

Financial Services and General Government
Fiscal Year 2010 Requests

Project Name	Purpose	Intended Recipient	Location	Amount Requested by Organization	Justification
Corridor Free Wireless Network (cFree) project	to provide free wireless computer access to the public, especially downtown businesses, public spaces and parks	Cedar Rapids Downtown District	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	\$85,000	Wireless Internet access adds value to public spaces and parks, encouraging use of these spaces, increasing interest in business districts and ultimately helping keep young Iowans in Iowa.
Central Iowa Business Innovation Zone	to focus on creating business growth for area reinvestment by growing and cultivating regional, national, and international scale businesses	Greater Des Moines Partnership	Des Moines, Iowa	\$200,000	Clients of the BIZ are starting new businesses bringing new technology products and services to market. Funding will help improve the opportunities for Iowans to successfully compete and succeed in business.
Business and Community Services Building	to construct a facility for training and business incubation space	University of Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls, Iowa	\$1,800,000	Funding is critical to expand on the entrepreneurial activity and success of Phase I and meet the demand for additional training, conference and incubation space for student, faculty, and community entrepreneurs.
MyEntreNet, a National Rural Entrepreneurship Development System	to develop a highly successful system to recruit, engage, empower and network rural entrepreneurs in Iowa	University of Northern Iowa	Central and Eastern Iowa, Central Illinois	\$1,000,000	This is a nationally significant rural development initiative; an estimated 250,000 rural entrepreneurs from across the nation will benefit from a supportive network of peers, services and resources for their businesses.
Career Ladders for Small Business	to increase the employability of low-income individuals in the Cedar Valley area while helping small businesses with their workforce needs	University of Northern Iowa	The Cedar Valley of Northeast Iowa with a focus on Black Hawk County	\$750,000	Funding is important to build on the momentum of the existing Career Ladders pilot project and create a replicable career ladders model to benefit small businesses and low-income persons.
Upper Iowa University e-Center	to construct a facility that will serve as a regional hub for economic development, academic instruction, and research supported by the dissemination of technology	Upper Iowa University	Fayette, Iowa	\$1,500,000	Funding will speed the economic recovery by supporting business development activities associated with e-commerce, marketing, and technology.

Projects requested by Iowans were forwarded to the Committee on Appropriations on April 30, 2009.