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Diamond Vogel and Keep Iowa Beautiful Announce 2026 Paint Iowa Beautiful Grant Recipients

As part of Diamond Vogel's 100-year anniversary celebration, the company is proud to partner with Keep Iowa Beautiful in announcing the recipients of the 2026 Paint Iowa Beautiful grants. In honor of this milestone, 100 grants will be awarded in 2026, one for each year of Diamond Vogel's history.

The Paint Iowa Beautiful program is a longstanding partnership between Diamond Vogel and Keep Iowa Beautiful that provides free paint for volunteer-led projects that enhance public spaces across Iowa. Projects include historic buildings, libraries, schools, parks, community centers, and other shared community spaces.

Founded in 1926, Diamond Vogel is marking its centennial by investing in the communities that have supported the company for generations. Expanding the Paint Iowa Beautiful program to 100 grants in 2026 is a meaningful way to celebrate a century of manufacturing excellence, community partnership, and deep Iowa roots.

"As Diamond Vogel celebrates its 100th year, we are proud to support the volunteers who are helping strengthen communities across Iowa," said Doug Vogel, Vice President of Marketing and Strategic Relationships at Diamond Vogel. "These projects do more than improve the appearance of public spaces. They bring people together, build pride, and create lasting value in the places Iowans call home."

Over its 23-year partnership with Keep Iowa Beautiful, Diamond Vogel has awarded enough paint to cover more than five million square feet of surface area, supporting 1,651 community projects across Iowa. These efforts have transformed public spaces, inspired volunteerism, and strengthened local pride.

"Paint Iowa Beautiful is more than just fresh paint. It's about revitalizing community spaces and strengthening connections," shared Andy Frantz, Executive Director of Keep Iowa Beautiful. "When volunteers come together to improve local amenities, it cultivates leadership, civic pride, and a renewed sense of place."

2026 Paint Iowa Beautiful Grant Recipients:

Community	Organization Name
Albert City	City of Albert City
Albia	Albia Chamber Main Street
Albion	Albion Friends of the Library
Alta	Hanover Historical Society of Iowa
Ames	The Ames Foundation
Asbury	City of Asbury
Auburn	Auburn Museum
Audubon	Audubon County Tourism
Aurelia	Aurelia Hometown Pride
Bagley	City of Bagley
Baxter	Baxter American Legion Post #493
Beaman	City of Beaman
Belle Plaine	Preston's Station Historic District
Bellevue	Friends of Bellevue State Park
Burlington	Downtown Partners
Cedar Rapids	Cedar Rapids Parks Foundation
Cedar Rapids	Eastern Iowa Arts Academy
Centerville	PACT
Central City	Hawkeye Area Council, Scouting America
Clarence	Clarence Main Street
Clarion	Clarion Development Alliance (CDA)
Colfax	Colfax Main Street
Colo	Reed-Niland Corner, Inc
Columbus Junction	ISU Extension and Outreach, Louisa County
Cushing	Cushing American Legion Post 624
Decorah	ArtHaus
Decorah	Senior Citizen Hospitality Center
Delhi	Delhi Hometown Pride
Des Moines	Des Moines Carousel Foundation
Dubuque	Dubuque County Fair Association, Inc.
Eagle Grove	Steel Wheel Homestead, Inc.
Eagle Grove	Wright County District Junior Fair
Elkader	City of Elkader
Elma	Elma Community Complex
Fairfield	Fairfield Area Development Foundation
Fairfield	Fairfield Beautification Commission
Ferguson	Ferguson Community Center
Forest City	Rotary Club of Forest City
Galva	Galva Economic Development Corporation (GEDC)
Gilmore City	Gilmore City Hometown Pride
Gladbrook	City of Gladbrook

Glenwood	Glenwood Betterment and Beautification
Grand Junction	Grand Junction Fire & Rescue
Grand Junction	City of Grand Junction
Guttenberg	Guttenberg Chamber of Commerce
Hamburg	Hamburg Hometown Pride
Iowa City	Johnson County Agricultural Association
Keokuk	Keokuk Walldogs Mural Arts
Lake City	South Central Calhoun Little League
Lake City	Goins Memorial Park Revitalization Project
Lake Mills	Lake Mills Chamber Development Corporation
Lake Park	Lake Park Hometown Pride
Lake View	City of Lake View IA Park Board
Le Mars	Plymouth County Fair
Letts	Louisa-Muscatine Elementary School PTO
Lohrville	Lohrville Visions/City of Lohrville
Lone Tree	Lone Tree Community Foundation Inc.
Manning	Manning Community Foundation
Manning	Manning Area Partners
Maquoketa	Jackson County Senior Citizen's Center, Inc
Marble Rock	Floyd County Conservation
Mason City	Kinney Pioneer Museum and Historical Society of North Iowa
Miles	Great River Threshers
Milton	City of Milton
Minden	City of Minden
Mingo	Mingo Hometown Pride
Montezuma	Montezuma Community Development
Moravia	Moravia Betterment Committee
Nevada	Camelot Theater Foundation
New Hartford	Friends of the Martin Memorial Library
Oakland	Eckels Memorial Library
Odebolt	Tlobedo Questers #485
Oelwein	City of Oelwein
Ottumwa	Main Street Ottumwa
Persia	Persia Ball Association
Plover	Plover Hometown Pride & the City of Plover
Pocahontas	Pocahontas Area Rotary Club
Pomeroy	City of Pomeroy Iowa
Rock Rapids	City of Rock Rapids
Rock Rapids	Rock Rapids Chamber of Commerce
Rock Rapids	Kiwanis of Rock Rapids
Rock Rapids	Lyon County Historical Society
Rockwell City	South Central Calhoun Athletic Booster Club
Royal	Royal Hometown Pride

Ruthven	Lost Island Ruthven Betterment Association
Spencer	Clay County Garden Club
State Center	State Center Development Association
State Center	State Center Parks and Recreation
Storm Lake	Buena Vista County Historical Society
Swisher	Swisher Community Library
Varina	Varina Hometown Pride
Villisca	Villisca Community Betterment Association
Volga	Volga Park Board
Wapello	Louisa County Conservation
Washington	Main Street Washington
Washington	Green Acres 4-H Club (Washington County 4-H)
Waverly	The Ira and Asenath Sturdevant House: A living history project
West Branch	Main Street West Branch
Winterset	Madison County Covered Bridge Preservation Association
Woodbine	Woodbine Main Street

To learn more about Paint Iowa Beautiful, visit <https://keepiowabeautiful.org/grants-scholarships/grants/paint-iowa-beautiful/>.

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About Diamond Vogel

Diamond Vogel is a manufacturer of high-quality paint and coatings based in Orange City, Iowa. Founded in 1926, Diamond Vogel provides coating solutions to the architectural, industrial, farm and home, wood finishes, toll manufacturing, aerosol, and traffic markets. For more information about Diamond Vogel visit our website at diamondvogel.com.

About Keep Iowa Beautiful

Founded in 2000 by Governor Robert D. Ray and Donald F. Lamberti, Keep Iowa Beautiful is a statewide non-profit empowering Iowans to create vibrant communities and build hometown pride through volunteer-driven enhancement programs. An affiliate of the Keep America Beautiful program, Keep Iowa Beautiful strives for a thriving Iowa supported by strong local leadership, beautiful public spaces, and engaged residents. To learn more about our programs or to donate, please visit our website at <https://keepiowabeautiful.org/>.