

Keokuk  
County



# CIVIL REMEDIES WHAT CHEER, IOWA

In the strategy of Civil Remedies the Strategic Initiatives to Prevent Drug Overdoses (SIPDO) Grant assisted in funding removal of abandoned buildings where methamphetamine was made, used, and/or manufactured for the safety of the community. The SIPDO Coordinator worked with city officials, law enforcement, stakeholders, and the Keokuk County Mental Health Coalition to identify areas of risk to be removed and have the greatest positive impact on the city of What Cheer, and county of Keokuk.

## Successes:

- Removal of abandoned homes
- Removal of abandoned businesses
- Increase in removals from 2 to 4 per year with help of SIPDO funding
- Improved safety and community esthetic
- Additional properties continually being identified and obtained for the future of the project

**WE THANK OUR  
COMMUNITY  
PARTNERS!**

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