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Before and Afterschool State Funded Grant Program Awardees Announced

Five school districts and four other organizations to receive grants

DES MOINES, Iowa – The Iowa Department of Education today announces the awardees of Iowa's Before and Afterschool State Funded Grant Program. Five school districts and four other organizations will receive funds from a \$900,000 grant to provide before and afterschool programs to improve student achievement.

The 2007 Iowa Legislature appropriated funds to expand the availability of before and afterschool programs and enable communities to design and implement effective before and afterschool programs in order to improve student achievement. The program provides communities the opportunity to enhance before and afterschool programs, which are to be sustained beyond the term of the grant through community partnerships.

The grant provides a total \$900,000. Funds are available to approved public school districts and other nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, public agencies or private agencies to establish for before and afterschool programs for students that are part of the public school district attendance area. Grants were designed to serve elementary, junior high/middle school and/or high school students. Collaboration and partnerships were strongly encouraged in order to fully develop high-quality programs serving the needs of the community and students. Funds are only available for a period of one year.

The grant awards will be made to the following agencies or organizations:

Boys and Girls Clubs of Cedar Rapids: \$54,240

Clinton Community School District: \$132,434

Clear Creek Amana Community School District: \$187,530

Jesup Community School District: \$102,606

Lamoni SAFE Coalition: \$81,092

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Oakridge Neighborhood Services, Des Moines: \$ 75,000

Postville Community School District: \$74,000

St. Mark's Community Center, Dubuque: \$ 56,572

Storm Lake Community School District: \$136,526

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The Iowa Department of Education works with the State of Iowa Board of Education to provide oversight, supervision and support for the state education system, which includes public elementary and secondary schools, nonpublic schools that receive state accreditation, area education agencies, community colleges and teacher preparation programs. The department is committed to high levels of learning, achievement and performance for all students, so they will become successful members of their community and the workforce.