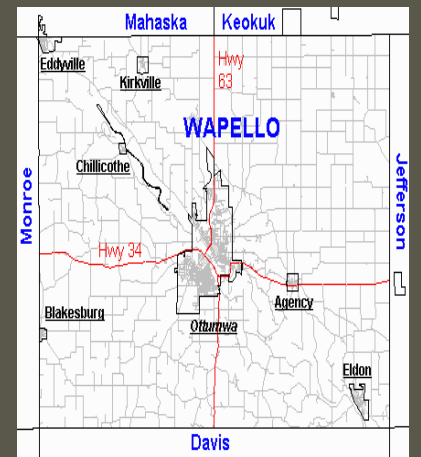




Wapello County

Ottumwa, Iowa



Alterations to the Physical Environment

Strategic Initiatives to Prevent Drug Overdoses Grant SIPDO

Through the Strategic Initiatives to Prevent Drug Overdoses (SIPDO) grant, the Alterations to the Physical Environment strategy was chosen by the Wapello County Coalition because of drug related crime/violence and illegal drug activities happening in neighborhoods was on the rise according to local police assesement data. This stategy includes physical design changes through formal written policy change agreements signed by Ottumwa city officials and Sieda Community Action. The implementation process included installing and maintaining surveillance cameras in the two agreed fixed locations for the purpose of deterring and or preventing illegal drug activities in the city of Ottumwa, Iowa neighborhoods.

The SIPDO grant was funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Partnership with the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services and Sieda Community Action Behavioral Health and Treatment Services.

The 360° public surveillance camera was selected to help provide more safety and livability to community neighborhoods. The 360° surveillance system will be used to deter illegal drug activitiy in specifc areas to help prevent illicit drug use and overdoses in Wapello County.

Successes:

Installed two new surveillance cameras.

Solid partnership with local police.

Community stakeholder involvement.

Improved public safety.

Improved neighborhood livability.

Collaborated with community partners to sustain this strategy after SIPDO funding ends.

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