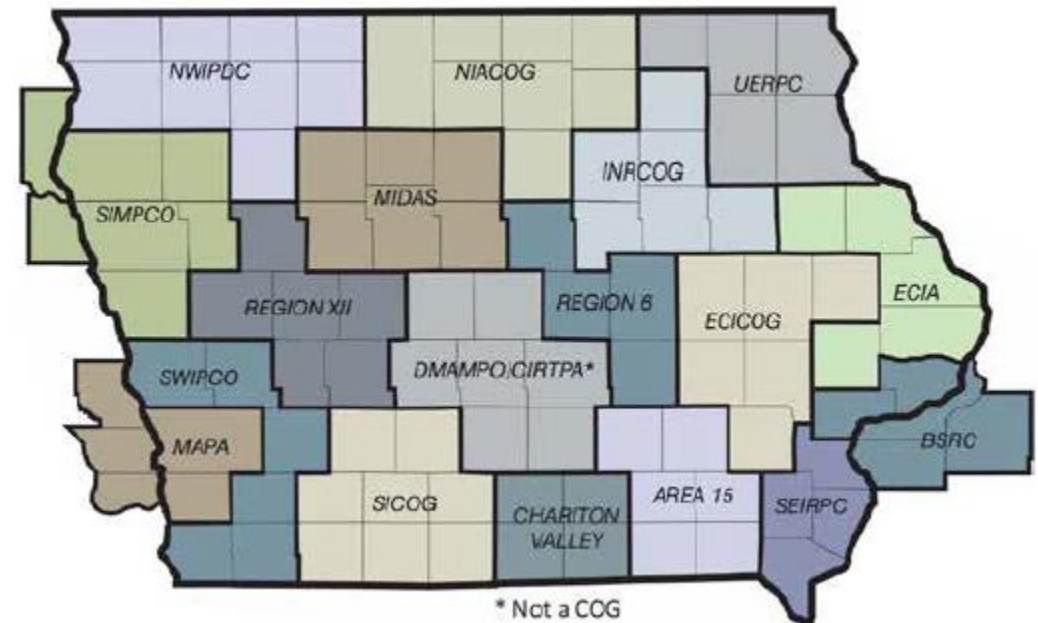
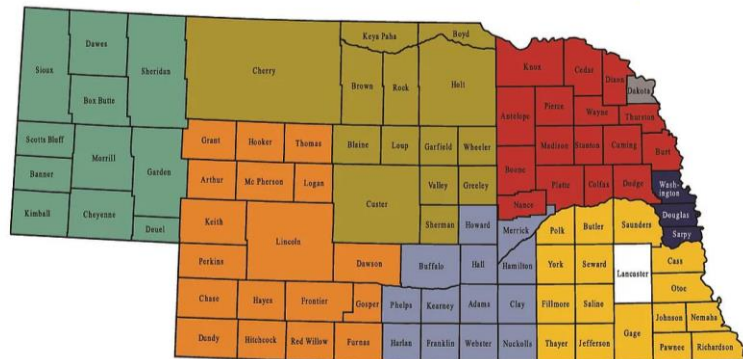
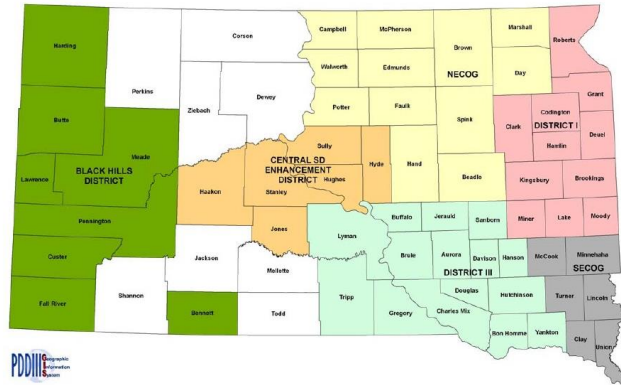


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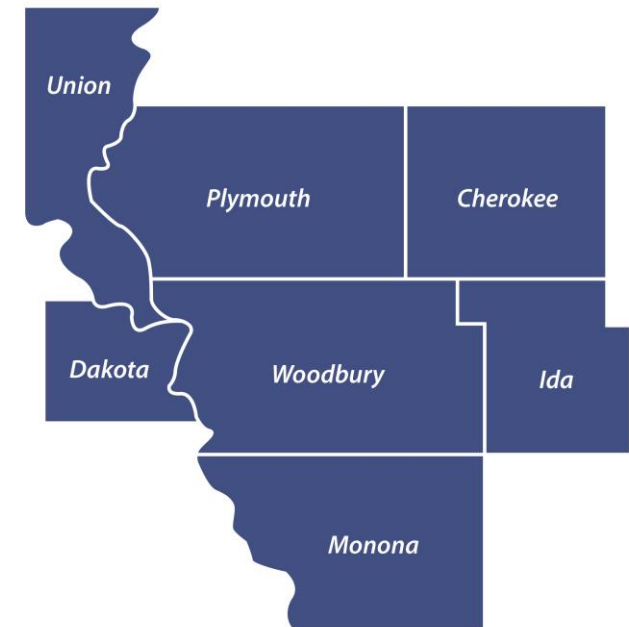
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Who is SIMPCO?

SIMPCO Mission:

- To be a catalyst for regional cooperation, uniting local governments of the Tri-State Siouxland Region into an effective Council of Governments
- To promote the best possible planning practices and advocate partnerships throughout the region
- To partner with local governments in long-range planning, community development activities and professional regional program management, which foster intelligent growth, economic development and safe, accessible transportation.



SIMPCO Members/Partnerships



- SIMPCO has over 40 members including cities and counties
- SIMPCO oversees and administers 18 Regional Boards and Committees
- SIMPCO participates in over 20 Siouxland boards and committees

SIMPCO Funding

SIMPCO is funding through membership dues, Federal programs, State programs, and regional contract work for planning and grant administration.

Federal Programs

- U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Redevelopment (HUD)

State Programs

- Iowa DOT, Nebraska DOT, South Dakota DOT
- Iowa Finance Authority
- Department of Environmental Quality (Nebraska)
- Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA)
- Nebraska Department of Economic Development
- Iowa Homeland Security



SIMPCO Activities



Infrastructure



Economic & Workforce Development



Diverse, Affordable, and Market-Rate Housing



Quality of Life

Infrastructure/Transportation

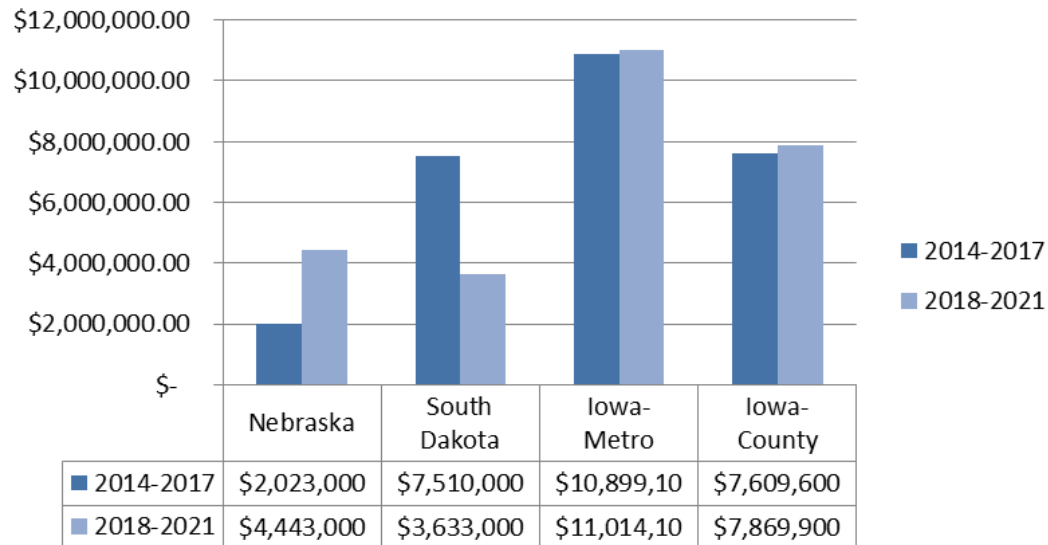
Accomplishments:

- Project Programming for regional transportation projects including I-29, U.S. 20 & U.S. 75
- SIMPCO secured \$58,000 in planning funds to conduct a Transportation Study for North Sioux City/Dakota Dunes
- Assisted five Siouxland School Districts to improve walking and bicycling infrastructure, activities and education for students
- Improved infrastructure for the estimated 7,525 seasonal walkers/bikes each month on Sioux City metro area trails
- Have programed \$28 million in transportation improvements throughout the region

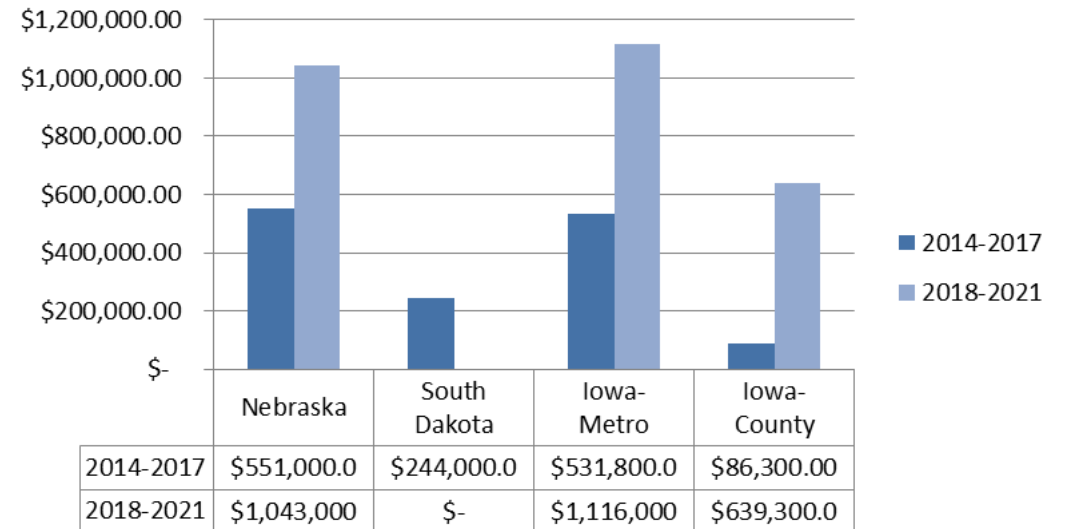


Infrastructure / Transportation

Spent/Programmed Road Funds



Spent/Programmed Trail Funds



Road Funds Requested vs. Funds Provided

	Requested	Target
RPA (Iowa Rural System)	\$8,634,100	\$1,881,000
MPO (Iowa Urban System)	\$5,453,000	\$2,325,000

Infrastructure / Utility

Accomplishments:

- SIMPCO help to secure over \$700,000 in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds for water/waste water infrastructure improvements in Monona County communities
 - Blencoe CDBG Lift Station Improvements \$224,000
 - Mapleton Water Filtration Project \$482,000
- SIMPCO conducted Water/Sewer Cost Benefit Analysis for the City of Salix to determine the projected demand to the service with an increase in population
- Communities that have recently contacted SIMPCO to seek funding for water/sewer projects: Ute, Soldier, Quimby, Cherokee, Westfield, Merrill



Economic and Workforce Development

Accomplishments:

- US Economic Development Administration - \$70,000
 - Administer Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
 - Community development initiatives
- Iowa Economic Development Authority - \$10,000
 - Council of Governments (COG) assistance
 - Matching funds for projects
- Nebraska Department of Economic Development - \$136,000
 - Economic development planning projects in Dakota County.



Economic and Workforce Development

Accomplishments:

- Updated 9 community comprehensive plans, conducted 7 codification updates and 3 urban revitalization plans for rural Siouxland communities
- Assisted Sergeant Bluff in receiving a \$815,000 Iowa DOT grant to construct the Dogwood Trail Road for economic development
- SIMPCO is a partner in Iowa's West Coast Initiative which received \$21,400 in funds from Iowa Economic Development Authority to support and encourage entrepreneurial activities in Siouxland
- Through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, SIMPCO received \$136,000 to assist with economic development planning projects in Dakota County.

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2017 Comprehensive Plan



Housing

Accomplishments:

- The Western Iowa Community Improvement Regional Housing Trust Fund, administered by SIMPCO, rehabilitated 25 owner-occupied homes in rural Siouxland communities in the past year
- SIMPCO assisted South Sioux City in rehabilitating 15 owner-occupied homes through a Community Development Block Grant
- SIMPCO assisted the City of Kingsley in rehabilitating 8 owner-occupied homes through Tax Increment Financing low-to-moderate income funds
- SIMPCO wrote the Le Mars Housing Assessment and Implementation Plan which ultimately led to 100+ rental units to be added in Le Mars.



Before



After

Quality of Life

Accomplishments:

- SIMPCO wrote award winning grants equaling over \$500,000 for Siouxland communities to create and improve parks and other community spaces
- SIMPCO assisted Siouxland communities to receive over \$3 million in grant funds to plan and build community trails in the region
- SIMPCO helped to secure \$150,000 in grant funds for emergency service equipment for rural communities in the Siouxland Region
- SIMPCO's partnership with the University of Iowa, Downtown Partners and the City of Sioux City led to the development of Pearl Street Park located in Downtown Sioux City.



Legislative Priorities

Infrastructure:

- Maintain & Modernize the Transportation System
- Continued Support and Development of Alternative Transportation (transit, bicycle, pedestrian)
- Maintain and Modernize Water/Waste Water Facilities
- Continued Investment in Renewable Energy, Natural Gas and Broadband

Economic & Workforce Development:

- Urban Revitalization
- Downtown Revitalization
- Brownfield/Vacant Property Programs
- Tax Increment Financing
- Programs that Support Business Retention and Recruitment
- Programs that match education with available employment (Career Academy, Internships, apprenticeships, STEM Programs)
- Entrepreneurship Opportunities
- Tourism
- Community Planning Guidance

Diverse, Affordable, and Market-Rate Housing:

- Support New Housing Incentive Programs
- Develop Workforce Housing
- Support Housing Rehabilitation Programs

Quality of Life:

- Support Emergency Services in Rural Communities
- Create and Enhance Recreational and Cultural Resource Opportunities
- Support Regional Initiatives that Positively Impact the Environment

Thank You!

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