

- a. Upcoming Committee Meeting – July 17, 2026 at 9:00 AM

V. Adjournment

Committee Member Mainwaring adjourned the Community Attraction and Tourism Program Review Committee meeting at 09:12 AM.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Sonya Bacon
Board Administrator

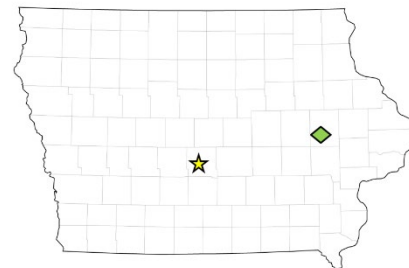
Applicant: Horizons – A Family Service Alliance
Project Name: Our Place Senior Recreation Center
Program: Community Attraction & Tourism (CAT)
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Project Description:

The Our Place Senior Recreation Center (819 5th St SE) is designed for people ages 55 and up, and will provide intellectual, physical, and social stimulation. The physical structure will include three flexible activity rooms, an exercise space, movie room, library, pickleball court, and café. The three activity rooms will host lectures and hands-on classes in a wide variety of genres. The exercise room will be available for classes as well as individual workout activities. The movie and pickleball spaces will primarily be used for only those purposes, and the café will be open to all, a space where patrons can bring friends or family who are not considered seniors. Spaces within Our Place will also be rentable outside of regular hours.

The project includes the renovation of a building already owned and operated by Horizons. Within the building, 20,499 square feet will be reconfigured and rehabilitated to create the spaces described. An additional 2,160 square feet outside of the building will be reconfigured into the pickleball court area. The project also includes the acquisition of adjacent land and the addition of parking lot with capacity for 67 vehicles.

Grant Request: \$600,000
Total Project Cost: \$3,495,913
Requested % of Total: 17%
City / County: Cedar Rapids/Linn
Population: 138,000



Anticipated Construction Timeline: Demolition and construction started March 2026 with planned completion February 2027.

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Project Budget

<i>Use of Funds</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Source of Funds</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Form</i>
Land Acquisition	\$ 1,150,000	City of Cedar Rapids	\$ 500,000	Letter Subaward agreement Fundraising spreadsheet
Site Preparation	\$ 755,645	Linn County	\$ 200,000	
Construction/Remodeling	\$ 2,497,717	Private Fundraising	\$ 2,148,256	
Fixtures/Furniture/Equipment	\$ 200,000	Grants	\$ 2,000,000	
Public Art & Landscaping	\$ 9,861			
Architectural /Engineering De	\$ 300,000	CAT Request	\$ 600,000	
	\$ -	Fundraising gap	\$ 53,417	
Construction Administration	\$ 288,450		\$ -	
Contingencies	\$ 300,000		\$ -	
Work Completed	\$ (2,005,760)	Funds Spent	\$ (2,005,760)	
TOTAL	\$ 3,495,913	TOTAL	\$ 3,495,913	

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE PLAN

Horizons will be responsible for ongoing operations and maintenance.

MARKETING PLAN

Horizons hopes to attract 300 unique visitors annually to the facility. Marketing will include a bi-weekly email to the organizations in the contact base. A media campaign will include ads in local papers and cultivation of tv and radio features. Horizons social media accounts will promote Our Place and programming announcements.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Cedar Rapids has been without a senior recreation center for 18 years, since the 2008 flood ruined Witwer Center. Providing quality of life amenities and recreational opportunities for older adults is critical to maintaining this population in the area. With its location in downtown Cedar Rapids, Our Place will draw individuals to other downtown amenities.

PRIOR AWARDS

The following projects have received funding in Linn County in the last 10 years.

Applicant	Project	Date of Award	Total Project Cost	CAT Award	Status
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Prospect Meadows (Marion)	Prospect Meadows Ball Fields	12/14/2016	\$1,101,355	\$550,000	Project complete, contract closed
The History Center (Cedar Rapids)	Landmark & Legacy: Restoring the Douglas Mansion	11/8/2017	\$2,184,196	\$425,000	Project complete, contract closed
City of Hiawatha Public Library	Expansion and Renovation of the Hiawatha Public Library	7/11/2018	\$3,869,113	\$468,887	Project complete, contract closed
Brucemore, Inc. (Cedar Rapids)	Brucemore Preservation Project	8/14/2019	\$4,587,245	\$400,000	Project complete, contract closed
YMCA of the Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Area (Marion)	New Regional YMCA in Marion	9/11/2019	\$20,311,086	\$400,000	Project complete, contract closed
City of Marion	The Marion Public Library New building Project	8/20/2020	\$18,000,000	\$450,000	Project complete, close out pending
Linn County Conservation	Morgan Creek Park Development Phase I	8/20/2020	\$5,539,000	\$350,000	Project complete, contract closed
City of Cedar Rapids	Connect CR - Cedar Lake	4/6/2023	\$12,389,013	\$800,000	Open contract
African American Heritage Foundation dba African American Museum of Iowa (Cedar Rapids)	Voices Inspiring Action	4/6/2023	\$3,987,664	\$500,000	Project complete, contract closed
NewBo City Market	Next Level Local	11/15/2024	\$4,713,425	\$500,000	Contract terminated
National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Inc.	Orloj Clocktower Project	12/20/2024	\$685,000	\$42,500	Open contract
Community Theatre of Cedar Rapids Inc. dba Theatre Cedar Rapids	Theatre Cedar Rapids - Dream Here. Do Here	1/17/2025	\$6,848,836	\$500,000	Open contract
	TOTALS		\$84,215,933	\$5,386,387	

Proposed Motion:

Approve a \$600,000 CAT grant to the Horizons – A Family Service Alliance for the Our Place Senior Recreation Center Project.