



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.



Gracie Rawlinson is completing a work-based training at Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission. The training is funded through the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. (WIOA). Her training program is a planned, structured learning experience that takes place in a workplace for a limited period of time, allowing her to gain basic employee skills such as being on time, dressing appropriately, working with supervision, customer service, etc. as well as specific job skills utilized at the worksite in a real world work setting. In addition to the valuable experience, the participant also earns an hourly wage while they learn.

The business benefits by having the opportunity to influence the training of the next generation of employees by offering hands on real world training in their business. The WIOA program is the employer of record and therefore incurs all of the cost including the wages, associated payroll taxes, worker's compensation and liability insurance for the participant and the business provides supervision and the training.

For more information contact Southern 14 Workforce Investment Board at 618-382-5024, boffice@so14lwib.com



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY ANNOUNCE \$850 MILLION TO REDUCE METHANE POLLUTION
FROM THE OIL AND GAS SECTOR**

This funding from the Inflation Reduction Act—the largest climate investment in history—will help mitigate legacy air pollution, create good jobs in the energy sector and disadvantaged communities, reduce waste and inefficiencies in U.S. oil and gas operations, and realize near-term emissions reductions, helping the United States reach President Biden’s ambitious climate and clean air goals. The funding will specifically help small oil and natural gas operators reduce methane emissions and transition to available and innovative methane emissions reduction technologies, while also supporting partnerships that improve emissions measurement and provide accurate, transparent data to impacted communities.

Please go [HERE](#) for more information!

Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center

SPRINT TO SUCCESS.

Project Options:

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION

BLUEPRINT READING

EMPLOYEE RETENTION PROGRAM

EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

MAINTENANCE EXCELLENCE

SALES & MARKETING STRATEGY

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Accelerate Your Manufacturing Success

Choose from a range of fully funded projects tailored to boost competitiveness, from expanding your business and enhancing brand visibility to upskilling your workforce and achieving strategic goals. Now is your time to SPRINT TO SUCCESS.

1. Scan the QR code to get started.
2. Review the project options.
3. Apply for the project of your choice.
4. An agreement will be emailed.
5. Review, sign, and return the agreement sent to you.



Illinois manufacturers in specified regions qualify. Funding covers one of the eligible projects per company. No substitutions or customization. All projects must be completed by 12/01/2024. Funding is limited to one project per company. Email grants@imec.org with eligibility questions.



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Rural Community Assistant Program



Great Lakes
COMMUNITY ACTION
P A R T N E R S H I P

The Great Lakes RCAP offers a variety of services to Illinois!

GLRCAP field agents assist communities with technical, managerial, and financial issues through project development and capacity building.

Their services include:

- Asset Management
- CDBG Grant Administration
- CMOM Planning
- Community Planning
- Decentralized Waste Water Treatment
- Emergency Response Plans
- Energy Audits
- Environmental Reports
- GIS Data Collection & Development
- Grant Writing
- Management & Financing
- Policies and Procedures Review
- Project Development
- Rate Analysis
- Sewer Condition Assessments
- Source Water Protection
- Training for Local Officials
- Valve Exercising Plans & Services

Visit their [website](#) to learn more!

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



Rebuild Downtowns & Main Streets

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) is issuing this Notice of Funding Opportunity to request applications for the Rebuild Downtowns & Main Streets (RDMS) Capital Grant Program and for the Research in Illinois to Spur Economic Recovery (RISE) Implementation Grant Program.

RDMS will facilitate investment to revitalize commercial corridors and downtown areas in Illinois, offering capital grants to support improvements in communities that have experienced disinvestment, particularly those hardest-hit by the COVID-19 crisis. This support will help to accelerate Illinois' economic recovery and promote long-term, sustainable, and inclusive growth for the state.

For more information, click [here!](#)



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% (90% for distressed communities - OSLAD program only) 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)

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.

IECC 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 July 4th for Independence Day!



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