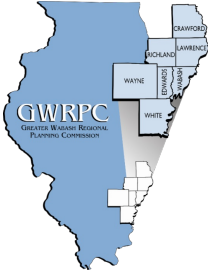


# January 2022 Newsletter



## Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission

*Serving Crawford, Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne, and White counties in Southeastern Illinois*

### DCEO Southern Region ARPA Technical Assistance Session

**February 9, 2022 10:00 am**

**Register:** <https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=e096176c0de6ffbca4dc5b50e71ca18e3>

Please join the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Office of Regional Economic Development and our partners at Crowe LLP for a region-specific technical assistance session that will provide an overview of the program and examples of eligible uses such as revenue replacement, addressing negative economic impacts on households, upgrading public infrastructure and broadband expansion. This session will also include information about the Final Rule issued by the US Department of Treasury to use a standard allowance for revenue loss up to \$10 million.

### Connect Illinois Broadband Grant Program

The Connect Illinois Broadband Grant Program represents an integral and strategic component of both the comprehensive 2019 Rebuild Illinois infrastructure program and the state's five-year economic plan to expand economic opportunity and reduce socioeconomic gaps through equity investment.

Through multiple rounds of competitive matching grants, Connect Illinois seeks to achieve what no other state or federal approach to date has accomplished: ubiquitous broadband access for homes, businesses, and community anchor institutions. At the same time, Connect Illinois seeks progress in digital equity and inclusion while leveraging investment in new broadband infrastructure to spur advances in use and innovation for such areas as agriculture, economic development, education, and telehealth

Contact the office at [director@gwrpc.com](mailto:director@gwrpc.com) or by phone at 618-445-3612 for more information on this funding opportunity!

## USDA RD: Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) Grants

RISE grant funds can be used to:

- Build or support a business incubator facility
- Provide worker training to assist in the creation of new jobs
- Train the existing workforce with skills for higher-paying jobs
- Develop a base of skilled workers and improve their opportunities to obtain high-wage jobs in new or existing local industries

Proposals due: February 18, 2022

Complete Application Due: April 19, 2022

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## EDA: ARPA Economic Adjustment Assistance

EDA's American Rescue Plan *Economic Adjustment Assistance program* makes \$500 million in Economic Adjustment Assistance grants available to American communities.

The Economic Adjustment Assistance program is EDA's most flexible program, and grants made under this program will help hundreds of communities across the nation plan, build, innovate, and put people back to work through construction or non-construction projects designed to meet local needs.

A wide range of technical, planning, workforce development, entrepreneurship, and public works and infrastructure projects are eligible for funding under this program.

As part of the \$300 million *Coal Communities Commitment*, EDA will allocate at least \$200 million of the Economic Adjustment Assistance funding to support coal communities.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, suggested application deadline: March 15, 2022

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