

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2025

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Union

Plymouth

Cherokee

Dakota

Woodbury

Ida

Monona

Legislative Priorities

2025 PRIORITIES

SIMPCO adopts the following general legislative priorities as they relate to four overarching elements including: Infrastructure, Economic and Workforce Development, Housing and Quality of Life.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

- Maintain & Modernize the Transportation System
- Continue to Support the Development of Alternative Transportation (*Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian*)
- Maintain and Modernize Water/Wastewater Facilities
- Continued Investment in Renewable Energy, Natural Gas and Broadband
- Revise/Update Regulations to Ensure an Emphasis on River Management

DIVERSE, AFFORDABLE, AND MARKET-RATE HOUSING

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

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Support Emergency Services in Rural Communities
- Create, Enhance, and Maintain Recreational, Cultural Resources, and Place-Making Opportunities
- Support Regional Initiatives that Promote Smart Growth Development

ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Support Urban Revitalization and Downtown Revitalization
- Expand Brownfield and Vacant Property Programs
- Preserve Tax Increment Financing (*TIF*)
- Support Programs that Enhance Business Retention and Recruitment
- Sustain Efforts to Match Education with Employment Needs
(Career Academy, Internships, Apprenticeships, Tuition Incentives and Work-Based Learning)
- Enhance Entrepreneurship Opportunities
- Increase Tourism
- Support Community Planning Guidance
- Encourage Population Growth

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SIMPCO is a catalyst for regional cooperation, uniting local governments in the Tri-State Siouland region. We partner with local governments in long-range planning, community development activities, and regional program management to foster intelligent growth, economic development and safe, accessible transportation.



INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

- Through SIMPCO's Transportation Improvement Program, \$426 million in federal, state and local funds are programmed (FY 2024 – 2027) for regional transportation projects.
- \$13.6 million in transportation infrastructure projects were awarded with assistance from SIMPCO in the Siouland area.
- SIMPCO assisted 5 Siouland communities on water/wastewater infrastructure improvement projects and assisted with securing \$556,950 in grants funds for water/waste water projects.
- \$796,392 in transportation planning funds were awarded to SIMPCO to assist in maintaining or improving the transportation network in the Siouland area.



ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- SIMPCO was awarded approximately \$152,000 in assistance from U.S. EDA, Iowa Economic Development Authority, and Nebraska Department of Economic Development to be used for economic development planning, research, and technical service throughout the region.
- SIMPCO assisted 2 communities with grant applications related to economic and workforce development equaling \$383,900 in awarded funds.
- SIMPCO continues to work with state and regional economic development organizations on issues related to economic development, such as broadband, business startups, infrastructure, and child care.
- SIMPCO assisted 5 communities/organizations with grant applications, plans and projects related to economic development improvements.

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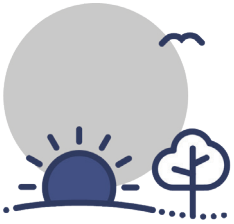
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DIVERSE, AFFORDABLE AND MARKET-RATE HOUSING

- SIMPCO housing programs expended over half a million dollars in grant funds for housing rehab projects in 15 Siouxland communities..
- SIMPCO housing programs rehabilitated 23 owner-occupied homes in the past year. Including completed projects for elderly and disabled households.
- SIMPCO contracted with 11 local contractors and sub-contractors for rehabilitation projects.
- SIMPCO assisted 3 Veterans with home-repair projects in FY 2024.



QUALITY OF LIFE

- SIMPCO assisted with 6 award winning grants equaling \$260,000 for Siouxland communities to improve community spaces.
- SIMPCO was awarded \$45,000 in funds to help initiate quality of life improvements for senior citizens and children within the Siouxland area.
- SIMPCO was awarded \$137,500 to complete a Hazard Mitigation Plan for Woodbury, Plymouth, Cherokee, Ida and Monona Counties.
- SIMPCO worked with 4 communities on emergency mitigation and management grants and projects.

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BY THE NUMBERS

\$426^{0m}

\$426M in transportation improvements programmed through SIMPCO (FY 2024-2027)

172

172 grants listed on our website

93 

93 board & committee meetings hosted by SIMPCO in FY 2024

54 

54 members of the SIMPCO organization

7 

7 communities worked on improving bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure and education

4 

4 communities worked with SIMPCO to update their comprehensive plan

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BY THE NUMBERS

23

23 owner-occupied homes were rehabilitated

36

36 communities worked directly with SIMPCO staff on grants, projects and plans

6

6 code updates were provided to SIMPCO members

\$19.3M

\$19.3 million in funds awarded to the Siouxland area with assistance from SIMPCO in FY 2024

949k

\$949,000 in planning funds awarded to SIMPCO in FY 2024.

15

15 communities worked with SIMPCO on housing projects and studies

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ABOUT SIMPCO

The Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO) is a council of governments serving seven counties in the Tri-State area of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. SIMPCO's service area covers over 50 local governments, special districts, school districts and non-profit organizations in the Tri-State area.

FY 24 MEMBERS

Cherokee County, IA

Aurelia, Cherokee, Cleghorn, Larrabee, Marcus, Washta

Dakota County, NE

Dakota City, Emerson, Homer, Hubbard, Jackson,
South Sioux City

Ida County, IA

Arthur, Galva, Holstein, Ida Grove

Monona County, IA

Blencoe, Castana, Mapleton, Moorhead, Onawa, Rodney, Soldier,
Ute, Whiting

FY 24 MEMBERS

Plymouth County, IA

Akron, Hinton, Kingsley, Le Mars, Remsen

Union County, SD

Dakota Dunes, North Sioux City

Woodbury County, IA

Anthon, Bronson, Correctionville, Cushing, Danbury, Hornick, Lawton, Merville, Oto, Salix, Sergeant Bluff, Sioux City, Sloan, Smithland

SIMPCO ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Western Iowa Tech Community College, Sioux City Community School District, Northeast Community College

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