



Jackson County Economic Alliance

2023 Annual Report



Preston Times Catalyst

Grant awarded in 2020 by IEDA, with support of JCEA, ECIA, City of Preston, and Preston Times owner Don Richlen. They are back in their newly renovated building - simply incredible work!

Off Shore Luxury Villas

Four-season cabins in Bellevue, overlooking Off Shore Resort and the Mississippi River. This project is a great addition for area tourism. Talk about a cabin with a view!

Ackerman Catalyst

Grant awarded in 2020 by IEDA, with support of JCEA, ECIA, City of Sabula, and building owner Travis Kieffer. It was developed into a pair of gorgeous short- and long-term rentals!

Andrew Jail

JCEA partnered with the City of Andrew to consult on options for the historic Andrew Jail. We found a buyer looking to rehab and repurpose, and they want to protect its historic character!

Maquoketa Green Space

The IISC completed an engineering study in Spring, 2023. The City of Maquoketa, Maquoketa Betterment Corp, and the JCEA have a final plan for site amenities. A perfect downtown attraction in the making!

CON-TROL

Material Control Systems of Waterloo acquired a location in Maquoketa at the former Pacific Coast Feather Co. building. They added over 25 new, fair-paying jobs to our community!



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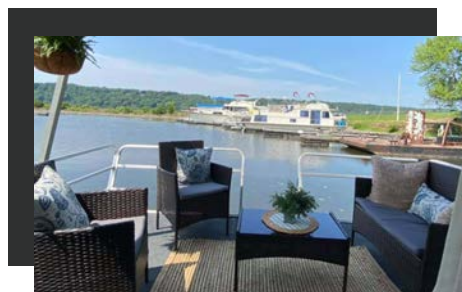
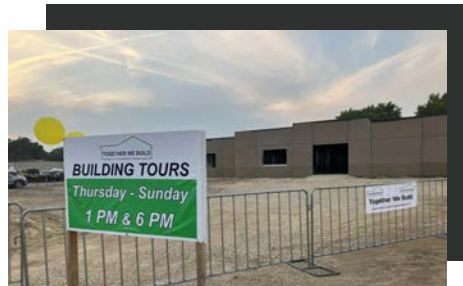
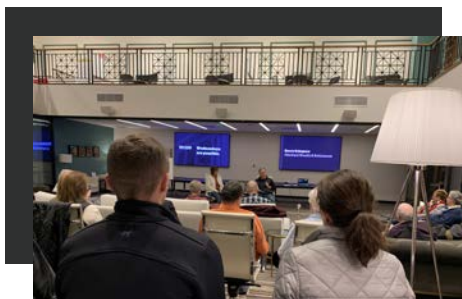
Childcare

JCEA acquired a grant through the Rural Child Care Market Study Grant Program. The study will begin Spring 2024. Thanks to the Jackson County Community Foundation grant, the scope of the study was expanded to include care opportunities in LaMotte, Andrew, and Sabula, in addition to studying the childcare zones of Maquoketa, Bellevue, and Preston.

Sunshine Learning Center was awarded \$600,000 CDBG for an efficiency remodel, which will significantly increase the care capacity of the building. Sacred Heart Childcare is planning an expansion for 2024. The City of Maquoketa has contributed to both projects to support growing childcare opportunities.

Wednesdays are possible

JCEA partnered with Innovate 120 to host a small business owner and entrepreneurship program the first Wednesday of every month. Great stories from successful and longtime beloved locals about what they do, how they got to where they are, and what is "possible" in our amazing county!



Catalyst & Other Grants

JCEA is helping cities and citizens with Catalysts, CDBG, and other grant opportunities. We want our communities to know how grant funding can be used to keep making Jackson County a great place to work and live. Please reach out if you have questions about project eligibility and what funding is out there!

EOC Grant

Grant written by the JCEA and awarded to Jackson County to equip and furnish an Emergency Operations Center at the Jackson County Detention Center. Now the county is in a better position to effectively manage critical emergency incidents.

Quality Flow Environmental

The Illinois-based group QFE announced this year they will locate the first biochar manufacturer of its kind right here in Maquoketa, Iowa, in 2024. This achievement took the effort of the JCEA, the City of Maquoketa, and several state and community partners to ensure a successful launch and a bright future for QFE in Jackson County.

Special Thanks to our Public and Private Investors

Thank you for your continued support of our mission to grow the vibrant communities and economic environment of Jackson County - nothing we do would be possible without it. **"We all succeed when any of us succeed,"** as Kelley likes to say. So, let's continue to collaborate on each opportunity and celebrate every success that comes our way!

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