**Application Submittal:** Submit completed project applications to the Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Authority (SIDCA), 304 South Maple, Ste 101, Fairfield, Iowa 52556, Attention: Project Review Committee.

**Additional Information:** Contact the Pathfinders Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. office at 641-472-6177 or [blake@pathfindersrcd.org](mailto:blake@pathfindersrcd.org) for additional information. Please note that the Authority Board of Directors can approve changes to these guidelines by a majority vote of its members.

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## Project Application for the Authority's State Cost share Funds

Member County \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

County's Authorized Representative \_\_\_\_\_

### I. Project Description

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. Project Type

Please provide a brief description of the type of project being proposed:

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#### B. Project Location

1. Please attach a County Highway and Transportation map and indicate the proposed project site.
2. Section, township, range \_\_\_\_\_
3. Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. Project Description contd.**

**C. Project Cost and Sources of Funds**

1. Please estimate the total project cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please indicate the sources of funds for the project:

a. Authority cost share funds requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(General Guideline of 50% of project cost share.  
All projects will be considered on a case-by-case basis.)

b. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

e. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

f. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please describe any additional contributions to the project by the County and other individuals, organizations, and agencies including an estimate of the number of hours and associated value of personnel time dedicated to the project as well as the amount and value of land associated with the project:

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**II. Project Benefits**

- A. Please list and briefly describe the transportation infrastructure benefits that will result from the proposed project including, but not limited to: (1) potential cost savings relative to alternatives, (2) importance of the road such as accessibility issues and traffic volume, and (3) road system improvements such as safety and weight limit considerations.

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- B. Please list and briefly describe the water resource benefits that will result from the proposed project including, but not limited to, project location within a DNR priority watershed, Section 319 and Watershed Protection projects, and above drinking water supplies or other water resources of local concern.

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- C. Please describe any additional features of the proposed project that are considered unique, innovative, or cost effective including, but not limited to: (1) multiple uses such as dry hydrants, livestock watering, and wildlife benefits, (2) application of new techniques, and (3) educational activities, e.g., tours, signage.

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Attach additional sheets to this application as necessary.

III. Signatures

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, County Board of Supervisors Date \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_  
County Engineer Date \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Soil and Water Conservation District Date \_\_\_\_\_

IV. **Application Submittal**

A. Project applications can be submitted at any time. Applications will be reviewed and approved on a continual basis.

B. Please submit the completed project application to the:

Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Authority  
304 South Maple Street-Suite 101  
Fairfield, Iowa 52556  
Attention: Project Review Committee

V. Additional Information

A. Please contact the Pathfinders Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. office at 641-472-6177 or [blake@pathfindersrcd.org](mailto:blake@pathfindersrcd.org) for additional information.

**SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**Self-Scoring Project Application Sheet**

Member County \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

A. Project location supports geographic distribution among Authority's member counties (*up to 16 points*) \_\_\_\_\_

B. Non-Authority contributions to project cost (*up to 16 points*) \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT BENEFITS**

A. Transportation Infrastructure Benefits

1) Potential cost savings relative to alternatives (*up to 4 points*) \_\_\_\_\_

2) Importance of the road such as accessibility issues, traffic volume, etc. (*up to 4 points*) \_\_\_\_\_

3) Road system improvements such as safety and weight limit considerations (*up to 4 points*) \_\_\_\_\_

4) Other considerations (*up to 2 points*) \_\_\_\_\_

B. Water Resource Benefits

1) Project location within a DNR priority watershed (*up to 6 points*) \_\_\_\_\_

2) Project location above a drinking water supply (*up to 6 points*) \_\_\_\_\_

3) Other considerations (*up to 2 points*) \_\_\_\_\_

C. Additional Features (unique, innovative, or cost effective)

1) Multiple uses, such as livestock watering, dry fire hydrants, wildlife benefits, etc. (*up to 2 points*) \_\_\_\_\_

2) Application of new techniques (*up to 2 points*) \_\_\_\_\_

3) Educational activities, e.g. tours, signage (*up to 2 points*) \_\_\_\_\_

4) Other considerations (*up to 2 points*) \_\_\_\_\_

5) Discretionary considerations (*up to 10 points*) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL SCORE**     (*78 points possible*) \_\_\_\_\_