

# Vision Iowa Helps Czech and Slovak Museums

The Vision Iowa Board has awarded \$3.6 million to the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids and enhancements to an aquatic center in Ottumwa.

The grant through the Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Fund is designed to help this culturally significant museum to rebuild and to attract visitors from out of state.

The project consists of the renovation of the existing flood-damaged museum building, which will be moved and elevated above a floor of parking. A new wing will be added to increase the total size to 50,000 square feet.

The award was contingent upon the completion of fundraising in 120 days and basic LEED certification.

## ***Beach Ottumwa***

There was also \$98,000 awarded to the City of Ottumwa. This project includes enhancements to the existing Beach Ottumwa facility; specifically a new curly waterslide and renovation of the children's play area.

The award was contingent upon the completion of fundraising in 30 days.