



PROGRAM UPDATES
37th Annual Roadside Conference



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..., at a minimum, the committee shall consist of all of the following:

- (1) One member representing the utility industry.
- (2) One member from the Iowa Academy of Sciences.
- (3) One member representing county government.
- (4) One member representing city government.
- (5) Two members representing the private sector including community interest groups.
- (6) One member representing soil conservation interests.
- (7) One member representing the department of natural resources.
- (8) One member representing county conservation boards.

REPRESENTATIVE	Year Joined TAC	First Name	Last Name	Position	Organization
Private Sector	2023	Nichoel	Church	Environmental Scientist	Snyder & Associates, Inc.
County Government	2023	Megan	Huck	Roadside Vegetation Manager	Linn County Secondary Roads
County Government	2023	Chris	Henze	Roadside Vegetation Manager	Johnson County Secondary Roads
County Government	2014	Ben	Hoskinson	Roadside Vegetation Manager	Mahaska County IRVM
County Conservation Boards		Larry	Gullet	Conservation Director	Johnson County Conservation
Department of Natural Resources		Bill	Johnson	Prairie Resource Center	Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources
Private Sector	1993	Shannon	Ramsay	Founding President and CEO	Trees Forever
Iowa Academy of Sciences	1990	Daryl	Smith	Advocate	University of Northern Iowa
City Government		-	-	-	-
Iowa Academy of Sciences	2017	Pauline	Drobney	Prairie and Savanna Zone Biologist	Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge
Soil Conservation Interests	2018	Kristine	Nemec	IRVM Program Manager	University of Northern Iowa
Soil Conservation Interests	2022	Paul	Miller	Urban conservationist	Iowa Dept. of Land Stewardship
Utility Industry	2022	Troy	Weary	Regional Manager	ITC

LRTF Grant Reviewer Scoring Sheet

Reviewer Identification Number:
 Applicant:
 Project Title:

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Scoring Criteria	Excellent - 5	Good - 4 pts	Average - 3	Below Average - 1	Mult.	Score
Connection to eligible IRVM activities per IC 314.22. (See list below.)	Includes 6 or more IRVM objectives.	Includes 4 to 5 IRVM objectives.	Includes 3 IRVM objectives.	Includes 1 or 2 IRVM objectives.	2	
Project description provides a complete and thorough understanding of what the applicant wants to accomplish through this grant justification for the request and all required information for the project type. (See project type descriptions in the Funding Guidelines.)	Clearly states what will be accomplished with the proposed project/equipment request. Includes clear and logical justification for the request. Specific information requested for the project type is included.	Gives a basic description of what will be accomplished but lacks relevant details. Justification for request is not very strong or justification is implied but not clearly stated. Specific information requested for the project type is included.	A very basic description that does not explain well what will be accomplished or lacks critical details. Justification is weak. Specific information requested for the project type is either partially included or missing from the project description.	Project description lacks sufficient detail to understand the basic premise of the request. Justification for the project is missing entirely.	2	
Project budget adequately itemizes project costs, matching funds, and in-kind match so that it is clear what the LRTF funding will be used for.	Budget is thoroughly itemized so that it is clear how money is being spent. Descriptions for each workplan item clearly demonstrate applicability to the project and IRVM. Prices appear to be fair and well thought out.	Budget is itemized so that it is generally clear how money is being spent but could be broken out further. Prices may be higher than average. Descriptions are included for each workplan item that demonstrate applicability to the project and IRVM.	Budget is somewhat itemized, but not enough to sufficiently understand how all money is being spent. Descriptions are vague so it is not clear how they apply to the project or IRVM. Prices may be considerably higher than average.	Budget not itemized. Workplan descriptions so vague it is unclear what is being done.	1.5	
Supporting documentation clarifies and strengthens the project application (maps, plans, photos, species lists, etc.). All required supporting documents are included. (See project type descriptions in the funding guidelines.)	All required supporting documents are included for the project type. Additional supporting documents are included and very useful in clarifying and enhancing the understanding of the proposed project or the justification for the project.	All required supporting documents are included for the project type, but nothing additional is included that might help clarify.	Application is missing some required supporting documents, or documents are included but they don't sufficiently provide the required information.	No supporting documentation or incorrect information attached.	1	
REVIEWER TOTAL SCORE						

Eligible IRVM Activities per IC 314.22:

- Maintain a safe travel environment.
- Serve a variety of public purposes including erosion control, wildlife habitat, climate control, scenic qualities, weed control, utility easements, recreation uses, and sustenance of water quality.
- Be based on a systematic assessment of conditions existing in roadsides, preservation of valuable vegetation and habitats in the area, and the adoption of a comprehensive plan and strategies for cost-effective maintenance and vegetation planting.
- Emphasize the establishment of adaptable and long-lived vegetation, often native species, matched to the unique environment found in and adjacent to the roadside.
- Incorporate integrated management practices for the long-term control of damaging insect populations, weeds, and invasive plant species.
- Build upon a public education program allowing input from adjacent landowners and the general public.
- Accelerate efforts toward increasing and expanding the effectiveness of plantings to reduce wind-induced and water-induced soil erosion and to increase deposition of snow in desired locations.
- Incorporate integrated roadside vegetation management with other state agency planning and program activities including the recreation trails program, scenic highways, open space, and tourism development efforts. Agencies should annually report their progress in this area to the general assembly.

Sheet 1 of 2

Criteria for Bonus points

Newly established IRVM program

- 10 pts – (0-2 years)
- 5 pts – (3-5 years)

Whether the applicant has received recent LRTF grant funding for same/similar request

- 5 pts – if no recent request within 5 years

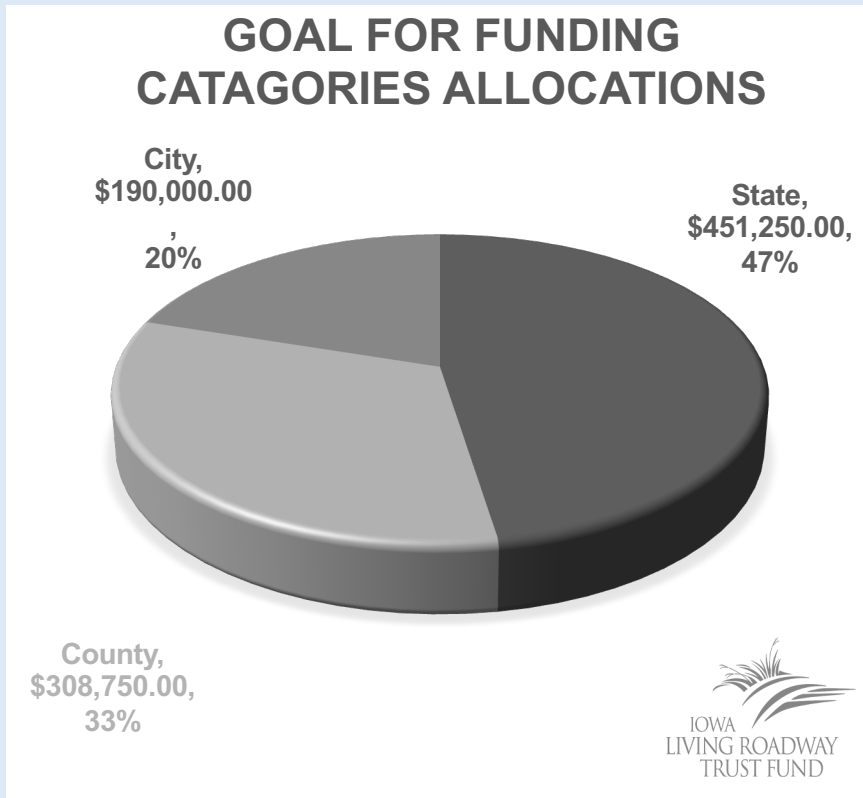
Extra points for providing match funds higher than minimum required

- 1 pt – no match required or 21%
- 2 pts – match 31% - 50%
- 3 pts – match 51% and more

FY 2025 AVAILABLE FUNDS

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT FY2025
REAP	\$350,000
RUTF	\$250,000
RENT/MISC.	\$150,000
Released Project Funds	\$300,000
	\$1,050,000
EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT FY2025
IOWA DOT PROGRAM	-\$50,000
LRTF ASSISTANT CONTRACT	-\$50,000
	\$100,000

Total Available Funds
\$1,050,000.00



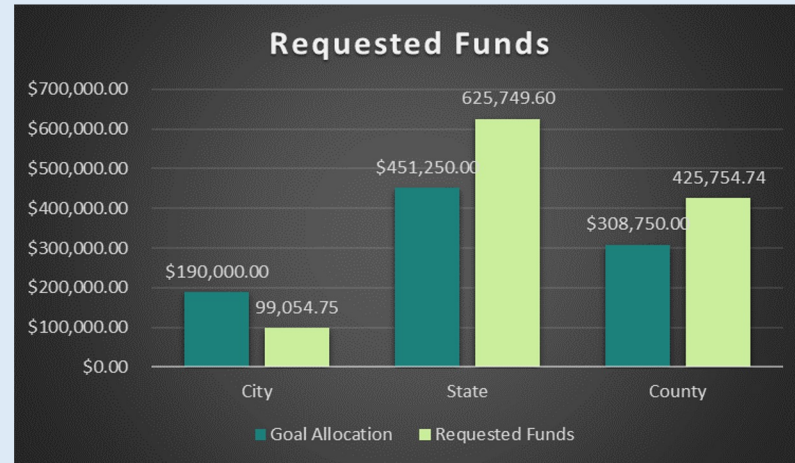
FY 2025 AVAILABLE FUNDS

FUNDING CATEGORY	AMOUNT FY2025
CITY	\$190,000.00
STATE	\$451,250.00
COUNTY	\$308,750.00
	\$950,000

EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT FY2025
IOWA DOT PROGRAM	-\$50,000 -\$10,000
LRTF ASSISTANT CONTRACT	-\$50,000
	\$60,000

Total Requested Funds
\$1,150,559.09

47 total eligible applications



	CITY	STATE	COUNTY
Goal Allocations	\$190,000.00	\$451,250.00	\$308,750.00
Requested Funds	\$99,054.75	\$625,749.60	\$425,754.74
Difference	\$90,945.25	(\$175,499.60)	(\$117,004.74)

CITY FUNDING CATEGORY

FUNDING CATAGORY	AMOUNT FY2025
CITY	\$190,000.00
STATE	\$451,250.00
COUNTY	\$308,750.00
	\$950,000

	CITY
Goal Allocations	\$190,000.00
Requested Funds	\$99,054.75
Difference	\$90,945.25

3 City Grant Applications
3 City Grant Application Awarded

Applicant	Project Title	Grant Amount Requested	Application Score	Amount Awarded	Notes
City of Jefferson	Jefferson Street tree planting on Olive and Locust	\$11,000.00	45.6	\$11,000.00	
Thrive Knoxville	Knoxville Community Gateway	\$30,448.75	42.4	\$30,448.75	Partially fund through DOT?
City of Durant	Feldhan/ Mudcreek Quality Wetland and Prairie Initiative	\$57,606.00	40.8	\$15,000.00	Awarded max \$15k - contingent.
TOTAL CITY REQUEST		\$99,054.75		\$56,448.75	

\$133,551.25 remaining City Funding

COUNTY FUNDING
CATEGORY

FUNDING CATAGORY	AMOUNT FY2025
CITY	\$190,000.00
STATE	\$451,250.00
COUNTY	\$308,750.00
Legislative Support to UNI	-\$75,000.00
	\$233,750.00
	COUNTY
Goal Allocations	\$308,750.00
Requested Funds	\$425,754.74
Difference	(\$117,004.74)

36 County Grant Applications 24 County Grant Applications Awarded

Applicant	Project Title	Grant Amount Requested	Application Score	Amount Awarded	Notes		
Polk County	Polk County Chemical Injection Sprayer	\$15,000.00	47.9	\$15,000.00			
Polk County	Polk County Cab-Over Engine Truck	\$10,000.00	47.9	\$10,000.00			
Mills County Secondary Roads	Mills County-Diamond 25ft Boom Mower	\$3,000.00	47.2	\$3,000.00			
Polk County	Polk County Closed Chemical Loading System	\$3,000.00	46.5	\$3,000.00			
Jackson County Conservation	Jackson County Roadside Inventory	\$7,978.00	46.1	\$4,178.00	Reduced \$3800 for laptops		
Appanoose County Secondary Roads	Boom Mower	\$15,000.00	45.5	\$15,000.00			
Mills County Secondary Roads	Mills County-Danuser Intimidator DA 12200T	\$15,000.00	42.7	\$15,000.00	Split into 3 requests		
Lee County	LRTF - Lee County UTV	\$18,326.48	40.9	\$18,326.48			
Keokuk County Secondary Roads	Keokuk County Acquisition of Pendulum Seeder	\$4,000.00	36.4	\$4,000.00			
Linn County Secondary Road Department	Tumble Drum Seed Mixer	\$5,000.00	36.1	\$5,000.00			
Jones Co Secondary Roads	Handheld Sprayer Kits	\$1,101.06	35.7	\$1,101.06			
Mitchell County Conservation Board	H&H Rail Side Utility Trailer for IRVM Equipment	\$2,047.20	35.4	\$2,047.20			
Johnson County Secondary Road Dept.	Fecon BH745S BullHog Mulcher	\$15,000.00	34.2	\$15,000.00			
Cerro Gordo County Conservation	Drum Style Brush Mulcher	\$15,000.00	33.9	\$15,000.00			
Scott County Secondary Roads	Native Seed Storage Unit	\$1,700.47	33.6	\$1,700.47			
Black Hawk County	IRVM Spray Logging System	\$4,500.00	33.5	\$4,500.00			
Louisa County Secondary Roads	Herbicide Sprayer	\$18,000.00	33.4	\$15,000.00	\$15k awarded		
Dickinson County Conservation Board	RX fire PPE	\$1,840.00	33.0	\$1,840.00			
Clayton County Roadside Management	Roadside Heavy Duty Truck	\$10,000.00	32.7	\$10,000.00			
Mitchell County Conservation Board	Kawasaki Mule Pro-FX 1000 for Efficient Roadside Management	\$13,688.68	32.7	\$13,688.68			
Black Hawk County Engineers	Black Hawk County Hydroseeder	\$30,000.00	32.6	\$30,000.00			
Chickasaw County Conservation	Forestry Mulcher for our Roadsides	\$15,000.00	31.6	\$15,000.00			
Jones Co Secondary Roads	Straw Crimper	\$3,656.00	31.4	\$3,656.00			
Shelby County Engineers Office	Shelby County Roadside Management	\$10,000.00	31.4	\$10,000.00			
Jasper County Highway Department	Mulching Head	\$15,000.00	30.8	\$0.00			
Linn County Secondary Road Department	John Deere Rotary Forestry Mower	\$5,620.00	30.8	\$0.00			
Washington County	Washington Soil Conditioner	\$9,121.37	30.4	\$0.00			
Poweshiek County	ATV Skid Sprayer	\$1,611.20	30.4	\$0.00			
Story County Conservation Board	Lennox Mini-Split	\$4,320.00	29.9	\$0.00			
Marion County Road Department	Turbo Turf HM-1000-HARV-P Hydroseeder	\$30,000.00	29.1	\$0.00			
Poweshiek County	Fecon Brush Head	\$15,000.00	28.4	\$0.00			
Poweshiek County	Power Rake	\$12,800.00	27.3	\$0.00			
Buena Vista County	Forestry Head 2024	\$15,000.00	26.4	\$0.00			
Story County Conservation Board	2 Reelcraft HD Hose Reels with hose	\$1,076.28	26.3	\$0.00			\$308,750.00 Total County Available Funds
Story County	Sprayer Safety Seat	\$1,340.00	24.4	\$0.00			(\$75,000.00) UNI Legislative Support
	TOTAL COUNTY REQUEST	\$348,726.74		\$231,037.89			TOTAL COUNTY AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR GRANTS
							\$233,750.00
							REMAINING COUNTY FUNDS \$2,712.11 (Prior to Reallocation)

STATE FUNDING CATEGORY

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Goal Allocations	\$451,250.00
Requested Funds	\$625,749.60
Difference	(\$175,499.60)

9 State Grant Applications
8 State Grant Applications Awarded

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Linn County	Forestry Mower Demonstration Day	\$2,028.00	35.9	\$2,028.00	Moved from County Funds.		
University of Northern Iowa	2025 Seed Purchase for Counties and Cities	\$289,077.62	34.1	\$289,077.62			
University of Northern Iowa	2025 IRM Implementation	\$67,198.00	32.4	\$67,198.00			
University of Northern Iowa	Native Source-ID Stock Seed Production and Service 2025	\$84,694.00	32.2	\$84,694.00			
University of Northern Iowa	2025 Roadside Conference	\$22,448.00	31.9	\$22,448.00			
Trees Forever	Stewards of the Beautiful Land	\$40,250.56	31.6	\$40,250.56			
Trees Forever	Statewide Support for Communities & Volunteers	\$96,861.42	31.3	\$96,861.42			
University of Northern Iowa	Source-ID Native Seed Stakeholder Communications 2025	\$24,220.00	30.9	\$24,220.00			
Bur Oak Land Trust	40th Prairie Preview	\$1,000.00	21.8	\$0.00			
	TOTAL STATE REQUEST	\$627,777.60		\$626,777.60			
						TOTAL STATE AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR GRANTS	\$451,250.00
						REMAINING STATE FUNDS (Prior to Reallocation)	(\$175,527.60)

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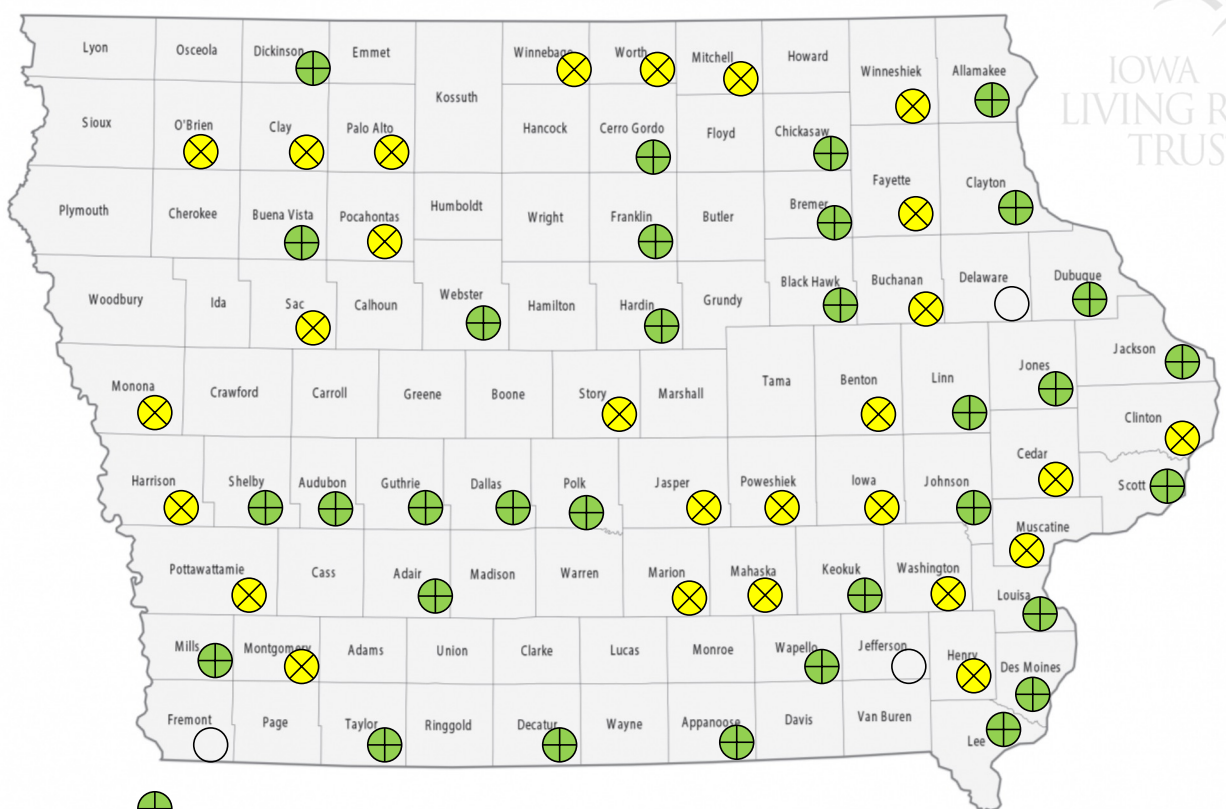
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Requested Funds	\$99,054.75	\$625,749.60	\$425,754.74	\$1,150,559.09
Awarded	\$56,448.75	\$626,777.60	\$231,037.89 +\$75,000 UNI	\$989,264.24

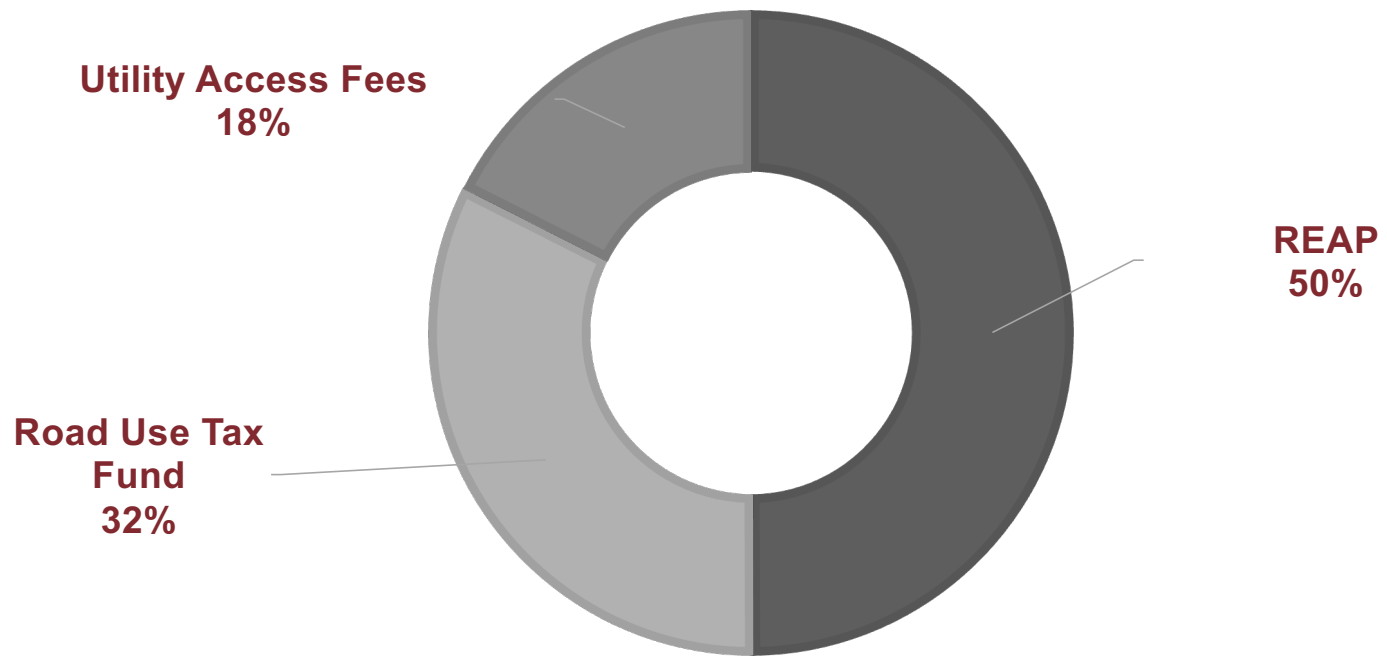
**Total LRTF Allocations for FY2025
\$1,049,264.24**



- IRVM Plan on file at DOT new or updated within 5 years
- IRVM Plan on file at DOT 6—10 years old
- IRVM Plan on file at DOT Over 11 years old

Last Updated: 9/30/2024

LRTF FUNDING SOURCES





THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION

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