



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.

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.

Fire and Police Opportunities

Office of the State Fire Marshal Small Equipment Grant

The State Fire Marshal has opened the Small Equipment Grant Program that provides funding for fire departments and EMS services. The grant maximum is \$26,000. The State Fire Marshal prioritizes certain equipment, and anyone interested in this program should reach out for more details.

Applications are due December 15th.

ILETSB Grants

Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board has ongoing grant programs for Recruitment and Retention and Body Camera Reimbursement. Grants are due November 15th. Please contact **Taegan Garner** with any questions.

ILETSB Grant Notice

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

IDOT Economic Development Program (EDP)

The purpose of the EDP grant is to provide state assistance for roadway improvements or new construction that are necessary for access to new or expanding industrial, manufacturing, or distribution type companies. Funding will include preliminary engineering, construction, construction engineering, and contingencies. The focus of the program is on the creation and retention of permanent full-time jobs. Projects which only improve opportunities for future development or are speculative in nature are not eligible. This is not a competitive program however; the funding commitment is based on how many jobs will be created and/or retained. The company must commit to creating new employment and/or retaining employment in Illinois.

Economic Development Program

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

Tourism Grants

In late October, DCEO published a press release announcing two new tourism grants, saying the "Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) launched \$15.4 million in tourism funding through two grant programs, the Tourism Attractions Grant Program (\$10.8 million) and the Tourism Private Sector Grant Program (\$4.6 million). Eligible entities can apply for grants to attract, develop, and improve new and existing tourism-related projects, events and festivals in an effort to boost tourism across the state and welcome more visitors. Grantees will be selected through a competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) process." The full press release can be found at the link below.

DCEO Tourism Opportunities Press Release

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

ENERGY TRANSITION

- WHITE COUNTY



UPCOMING PROJECTS



NON-COMPETITIVE

- IDOT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- CDBG
- TOURISM PRIVATE SECTOR
- TOURISM ATTRACTIONS GRANT

OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

- SMALL EQUIPMENT GRANT

ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD

- RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION
- BODY CAMERA REIMBURSEMENT




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 November 10th for Veterans Day.
- We will be closed November 23rd-24th for Thanksgiving.



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