

Beyond high-speed Internet . . . **We're your community partner!**

The Marne Elk Horn team takes pride in making sure that our communities and customers receive the best Internet, TV and phone services possible, backed up by outstanding customer service. Our fiber-optic network delivers high quality, high speed, and reliable internet connections, ensuring that our customers have what they need to live, work and play in southwest Iowa.

Encouraging growth, sustainability and an inviting culture within our communities has been our focus for many years. Our staff exemplifies a high standard of involvement with customers and community both at work and in their personal lives. Our commitment to our communities is why we are excited to offer community development services at no cost to local cities, non-profit organizations, and industry partners in various capacities through our partnership with the Iowa Area Development Group. It is through this partnership that we strive to accomplish community goals and achieve a higher quality of life and standard of living for our communities.

How can we help?

Projects Eligible for Community Development Assistance:

- Strategic Planning Assistance for Community Projects (e.g., the development of a city-wide plan or study)
- Loan Packaging for Company Expansions (e.g., helping a company navigate various loan options for purchasing new equipment)
- Business Start-up Consultation (e.g., consultation for starting a new coffee shop)
- Planning Grants for Initiating Community Projects (e.g., funds to help cover engineering costs for a new daycare)
- Grant and Loan Application Assistance (e.g., helping the community apply for an Iowa Enrichment Grant for a new playground)
- General Guidance for Community and Economic Development Projects and Resources

Your Local Connection has connections! Contact us today for assistance with your project goals, funding opportunities and professional services to reach your goals. We are here to help!



Example of how a company like ours is supporting their local community

In September 2022, GRM Networks' Econ Dev Opportunity Fund, which is administered by Decatur County Development, and Aureon's Ripple Effect program provided a total of \$10,000 to the City of Lamoni to assist with a city-wide Comprehensive Plan.

Lamoni saw the need to initiate an updated comprehensive plan with a broader focus on overall citywide development and zoning, in part to address vital new housing needs and downtown revitalization.

Assistance to help pay for the study was given by their local communications company, GRM Networks (\$5,000) and Aureon (\$5,000) thru the Ripple Effect Community Development Program and administered by the Iowa Area Development Group.



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