REQUEST FOR CENTER CLOSURE: IOWA COMMUNITY VITALITY CENTER

**Action Requested:** Recommend approval of Iowa State University’s request to close the Iowa Community Vitality Center

The Council of Provosts and the Board office support this request.

**Background:** Board of Regents policy 3.7.G requires centers or institutes that support the research and service mission of the institution go before the Academic Affairs Committee with requests for closure. The impact on the institutional teaching commitment, financial resources and external stakeholders are key considerations.

The mission of the Iowa Community Vitality Center (CVC) is to serve as a catalyst for innovative projects and initiatives designed to improve the vitality of Iowa communities. The CVC facilitates networking among small and medium size rural communities, sponsors policy analyses, engages communities in dialogue, and fosters discussion among rural and urban interests.

**Rationale for request to close:** Funding for the CVC was legislatively directed, however, it ended in 2010. The center director has retired (8/31/2020) and a replacement will not be sought. With no leadership available it would be appropriate to terminate the center.

**Impact of closure:** The one remaining staff person was moved to Community and Economic Development Extension as of July 1, 2020. The web resources will be evaluated and appropriate portions moved to another appropriate website.

**Proposed date of closure:** December 31, 2020