



GOVERNOR OF IOWA
Kim Reynolds

2020 VISION FOR IOWA **Empowering Rural Iowa**

Rural Iowa is the heart and soul of who we are as a state and a people. Our unwavering support of Iowa's farm families and continued investment in our small towns will ensure opportunity abounds in every rural community.

Supporting Iowa's Agriculture Economy

Agriculture is the backbone of our state, and we will seize opportunities to keep our farm economy strong. Iowa stands with our hardworking farmers and producers, and will continue to support our agricultural heritage.

- \$2 million increase for the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Program (RFIP) to expand access and increase demand for our homegrown renewable fuels.
- Modernize renewable fuel programs to support the sale of E15 and higher blends year round.
- \$500,000 increase for foreign animal disease preparedness to protect our state's livestock industry and economy.

The Governors' Empower Rural Iowa Initiative

In 2019, Governor Reynolds signed the Empower Rural Iowa Act, providing support to ensure vibrant rural communities today and for generations to come.

CONNECTING RURAL IOWA

We must expand broadband access to support high-tech jobs, precision agriculture, quality education, local economies and the limitless opportunities connectivity makes possible.

- \$15 million in total funding to optimize the existing Broadband Grant Program, a \$10 million increase from last year.
- Increase the state match for broadband projects with higher levels of speed and service.
- Continue to improve and update broadband connectivity maps.



*Farming is more than a job —
it's a way of life. And we will do everything
in our power to protect it for our families
and the next generation.*

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INVESTING IN RURAL IOWA

Our continued investment in Iowa's small towns has a big impact on the vitality and economies of rural communities.

- \$400,000 increase in funding for the DNR's Derelict Buildings Program.
- Continue the small cities set-aside for the Workforce Housing Tax Credit Program.
- Continue support for Rural Housing Assessment grants created last legislative session.

GROWING RURAL IOWA

Nurturing and developing rural leadership helps ensure the strength of our communities for the next generation.

- \$100,000 to create a matching grant for conducting community visioning programs.
- \$25,000 to create a matching grant for communities starting up formal leadership programs.
- \$25,000 to support rural Iowa leadership development events.