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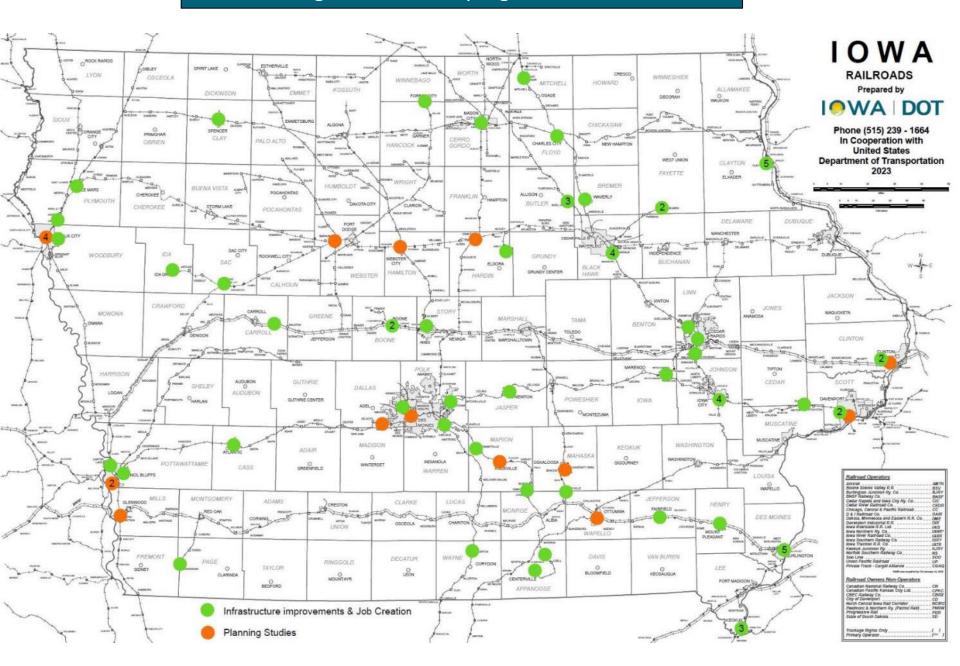




HISTORY

- Created within what was Iowa Railway Finance Authority (IRFA).
- The IRFA was created in 1980 and was active until 2009.
- Created in 2005 by an amendment to Iowa Code 327H.20 and follows Administrative Rule 761, Chapter 822.

Rail Revolving Loan & Grant program FY2006 to FY2025





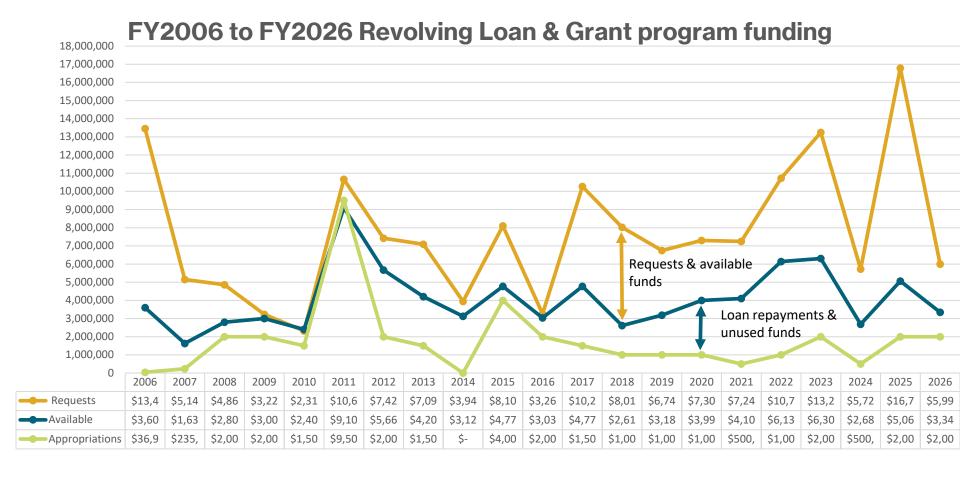
Parts of the RRLG program

(1) Targeted Job Creation & Retention - Grant

(2) Infrastructure Creation or Improvement - Loan

(3) Rail Port Planning Study - Grant







FY2026 RRLG funding break down

Appropriations

Loan repayments

Funding total

Applications

\$ 2,000,000

\$ 1,346,847

\$3,346,847

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RECOMMENDED

Grant

\$1,469,000 (0.5%)

REQUESTED

Grant

\$2,125,000

(0.7%)

Applications recommended for funding

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	TOTAL PROJECT COST	AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
Floyd Valley Transload 1321 Lewis Blvd	Floyd Valley Transload	\$1,500,752	Loan \$1,200,602 (80%)	Loan \$830,000 (55.3%)
Floyd Valley Transload Rustin Street Spur Addition	Floyd Valley Transload	\$320,000	Loan \$256,000 (80%)	Loan \$256,000 (80%)
BJRY Le Mars Transload Expansion	Burlington Junction Railway	\$1,131,330	Loan \$792,000 (70%)	Loan \$792,000 (70%)

\$299,543,000

International Paper

Black Hawk - New Box

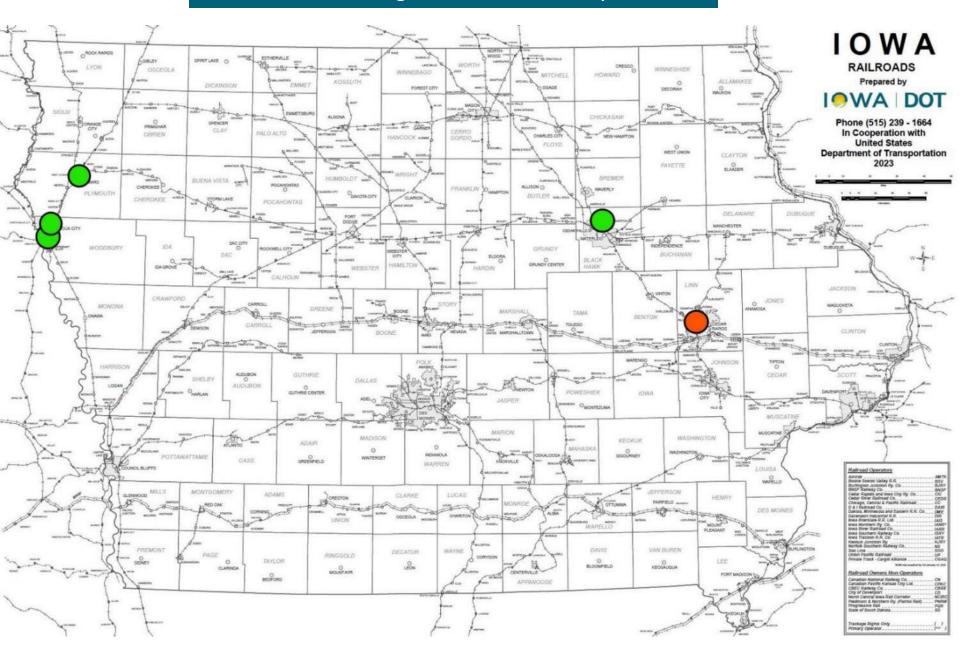
Manufacturing Facility



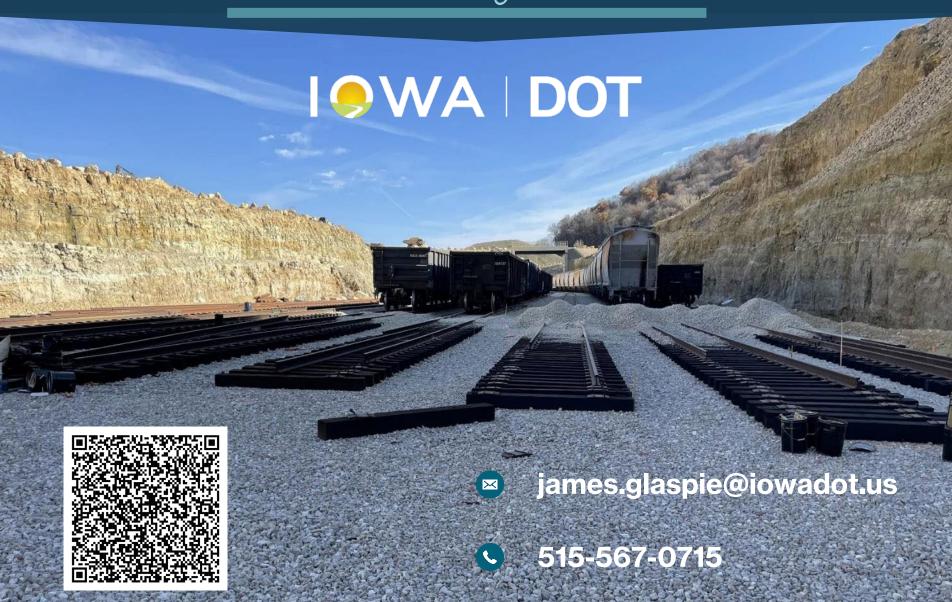
Applications not recommended for funding

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
Cedar Rapids North UPRR Track Reconstruction	City of Cedar Rapids	\$3,250,000	Grant \$1,625,000 (50%)	Grant \$0 (0%)

FY2026 RRLG funding recommendation by location



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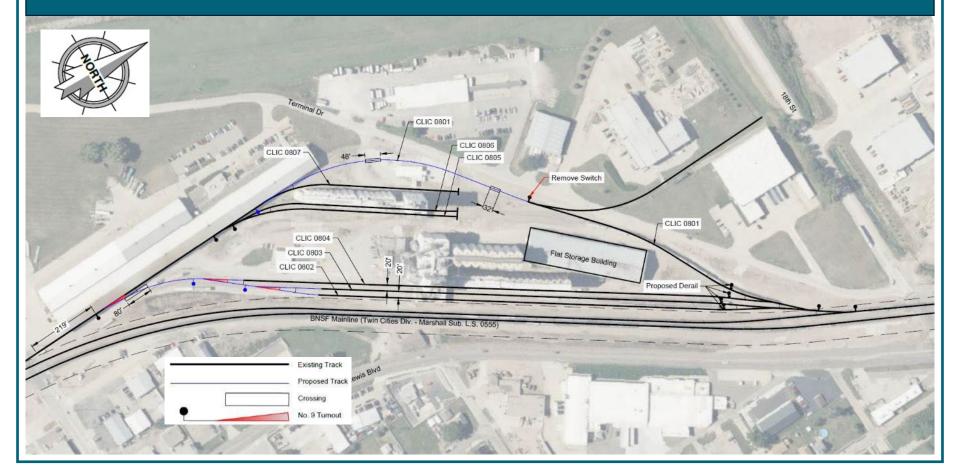


Floyd Valley Transload – 1321 Lewis Blvd, Sioux City



Floyd Valley Transload plans to upgrade 1397' of rail and rail infrastructure at the Lewis Blvd site. Upgrades will allow for 3 additional businesses to access this under-utilized site and facilitate local rail car handling on site. Total rail cost \$1,500,752. Loan Request \$1,200,602 Recommendation \$830,000



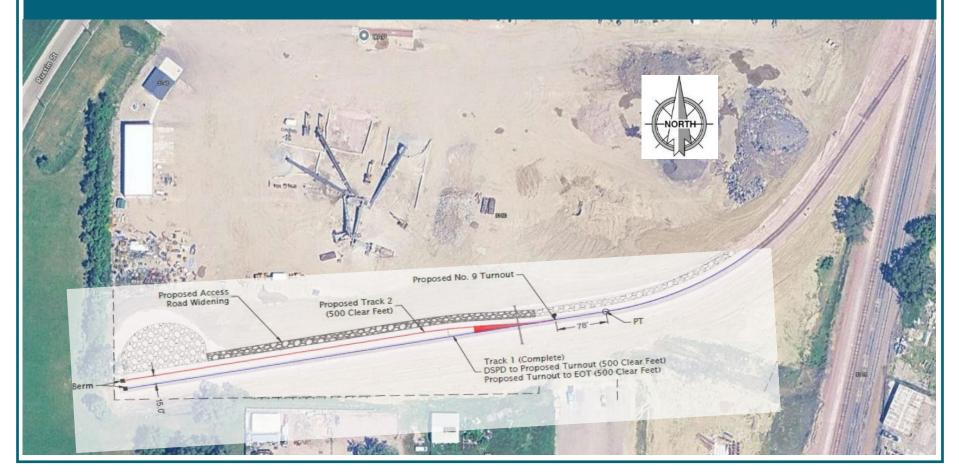


Floyd Valley Transload – Rustin Street, Sioux City



Floyd Valley Transload plans to add 558' of rail to the recently completed RRLG project awarded FY2023. This project will add tank car capacity to the transload facility that handles liquid by products from a local meat processing. Total rail cost \$320,000. Loan request \$256,000 Recommendation \$256,000





Burlington Junction Railway (BJRY) – Transload expansion, Le Mars



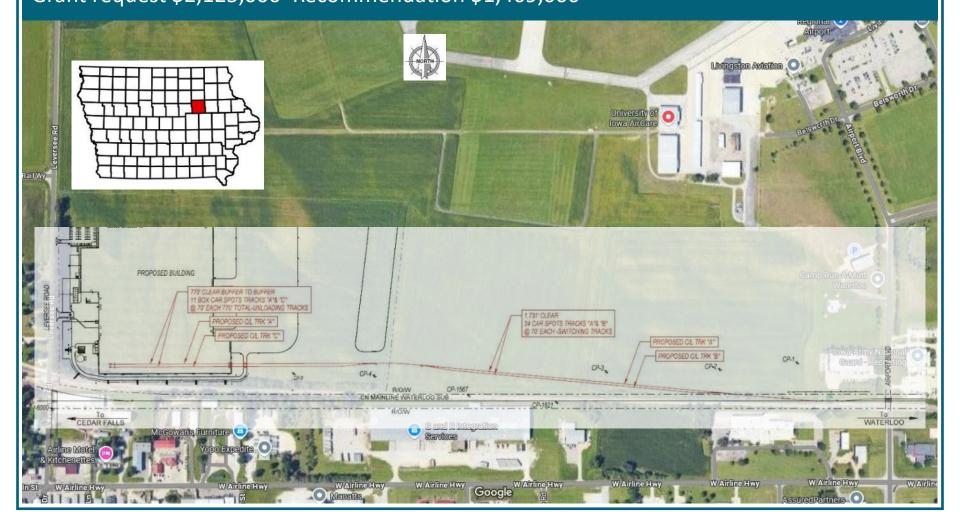
BJRY plans to expand the transload site at the industrial park in Le Mars. This project will add 670' of rail and additional transload area to the 4.9-acre site in conjunction with the city of Le Mars rail expansion. Total rail cost \$1,131,330. Loan request \$792,000 Recommendation \$792,000 City of Le Mars expansion PROPERTY LINE WORK THAT WAS ALIGNED TO AERIAL **BJRY** expansion

Blackhawk - New Box Manufacturing Facility, Waterloo



International Paper is planning a new facility at the MidPort America Business Park at the Waterloo Airport. This facility will replace the current one, in Waterloo and will add 7823' of new rail. Jobs – 129 retained, 72 created. Total rail cost \$4,250,000.

Grant request \$2,125,000 Recommendation \$1,469,000



Cedar Rapids North Yard UPRR Track Reconstruction, Cedar Rapids

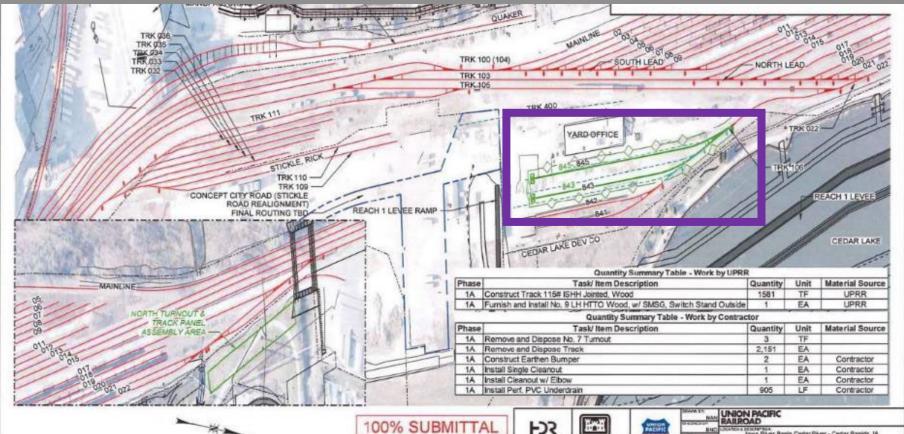


ma River Basin Cedar River - Cedar Rapids, IA Cedar Rapids North Yard - MP 97,95 to 98,32

PHASE 1A SCHEMATIC

The city of Cedar Rapids is planning to remove and reconstruct derelict rail infrastructure in the North Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) yard. Jobs – 940 retained. Total rail cost \$3,250,000. Grant request \$2,125,000 Not recommended for funding.





US Army Corps