



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/
QUALITY OF LIFE BLOCK GRANTS**

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Process

Each year, through the budgeting process, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors allocates funds to promote economic development in Johnson County and enhance the quality of life of its residents. The grants are taxpayer-funded and the Board of Supervisors is committed to careful allocation and oversight of these funds.

The Board awarded all available block grant funds for fiscal year 2019; however, the application process for fiscal year 2020 will open Monday, October 1, 2018 and close Friday, November 30, 2018. Applicants will receive notification of the Board’s decisions after the final budget is approved and published in March 2019. Funds approved to be distributed to block grant recipients in the fiscal year 2020 budget will be paid in biannual or quarterly payments between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. Grant recipients are required to submit two reports on the impact of the grant funds, a mid-year report by January 31 and an end-of-year report by July 31 of their award year. You will find a link to the report template for the fiscal year 2020 grant recipients in the timeline below.

For more information about Johnson County block grants, contact Board Office staff at blockgrants@co.johnson.ia.us or call 319-356-6000.

Fiscal Year 2020 Timeline for Economic Development & Quality of Life Block Grants

October 1, 2018:	Application period opens
November 30, 2018:	Applications due
December 2018 – January 2019:	Board of Supervisors reviews applications during budget meetings
Late March 2019 – April 2019:	Fiscal Year 2020 County Budget is approved and applicants are notified
June 2019:	Block grant contracts are approved by the Board during a Formal Meeting and mailed to recipients
On or around August 15, 2019:	First quarterly or biannual payments are mailed to recipients
January 31, 2020:	Mid-year report* is due – report form available fall 2019
July 31, 2020:	End-of-year report* is due – report form available fall 2019

Information for Economic Development Grants:

Objectives:

In making these grants, the Board will consider the following objectives:

- To maintain a fiscally responsible County budget.
- To support general economic development goals as identified in the Land Use Plan and to promote rural economic development in particular.
- To create/encourage public/private partnerships.
- To increase and diversify the County tax base.
- To maintain, or improve the County's standard of living.
- To improve workforce opportunities for Johnson County residents.

Criteria

The following criteria will be considered in evaluating grant applications:

- Does the request create new jobs?
- If yes, are the proposed wages (including benefits) higher than the local average for similar positions?
- Does the request propose retaining existing jobs?
- Does the request increase opportunities for Johnson County residents?
- Does the request leverage other sources of revenue?
- Does the request comply with adopted Johnson County Economic Development policies?

Economic Development Goals of the Johnson County Land Use Plan

- Preserve and enhance a balanced local economy.
- Promote the development and expansion of existing businesses that meet the objectives of the Plan.
- Preservation and enhancement of a diverse and rewarding quality of life, including protection of the natural environment.
- Designate/identify areas within unincorporated Johnson County with economic development potential that will not create detrimental competition between the County and incorporated municipalities within the County.
- Encourage infill of existing commercially and industrially zoned ground.

Johnson County Economic Development Block Grant Request

Please limit application to three pages.

Applicant:

Contact Person:

Title:

Phone:

E-mail:

Mailing Address:

Website:

Funds Requested: \$ _____

Total Organization/Program Budget: \$ _____

1. Provide a brief description of your organization.
2. Describe the program or project that will be supported by Johnson County funds.
3. Will the project help create new or retain existing jobs?
 - a. If yes, describe the jobs, including anticipated wages and benefits paid, impacted by this grant.
 - b. Specifically address if any jobs will be created or retained in rural Johnson County as a result of this grant.
4. Does the request leverage other sources of revenue? If yes, describe. Specifically address whether funding has been requested and committed from other entities, both public and private.
5. Does the request comply with the economic development goals identified in the Land Use Plan?
6. Will the funding further the objectives and criteria identified by the Board of Supervisors?
7. Describe how the program or project will be impacted if the request is not fully funded.
8. Did your organization receive County funding last year? If so, identify how the funds were used and how the funds helped increase opportunity for Johnson County residents.

Attach

- List of officers:
- Budget for project. Specifically identify all sources of revenue.
- Financial statement (if non-profit or public entity).

Signature

Date

Submit an electronic copy of the application to blockgrants@co.johnson.ia.us by 4:30 PM on Friday, November 30, 2018. Call the Board Office at 319-356-6000 if you have any questions.