



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.

Lawrence County Receives Grant Award

Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission assisted Lawrence County with an Energy Transition Community (ETC) Phase I grant application in March. In late May, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, through their funding criteria and formula, selected Lawrence County to receive an ETC award of \$83,406 to help address the economic and social impact of the community's plant/mine retirements. Phase II of the application involves public comment and participation, and that application packet is due at the end of July.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant



The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Office of Energy is offering a 3rd and final round funding opportunity to municipalities and counties for the development of local strategic energy or climate action plans through the U.S. Department of Energy (US DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. Such plans can help qualify units of local government for future project funding.

These funds are available to municipalities and counties only. Grant awards range from \$25,000 to \$150,000. Cost match is not required. Please note- any unit of local government eligible to receive US DOE EECBG Program Formula Grant or Voucher funding is not eligible for funding through this state program.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view the Notice of Funding Opportunity and other detailed program information and resources!

Applications due June 17th, 2024.

LWIA 23 Workforce Roundtable Event

LWIA 23 Business Services Team will bring together local businesses to discuss the changing gaps in workforce skills and training within the

manufacturing industry.

Please use the QR code below to RSVP!

Manufacturing Industry Roundtable 2024

w/ the LWIA 23 Business Services Team

 **July 23, 2024**
2:00 to 4:00 pm

 **Effingham, IL**
Effingham Public Library
(Workman Room)
200 N. Third St.
Effingham, IL 62401

QR Code to RSVP





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OSLAD Opening July 1st

The Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant program is set to begin July 1st.

OSLAD provides funding assistance to local government agencies for the acquisition and development of land for public parks and open space. The program is administered by IDNR. Projects vary from small neighborhood parks to large community parks and nature areas.

Applications will be due September 13th, 2024.



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**.

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, applications were submitted for Albion, Grayville, Bridgeport, and Noble. Contact Jeff Vaughan with questions about starting a CDBG application for this year!

Illinois DCEO Grant Opportunities



FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan

What is Hazard Mitigation?

Hazard mitigation is a sustained effort to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards. It's an ongoing process that can take place before, during, and after disasters. The goal of hazard mitigation is to break the cycle of damage and repair in hazardous areas, and to help communities recover more quickly from disasters.

5-County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Lawrence, Crawford, Edwards, Wabash, and Wayne counties are in the process of updating their FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plans. The University of Illinois and GWRPC are working together to coordinate community meetings, and the next meeting dates are shown on the agenda below. If you missed the kickoff meeting, meeting notes and information are available at the link below. Also, please take the time to complete the community survey:

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/4468b42cca5449269a56992b0cf40d3>

Wayne, Edwards, Wabash, and Lawrence County time and location:

GREATER WABASH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE – MEETING 3 – HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECTS

	Date & Time	Location
In-Person	Wednesday June 5, 2024 1:00PM – 3:00PM	Wayne County-Bob Boyles Hall, 2 Frontier Drive, Fairfield, IL 62837
In-Person	Thursday June 6, 2024 9:00AM – 11:00AM	Edwards County-Farm Bureau, 15 S 5 th Street, Albion, IL 62806
In-Person	Thursday June 6, 2024 1:00PM – 3:00PM	Wabash County-Mt Carmel City Hall, 631 N Market Street, IL 62863
In-Person	Thursday June 13, 2024 8:00AM – 10:00AM	Lawrence County-Lawrenceville City Hall, 700 State Street, Lawrenceville, IL 62439
Virtual	Tuesday June 18, 2024 5:30PM-6:30PM	Zoom Link: https://illinois.zoom.us/j/89565684029?pwd=ejZHYjcvenk2TjkrUUs0M3MzdGtUT09 Meeting ID: 895 6568 4029 Password: 983429

AGENDA DETAILS

I. WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

II. MEETING RECAP AND PLAN REQUIREMENTS

III. HAZARD PROFILES AND MITIGATION IDEAS

IV. MITIGATION PROJECTS ACTIVITY

V. WRAP UP

Meeting agendas, minutes, and materials will be stored on the
[Greater Wabash 5 County Plan Box Drive](#)

VI. ADJOURN

Crawford County time and location:

GREATER WABASH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE – MEETING 2 – HAZARD RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION STRATEGIES

	Date & Time	Location
In-Person	Thursday June 13, 2024 11:30AM – 2:00PM	Robinson Civic Center 300 S Lincoln St Robinson, IL 62454

AGENDA DETAILS

I. WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

II. COMMUNITY SURVEY

III. COMMUNITY VULNERABILITIES

IV. HAZARD PROFILES AND MITIGATION IDEAS

V. RISK ASSESSMENT AND ACTIVITY

VI. MITIGATION STRATEGIES ACTIVITY

VII. WRAP UP

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VIII. ADJOURN

Illinois Law Enforcement

COPS Hiring Program

The COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is a competitive award program designed to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

Anticipated outcomes of the CHP program awards include engagement in planned community partnerships, implementation of projects to analyze and

assess problems, implementation of changes to personnel and agency management in support of community policing, and increased capacity of agency to engage in community policing activities.

Deadline June 12, 2024.

ILEAS Less Lethal Alternatives Grant Program

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) has posted a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Less Lethal Alternatives for Law Enforcement Grant. As the name implies, this State-funded grant is designed to offer law enforcement officers alternatives to the use of force by providing less lethal tools and training. The focus is on Conducted Energy Weapons in the form of the Taser 7 and 10, and support training on topics such as de-escalation, cultural competency, trauma-informed response, and more.

Please click [here](#) for more information!

Applications due June 7th, 2024 @ 5PM

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**

ISP NG911

- **Edwards County**

Energy Transition

- **White County**

PARC

- **Crossville**

LSLI

- **Burnt Prairie**

OSLAD

- **West Salem**

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 Land Acquisition and Development**

Illinois Department of Transportation

- **Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program**
- **Economic Development Program**

Department of Justice

- **COPS Hiring Grant**

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 June 19th for Juneteenth National Independence Day.



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