

3.4 Intergovernmental Cooperation

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Assessment Process	
A.	The assessment of needs, wants, and resources is achieved by surveys, town meetings, brain storming, focus group studies, and mayoral-appointed advisory committees.

Program Standards	
A.	Organization: The City of Lamar acts as a liaison for the cooperation of all government agencies at all levels.
B.	Mission Statement: The mission of Lamar’s Intergovernmental Cooperation program is to coordinate the actions of all government agencies to prevent overlap, boost efficiency, and expand service delivery of programs.
C.	<p>Regionalism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Lamar is an active participant in a Regional Planning Commission. The city administrator currently serves on the board of the RPC. • Lamar is also active in the Regional Solid Waste Management District with board representation by the city administrator as well. • The City of Lamar holds active membership in the Missouri Municipal League. The council regularly attends MML’s annual convention. • Additionally, the City of Lamar is a founding member of the Southwest Missouri Economic Development Alliance.
D.	<p>Intra-jurisdictional Cooperation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The city cooperates with the county in regards to the city park that is outside the city and in the county. Costs are shared for improvements to the park. The city recently donated land to the county for a new bridge at the park. 2. The city has agreements with the county for maintenance of roads with common boundaries. The city recently completed an asphalt overlay for a feeder road and is basing another feeder road for paving. The city cooperates with area townships for needs such as a sweeper and grader. The city-run taxi service extends into the county for services. 3. The city cooperates with the state Conservation Department regarding hunting and fishing restrictions. 4. The city cooperates with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources regarding the quality of water entering the state's streams. The city submits reports monthly regarding water quality. 5. The city coordinates with the Missouri Division of Natural Resources to maintain standards at the landfill. The city also worked with the DNR to obtain a permit for a composting area and a tank to accept used oil. The compost is given free to citizens engaged in gardening. 6. The city cooperates with the county to monitor local streams during flood events and potential evacuations. 7. The city and the county-wide Chamber of Commerce are working together in several economic development endeavors. One of many examples is the issue of affordable housing. An application is pending with the Missouri Housing Development Commission for 36 new affordable housing townhouse units. The city also developed land for 15 new lots in a housing subdivision. 8. Ordinances are kept current to conform to all state laws and regulations. 9. Building codes are kept current to conform to all state and federal laws and regulations.

	<p>10. The city is partnering with the State Parks Department to construct improvements at the Truman Birthplace State Park. The city purchases property to hold until state funds become available for expansion purposes.</p> <p>11. The city fire department serves portions of the county without additional taxation.</p>
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Program Evaluation

The success of Intergovernmental Cooperation endeavors for Lamar are addressed through:

- Best practices benchmarks established through the Missouri Municipal League
- Annual Surveys of the local community
- Mayoral-appointed committees and regular reports to the City Council