



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.

LWIA 23 and 26 Area Planning

It's time to collaborate on the next Regional Plan that conveys how partners from workforce development, education, and economic development work together to best serve our communities. The Greater Wabash Region has counties in both LWIA 23 and LWIA 26, so GWRPC will be participating in the planning for both WIOA Regional Plans.

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.

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

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. The due date for CDBG applications is January 18, 2024. The application process can be lengthy, so we recommend that planning a year in advance. Contact **Jeff** Vaughan or **Mike** Gill so we can get started on those applications!

Illinois DCEO Grant Opportunities

Back to Business Grant - NewBiz grant

Back to Business - NewBiz Program is for businesses who opened in 2020 or 2021 and were affected by Covid-19. Previous programs did not include businesses that were not open prior to the pandemic. Applicants are encouraged to visit b2bnewbiz.com to learn more and apply.



CURRENT PROJECTS



CDBG

- Grayville Waterline Replacement
- West Salem Lagoon
- Albion Sewer Lines
- Lawrenceville Waterline
- Crawford County Sewer Treatment Plant
- Olney Sanitary Sewer Relining
- Geff Water System Improvements

Rebuild Illinois

- Olney Storm Sewer

FEMA

- Multi Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

ISP NG911

- Edwards County

Energy Transition

- White County

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Economic Development Administration (EDA)

- Economic Development

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

- Community Development Block Grant
- Tourism Marketing Grant
- Back2Business - NewBiz

Delta Regional Authority (White County only)

- Strategic Planning 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

5-County Hazard Mitigation Community Meetings

GWRPC and the University of Illinois are hosting Community Kick-Off meetings for the FEMA 5-County Hazard Mitigation Plan, which aims to identify potential environmental hazards and create a community plan to address those hazards. These meetings are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.



Wabash, Wayne, and Edwards Counties

January 23rd, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Farm Bureau

15 S Fifth St, Albion, IL 62806

Lawrence and Crawford Counties

January 23rd, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Community Center (Alton Hall)

300 S Lincoln St, Robinson, IL 62454



All Counties - Virtual Meeting

January 25th, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Zoom meeting for those who cannot attend the in-person meetings.

Meeting ID: 717 982 4346 Password: 558146

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 audits are uploaded!
- The GWRPC is now open Monday through Friday, 7:00 to 4:30!
- We will be closed January 15th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day



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