



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.

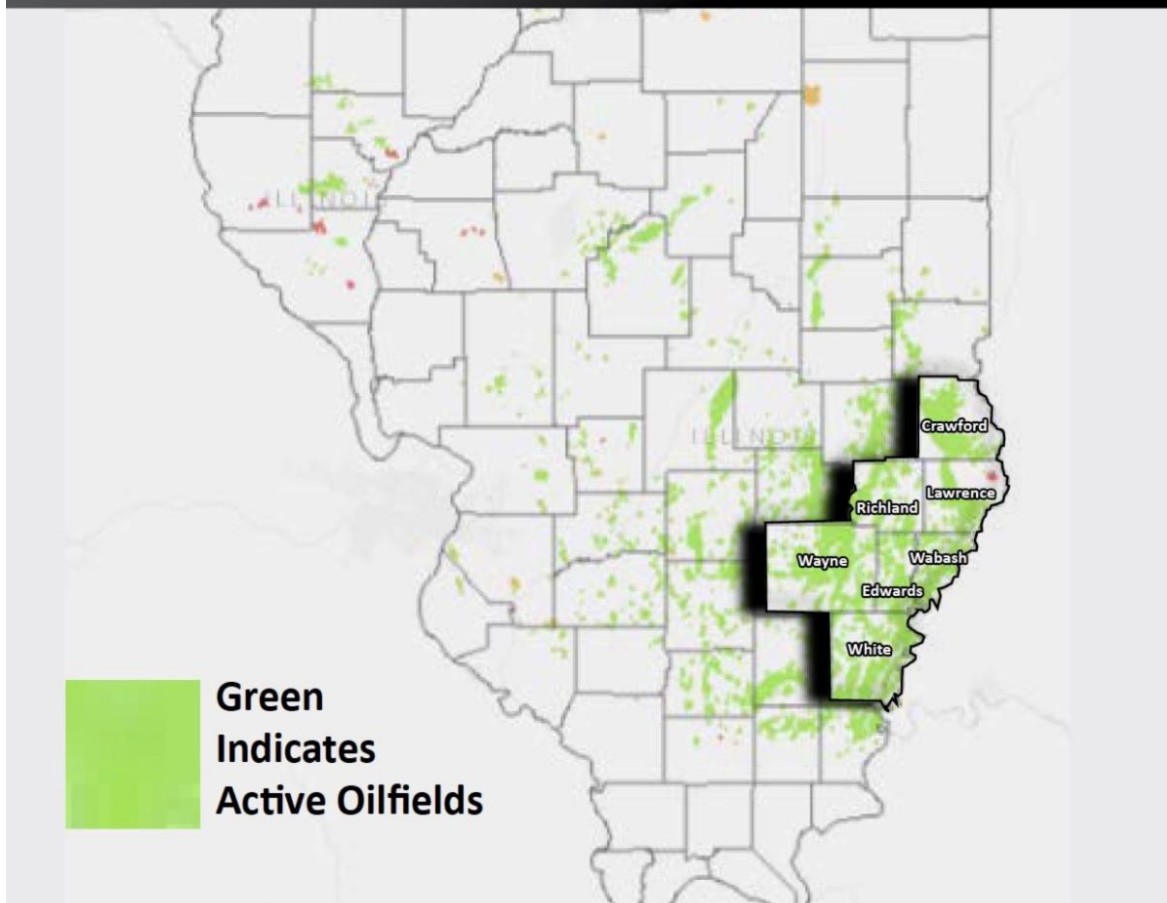
Revolving Loan Fund

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.

Illinois Petroleum Resources Board

IPRB executive director Seth Whitehead was a featured speaker at the most recent GWRPC annual meeting. Whitehead's presentation focused on the positive economic impact made by the Illinois oil production industry throughout the Illinois Basin and GWRPC's seven-county region, specifically.

Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission Oil Production Industry Economic Impact



By The Numbers



DCEO

RISE & RDMS

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (“DCEO”) is issuing this Notice of Funding Opportunity (“NOFO”) 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. Each program will facilitate investments intended to accelerate economic

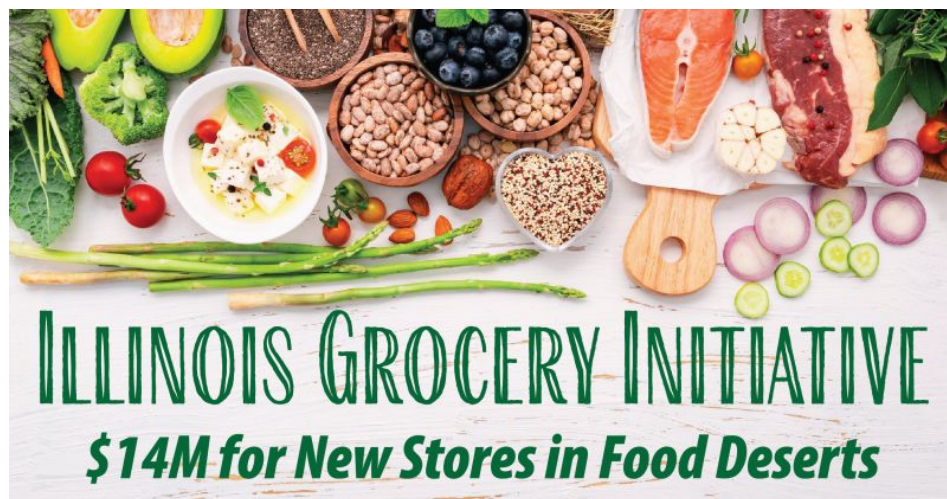
recovery following the pandemic. Applicants will provide a single application for an eligible project, and within the application denote whether the project is eligible for RDMS, RISE, or both.

Eligibility for both RDMS and RISE Implementation grants will be determined by characteristics of the applicant and the project. The following entities are eligible to apply for both RDMS and RISE Implementation grants:

- Economic development organizations (EDOs)
- Local units of government (e.g., municipalities, counties, townships)
- Private Businesses

For more information and to review the NOFO, [click here](#). Application deadline July 22, 2024.

Illinois Grocery Initiative



New Stores in Food Deserts Grant

Governor JB Pritzker and Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton joined food justice advocates and local stakeholders to announce a new grant program from the Illinois Grocery Initiative. The New Stores in Food Deserts Program will offer competitive grants to encourage the establishment of new grocery stores in USDA defined food deserts.

Awards can range between \$160K to \$2.4M, with a 1:3 match requirement from businesses. Requirements for grocery locations include:

- Must be located in a food desert,
- Must earn less than 30% of revenue from alcohol and tobacco sales,
- Must accept SNAP and WIC, and
- Must contribute to diversity of fresh foods available in community.

To view the competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), please visit the DCEO website [here](#)

Application deadline May 24, 2024

A second, larger round will be open approximately June 1-August 31

IDNR OSLAD Grant Submission Webinar

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources will host a grant submission webinar for the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) matching grant program at **11 a.m. Wednesday, May 15**.

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.

The webinar will help potential grant applicants familiarize themselves with the OSLAD program and understand the components needed to complete a grant submission. Leading the webinar will be Upland Design's Michelle Kelly, principal landscape architect, and IDNR's Patrick Davis, grants manager and chief accountability officer for IDNR.

Click [here](#) to register for the webinar.

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 grant, the applicant must meet these criteria. Without this information, an application cannot be completed. We recommend planning for applications a year in advance to make sure the application will be completed on time. Applications were submitted this cycle for Albion, Grayville, Bridgeport, and Noble. The application process can be lengthy, so we recommend that planning a year in advance. Contact **Jeff Vaughan**, so we can get started on those applications!

Illinois DCEO Grant Opportunities



FEMA

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/4468b42cca5449269a56992b0cf40d34>

BOX: Hazard Mitigation Information

GREATER WABASH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE – MEETING 2 – HAZARD PROFILES & RISK ASSESSMENT

	Date & Time	Location
In-Person	Wednesday May 8, 2024 9:00AM – 11:00AM	Wayne County-Bob Boyles Hall, 2 Frontier Drive, Fairfield, IL 62837
In-Person	Wednesday May 8, 2024 1:00PM – 3:00PM	Edwards County-Farm Bureau, 15 S 5 th Street, Albion, IL 62806
In-Person	Wednesday May 15, 2024 10:00AM – 12:00PM	Lawrence County-Lawrenceville City Hall, 700 State Street, Lawrenceville, IL 62439
In-Person	Wednesday May 15, 2024 2:00PM – 4:00PM	Wabash County-Mt Carmel City Hall, 631 N Market Street, Mt Carmel IL 62863
Virtual	Tuesday May 21, 2024 5:30PM-6:30PM	Zoom Link: https://illinois.zoom.us/j/85854758611?pwd=T05QeHlBQ09MZlZFeVhtMm8vR0JlZz09 Meeting ID: 858 5475 8611 Password: 565234

AGENDA DETAILS

I. WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

II. COMMUNITY SURVEY

III. COMMUNITY VULNERABILITIES

IV. HAZARD PROFILES AND MITIGATION IDEAS

V. RISK ASSESSMENT AND ACTIVITY

VI. WRAP UP

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

VII. ADJOURN

Crawford County Hazard Mitigation Committee Meeting #2 & #3 - Hazard Profiles, Risk Assessment, and Mitigation Strategies - will take place on June 13, 2024 from 11:30am - 2:00pm CT at the Robinson Civic Center.

Illinois Law Enforcement

Spring Camera Grants

Grants are available to Illinois police agencies of municipalities, counties, park districts, public universities, and all units of Illinois local government for the reimbursement of purchases of in-car video cameras for use in law

enforcement vehicles; officer-worn body cameras for law enforcement officers, data storage costs related to officer-worn cameras; and training for law enforcement officers in the operation of the cameras. The reimbursement is for the purchase of cameras, data storage, and training directly related to the operation of such purchased camera(s).

Deadline May 3, 2024.

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.

Current Projects



CDBG

- **Grayville Waterline Replacement**
- **West Salem Lagoon**
- **Albion Sewer Lines**
- **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 May 27th for Memorial Day.



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