



The Commission serves the Greater Wabash District by providing local, regional, and comprehensive planning; facilitating knowledge enhancement; securing and administering funds; and promoting cooperative solutions to regional issues.

Wanting to apply for a grant? Here are some tips!

1. Applications take time.... Prepare in advance
2. Make sure your SAM and GATA accounts are up-to-date.
3. Some grants require ordinances and policies, so be ready to put them in place.
4. Choose projects that are consistent with local plans.
5. Do your research! Know your utility rates, assets, or anything that may apply to the grant you are pursuing.

Revolving Loan Fund

Looking to open a business? GWRPC provides low interest loans to area businesses to create or retain private sector jobs. Loans can be between \$10,000 and \$300,000, with one job created per every \$30,000 in loan funds.

Disaster Funds (Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky)

WASHINGTON – Indiana businesses and residents affected by severe storms and tornadoes on July 9, are eligible to apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration, [SBA Administrator Isabel Casillas Guzman](#) announced today.

Administrator Guzman made the loans available in response to a letter from Indiana Governor Eric J. Holcomb on July 19, requesting a disaster declaration by the SBA. Businesses and residents in the declared area can now apply for low-interest disaster loans from the SBA. The declaration covers Gibson and Posey counties and the adjacent counties of Knox, Pike, Vanderburgh and Warrick in **Indiana**; Gallatin, Wabash and White in **Illinois**; and Henderson and Union in **Kentucky**.

“The SBA is strongly committed to providing the people of Indiana with the most effective and customer-focused response possible to assist businesses of all sizes, homeowners and renters with federal disaster loans,” said Guzman. “Getting businesses and communities up and running after a disaster is our highest priority at SBA.”

The SBA will open Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs) to assist businesses and residents complete their disaster loan application, accept documents, and provide updates on an application’s status. Walk-ins are accepted, but you can [schedule an in-person appointment at an SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center in advance](#).

FEMA Mitigation Planning Webinars



The graphic features a green backpack with a white checkmark on the left. To its right, the text reads "Back to School Mitigation Planning Webinar Series" in bold, with "Mitigation Planning Webinar Series" in red. Below this, it says "Learn how to:" followed by four green checkmarks and their corresponding actions: "Engage socially vulnerable communities", "Strengthen mitigation capabilities", "Conduct a vulnerability assessment", and "Integrate and adopt the plan". The FEMA logo is in the top right corner. In the bottom right, there is an illustration of a person at a computer monitor.

Back to School
Mitigation Planning Webinar Series

Learn how to:

- ✓ Engage socially vulnerable communities
- ✓ Strengthen mitigation capabilities
- ✓ Conduct a vulnerability assessment
- ✓ Integrate and adopt the plan

FEMA

On behalf of Mary Beth Caruso, FEMA Region 5 Mitigation Division Director, please join us for the upcoming “Back to School” Mitigation Planning Webinar Series!

These webinars will provide helpful tips and resources to support the hazard mitigation planning process. We know that the planning process can be challenging and are offering tutorials and policy guidance to help make the

planning process as smooth as possible. The webinars will focus on socially vulnerable populations, capacity building, and plan integration.

Register below for these 60-minute webinars that will include time for questions and discussion:

- [Engaging Socially Vulnerable Populations in the Planning Process](#)

August 13, 2024 at 10 AM CT

- [Conducting a Vulnerability Assessment](#)

August 20, 2024 at 10 AM CT

- [Strengthening Mitigation Capabilities in a Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)

August 27, 2024 at 10 AM CT

- [Plan Integration and Plan Adoption](#)

September 10, 2024 at 10 AM CT

CDBG Applications

DCEO has announced that CDBG applications will be due **Wednesday December 4th** of this year!

CDBG Guidebook/NOFO is expected to be released mid-August!

HUD Davis-Bacon Training



You're Invited: Contractors, Developers & Lenders

From the Office of
Davis-Bacon and Labor Standards

The Office of Davis-Bacon and Labor Standards is offering free webinars to learn more about federal labor law in the construction industry!

Dates and Times:

August 27, 2024 | 10:00 am-11:30 am CDT

August 28, 2024 | 10:00 am-11:30 am PST

August 29, 2024 | 10:00 am-11:30 am EST

Registration is required for EACH DAY individually.

If you are located in the Central United States, please register here to attend the webinar scheduled for August 27, 2024:

August 27 Registration

If you are located in the Pacific United States, please register here to attend the webinar scheduled for August 28, 2024:

[August 28 Registration](#)

If are located in the Eastern United States, please register here to attend the webinar scheduled for August 29, 2024:

[August 29 Registration](#)

The webinars are free to attend but registration is required.

Join us to learn more about the ["DOL Final Rule: Updating the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts Regulations"](#)& important information on Labor Standards

Workforce and Lead Service Line Survey

Below is a brief survey for Illinois mayors and municipal staff about their goals, opportunities, successes, and challenges related to lead service line replacement and workforce development. The survey responses will help inform advocacy efforts, and statewide opinions are ideal.

Please click [HERE](#) for the survey!

Public Infrastructure

Community Development Block Grants

CDBG Project Requirements

1. Meet Low or Moderate Income Requirements
2. Document a threat to health or safety
3. Have the proper permits. To have the proper permits, an engineer must be hired, surveys must be completed, and permits must be submitted and received.

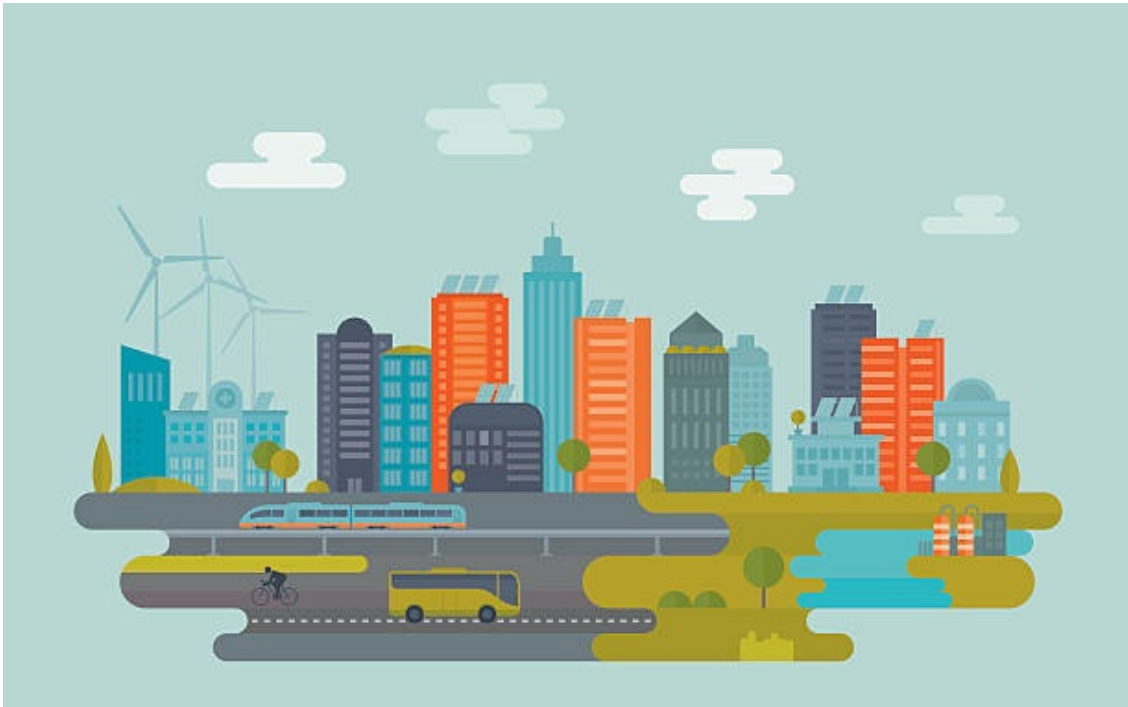
In order to submit a CDBG application, the applicant must meet these criteria. In previous years, applications not including proper permits would lose points but could still be selected for awards; earlier this year, however, Illinois DCEO announced any application without proper permits moving forward will be thrown out and deemed **Do Not Fund**. Additionally, DCEO has stated any audit-related FEIN Lock between the grant application and grant award will cause an automatic loss of an awarded CDBG project. Municipalities are strongly encouraged to be in contact with their auditors to ensure audits are completed locally and on GATA in a timely manner.

We recommend planning for applications a year in advance to be sure they can be completed and submitted on time. In the most recent cycle, the Village of

Noble was awarded \$829,000 for work at its sewer lagoon, and environmental work is underway now.

Contact Jeff Vaughan with questions about starting a CDBG application for this year!

Illinois DCEO Grant Opportunities



Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development

The Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Program is a state-financed grant program that provides funding assistance to local government agencies for acquisition and/or development of land for public parks and open space.

OSLAD grants are available to units of local government that are authorized by Illinois law to expend public funds for the acquisition and development of land for public outdoor park, recreation, or conservation purposes. School districts are not eligible.

Funding assistance up to 50% (9% for distressed communities) of approved project costs can be obtained.

To learn more, visit their [website!](#)



Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program

The goal of the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program is to allocate resources to well-planned smaller scale, but critically important projects that provide and support connected alternate modes of transportation that are safe for all users, enhance the transportation system through preservation of visual and cultural resources, and improve the quality of life for members of the communities impacted.

Projects must meet the following general criteria to qualify for ITEP funds:

- A. The project must have an eligible sponsor.
- B. The project must relate to surface transportation.
- C. The project must fit within one of the eligible categories.
- D. The project must be selected through a competitive process.

ITEP project application submittal cycle begins August 1, 2024 (8:00 am CST) and ends September 30, 2024 (5:00pm CST)

Grants Awarded

DRA Strategic Planning

- New Harmony Bridge

ILETSB Recruitment

- Olney
- Robinson
- Mt. Carmel
- Norris City
- Crossville

- Crawford County

ILETSB Camera

- Crawford County

Small Equipment

- Christy Fire Protection District

Assistance to Firefighters

- Mt. Carmel





Current Projects

CDBG

Grayville Waterline Replacement

West Salem Lagoon

Lawrenceville Waterlines

Crawford County Sewer Treatment Plant

Olney Sanitary Sewer Relining

Geff Water Systems Improvement

Rebuild Illinois

Olney Storm Sewer

FEMA

Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Energy Transition

White County

PARC

Crossville

LSLI

Burnt Prairie



Upcoming Projects

DRA (White County Only)

Strategic Planning Program

States' Economic Development

Assistance Program (SEDAP)

EDA

Public Works Economic Adjustment Assistance

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development

Illinois Department of Transportation

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program

Economic Development Program

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD)

Illinois is currently trying to discover where broadband access is lacking with hopes to expand infrastructure in the near future. To do so, Illinois has released BEAD. More information on BEAD and other broadband programs can be found

at the link below.

Federal Broadband Updates

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Reporting for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), a part of the American Rescue Plan, is due at the end of April. Entities who have not utilized all of their ARPA funds must obligate those funds by December 31, 2024, and funds must be expended by September 30, 2026 for Surface Transportation and Title I projects. For all other eligible uses, funds must be expended by December 31, 2026.

Small Business Development Center

Michelle Brooks with SBDC will be at GWRPC the 4th Wednesday of the month from 1:00-4:00pm. SBDC offers free business advice for entrepreneurs. She serves Crawford, Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, and Wayne counties. Contact her at 618-562-3744 or brooksm1@iecc.edu

IECC SBDC

Lori Cox is the Director of the Workforce and Illinois Small Business Development Center and serves White County. Contact her at 618-252-5400 ext. 2300 or lori.cox@sic.edu

SIC SBDC

Notice!

- Check your GATA accounts to make sure ICQ's are completed!
- The GWRPC is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 to 4:30!
- GWRPC will be closed August 16th for training!



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