

September

Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission



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.

Midwest CDI Training

Angela and Taegan attended the Midwest CDI Conference in Springfield last month. The Midwest Community Development Institute connects community actors with other professionals and opportunities. This year Angela and Taegan completed year one of the three year program.

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.

OSLAD

OSLAD is officially closed! If you missed this years application, be ready for next year. This year GWRPC submitted three applications; Crossville, Fairfield Park District, and West Salem.

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

Safe Routes to School Program

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced the Safe Routes to School program will be available in 2023. The program provides funding for sidewalks, bike paths, and other pedestrian infrastructure. Applications are set to become available August 1st through October 2nd. If you are interested in applying, give us a call!



Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program

ITEP can help fund the following project categories:

1. Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities
2. Streetscapes
3. Conversion of Abandoned Railroad Corridors to Trails
4. Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Facilities
5. Vegetation Management in Transportation Rights-of-Way
6. Archaeological Activities Relating to Impacts from Implementation of a Transportation Project
7. Storm Water Management, Control and Water Pollution Prevention or Abatement Related to Highway Construction or Due to Highway Runoff
8. Reduce Vehicle-Caused Wildlife Mortality or Restore and Maintain Connectivity Among Terrestrial or Aquatic Habitats
9. Construction of Turnouts, Overlooks, and Viewing Areas

ITEP applications will begin August 1st and close September 30th. If your area has a potential project that falls in one of the nine categories, reach out so we can discuss a potential application.

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

2023 CDBG Application and Administrator's Workshop

DCEO will be hosting an in person training after a three-year hiatus. All Grant Administrators, a Local Government Contact (the person handling finances), the project engineer, and Housing Inspector (for Housing Rehabilitation grants) are required to complete DCEO's CDBG Administrators' Workshop. Failure to meet this requirement may result in forfeiture of award, so if you were awarded a CDBG grant please plan on attending.

The workshop will be held October 18th and 19th, location to be determined.

Business Resiliency

DCEO Business Resiliency program is now accepting applications. This program will offer reimbursement for costs incurred by local businesses due to Covid. Local governments such as the city or county will apply on behalf of all businesses in their area who want to receive funds. Applications will be accepted until 12/31/2023 and considered on a rolling basis.

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 projected due date for CDBG applications is December 2023. 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

Upcoming Projects

Non-Competitive

- IDOT Economic Development
- Economic Development Authority

Public Infrastructure

- CDBG

Illinois Department of Transportation

- Transportation Enhancement (ITEP)
- Safe Routes to School

Private Sector

- Business Resiliency



Current Projects

CDBG

- Grayville Waterline Replacement
- West Salem Lagoon
- Albion Sewer Lines
- Lawrenceville Waterline
- Oblong Sewer Lagoon
- Hutsonville 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



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 September 4th for Labor Day.

Closed

In observance of Labor Day



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