The Mid Iowa Development Association (MIDAS) Council of Governments is pleased to launch the 2020 Photo Contest!

The contest is an opportunity for you to tell the story of your community through images that capture the people and places that make your communities wonderful places to live, work, and play. We are looking for creative, engaging, and exciting photos to showcase our great regional resources in the following four categories:

- **Our Hometown**
- **Arts & Education**
- **Scenic/Landscapes**
- **Recreation/Tourism/Transit**

**Contest Rules:**
- The photo contest is open from August 17 to September 28, 2020 (closing at 5 PM Central)
- The contest is open to residents located in the MIDAS Council of Governments region (Calhoun, Hamilton, Humboldt, Pocahontas, Webster, and Wright Counties)
- Each entrant can submit up to 2 photos per category, for a maximum of 8 photos
- Photos must have been taken within the past two years
- Entrants must receive consent from identifiable persons in photos and submit such consent with their submission, if applicable (see attached sample consent form for adults and children)
- Photos may not be edited using a filter or photo shopping tool

**How to Submit Photos:**
- Photos from both digital cameras and high-resolution smart phones will be accepted
- All photos must be submitted digitally along with a signed Photo Contest Release Form (see attached)
- E-mail your photos to kpfiffner@midascog.net. In the subject line, write “MIDAS Photo Contest Submission – [YOUR NAME/CATEGORY].”

**Judging and Prizes:**
Photos will be judged on creativity, composition, impression, and overall artistic merit as it relates to each category. One winner will be selected for each category and will receive a $25 Casey’s gift card.

**Questions:**
Please direct any questions to kpfiffner@midascog.net.