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## FUNDED APPLICATIONS

### 2026 FUNDED



- DUKE ENERGY FOUNDATION -  
REGIONAL OOR PROGRAM  
\$33,000  
CONTACT: MARY
  - OCRA METAMORA UTILITY PLAN - Q1  
PLANNING 2026  
\$60,000  
CONTACT: MARY
  - OCRA OSGOOD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - Q1  
PLANNING 2026  
\$50,000  
CONTACT: KILEY
  - OCRA MADISON OOR - Q1 2026  
\$350,000  
CONTACT: PATTY
  - OCRA WESTPORT WATER IMPROVEMENT-  
\$451,223  
CONTACT: VICTORIA
  - OCRA RYKERS RIDGE SEWER (JEFFERSON  
CO) - \$750,000  
CONTACT: PATTY
  - OCRA WALDON WATER (SHELBY CO)  
IMPROVEMENT- \$750,000  
PROJECT CONTACT: KILEY
- 2026 running total = \$2,444,223**

## AIM WEBINARS

JUNE 18: [Virtual Meetings, Public Access Laws, and Handling Viral Moments](#)

JUNE 23: [Housing: Ensuring Your Community's Approach to Residential Growth Complies with HEA 1001 - 2026](#)

JULY 7: [Land Use Litigation in Practice: Protecting Local Authority Across Emerging Issues](#)

JULY 20: [Understanding HIPAA Compliance: What Every Municipality Needs to Know About Protected Health Information](#)

JULY 28: [Local Technical Assistance Program - LTAP: Resources, Roads, Research, and More!](#)



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## UPCOMING APPLICATIONS

### ROUND 1 CONSTRUCTION

- OCRA VERSAILLES WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
WDW R1 2026  
PROPOSAL DUE: APRIL 5  
FULL APP DUE: JUNE 7  
AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: SEPTEMBER 2026  
CONTACT: MARY

### Q2 PLANNING

- OCRA MORRISTOWN UTILITY PLAN  
AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: AUGUST 2026  
CONTACT: VICTORIA
- OCRA CITY OF SHELBYVILLE UTILITY PLAN  
AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT: AUGUST 2026  
CONTACT: KILEY

### ROUND 2 CONSTRUCTION

- DUPONT COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT  
PUBLIC FACILITES R2 2026  
PROPOSAL DUE: OCT 4  
FULL APP DUE: DEC 13  
AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: FEBRUARY 2027  
CONTACT: PATTY

## PARK PLANS IN PROGRSS

- CITY OF AURORA MASTER PARK PLAN UPDATE 2026-2030
- TOWN OF WESTPORT MASTER PARK PLAN 2026-2030
- TOWN OF MOORES HILL MASTER PARK PLAN 2027-2031
- CITY OF BATESVILLE MASTER PARK PLAN 2027-2031





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## Arts & Culture Opportunities

The READI 2.0 Arts & Culture Initiative is a \$65 million statewide investment supporting arts and culture-driven projects across Indiana’s READI 2.0 regions.

The program is administered by the IEDC in partnership with the IAC, and made possible through generous support from the Lilly Endowment Inc. It was developed in consultation with Public Sphere Projects.

The READI 2.0 Arts & Culture Initiative advances projects that:  
strengthen regional identity, quality of life, creative workforce development, and long-term community vitality.

### Important Dates:

- Apr 15 – Application Deadline (5:00 PM ET)
- May 5 – Regional Review Complete
- May 15 – State Panel Review
- Jun TBD – IEDC Board Approval
- Jul 1 – Award Notifications Issued

Visit the following for more information:

[southeastindiana.org](http://southeastindiana.org)

<https://www.indianareadi.com/resources>



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: [media@health.in.gov](mailto:media@health.in.gov)



### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR GROW REGIONAL GRANTS THROUGH RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana is accepting Request for Funding (RFF) applications for GROW (Growing Rural Opportunities for Well-being) Regional Grants, an initiative of the Indiana Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP). The program was established by the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act and includes \$50 billion for the RHTP, a federal relief program to transform care and improve health outcomes in rural communities.

**Regional Coalitions must submit a letter of intent by May 1 and the application by July 1, with the first-year grant agreement starting on Sept. 1**



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## DNR Park Plan Services

The fee for preparation of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be determined based on the number of parks within the jurisdiction.



Community Type	Fee
Communities with 1–3 parks	\$5,000.00
Communities with 4 or more parks	\$10,000.00
County park systems	\$15,000.00

These fees include all services described in this Scope of Work including public engagement activities, plan preparation, presentations, and coordination with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources review process.



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## PCRD Regional Clusters

The economic landscape is evolving at a remarkable pace. As the global economy continues shifting from industrial production to specialized services and onward into the knowledge economy, regions must understand not only what industries they have, but also what skills and knowledge their workforce brings to the table.





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## PCRD UPDATES

### Road School Industry Awards

New this year, the Purdue Road School Transportation Conference & Expo is proud to launch our Road School Industry Awards program recognizing excellence, leadership, and innovation in public works and street operations throughout Indiana. In partnership with the American Public Works Association (APWA) Indiana Chapter and the Indiana Street Commissioners Association (ISCA), we invite agencies, consultants, and peers to submit nominations for outstanding projects and professionals.

Awards include APWA's Public Works Project of the Year (one award to be presented for projects under \$5 million, and another award to be presented for projects that were \$5 million or higher) and Public Works Leader of the Year, as well as ISCA's Project of the Year, Project of the Year (In-House), and Street Commissioner of the Year.

Click here ([Industry Awards/Road School Industry Awards.html](#))

for more details and instructions on how to submit your nomination.

CLICK HERE

### Research and Policy Insights:

Indiana's Economic and Workforce  
Regions: Educational Attainment  
and Workforce

READI regions have become the official footprint for state-level regional development efforts. This report focuses on eight variables related to educational attainment and workforce.

### Webinars & Trainings

Visit Engagement's Site

- R-STEP Solar on Your Farm: Key Insights Before You Sign
- Tools for Effective Facilitation (formerly Facilitative Leadership)
- Beginner Farmer Program
- Small Business Success Workshop Series
- Digital Skills Lessons

**HOOSIERS BY THE NUMBERS**  
Your premier source for labor market information for Indiana.



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LABOR MARKET REVIEW



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### AI Isn't Coming, It's Already Changing How Small Businesses Win

I'm working on a national AI initiative with four other colleagues at the SBDC to make AI a practical tool for small business owners. What I'm seeing is that businesses applying AI to their needs are gaining leverage fast, while others are stuck trying to figure it out. We're building tools, frameworks, and potentially SBA-backed AI systems to close that gap. You don't need to master AI, but you can start using it where it impacts your business.

[Read More →](#)

Webinars & Trainings:

[Small Business Success Workshop Series](#)

[Measuring What Matters: Linking Community Assets, Vitality, and Well-Being](#)

[Remote Work Certificate](#)

[Indiana Land Use Summit](#)

[Small Business Development Resources](#)



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The Indiana Site Certified program certifies sites that are ready for economic development. Communities of any size may apply for the designation through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

### Goals of Site Certified

1. Mitigate risks and provide necessary due diligence of a site
2. Market the site to prospective developers
3. Illustrate the community's commitment to economic development

### Why it matters:

- Reduces barriers for developers
- Accelerates the site development process
- Increases site competitiveness while attracting jobs and capital

### Indiana Site Certified Silver

**Communities looking to start their site readiness journey.**

- No size limit
- support from Local Unit of Government CEO
- Clear Title - 50-year Title Search
- American Land Title Association Survey
- Topographical map using Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR)
- Aerial map
- Phase I Environmental Assessment
- Wetland Delineation Report
- Letter from INDOT addressing appropriate use of site
- Utility service capacity and distance defined



### Indiana Site Certified Gold

**Communities ready to commit to a higher level of due diligence with sites that have a clear potential for larger development.**

- Size limit - 20 contiguous acres
- No more than five miles from a state highway
- Zoning required
- Geotechnical study
- Seismic hazard map
- Desktop archaeological investigation
- Free of recognized environmental concerns
- Utilities extend to property line/future-build is located in public right-of-way



### Indiana Site Certified Prime

**Reserved for sites that have undergone the most extensive vetting and are ready for immediate, significant development.**

- Size limit- 30 contiguous acres
- No more than 2.5 miles from a state highway
- Zoning requires
- Geotechnical study
- No recs or site clear
- Archaeological investigation
- Utilities extend to property line/future-build is located in public right-of-way
- Local Unit of Gov., Local/Regional EDC must own property or have agreement with property owner





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# Notice of Public Comment on the State Fiscal Year 2026 Intended Use Plans for Drinking Water SRF Loan Programs

Date: June 2, 2026

Notice is given that the Indiana Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Program has Amended and Restated the Intended Use Plan (IUP) for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026. The IUP details the uses, goals, and objectives of the DWSRF Loan Program pursuant to Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water. Interested parties are invited to review the IUP and provide comments to the DWSRF Loan Program. Comments will be collected for a three-week period, ending June 23, 2026. The IUP is available at [www.srf.in.gov](http://www.srf.in.gov) and upon request. Comments on the DWSRF Amended and Restated IUP may be directed to:

[CLICK HERE](#)

State Revolving Fund  
100 N. Senate Ave. IGCN 1275  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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## AgriVision award nominations are welcomed by Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith and Dept. of Agriculture

[CLICK HERE](#)

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2026 AgriVision Award, the highest agricultural honor presented by the State of Indiana. This award, now in its 19th year, was established by the lieutenant governor and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) to recognize Indiana's agricultural leaders who are ensuring Indiana is, and remains, a global center for food and agricultural innovation and commercialization.



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## USDA Single Family Housing Repair Loan and Grants

Properties must be located in an eligible rural area. You can visit the USDA Income and Property Eligibility website (available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzcdM>) for complete details.

### How can funds be used?

- Loans can be used to repair, improve, or modernize homes, or to remove health and safety hazards.
- Grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards.

### How much money can I get?

- Maximum loan is \$40,000.
- Maximum grant is \$10,000.
- Loans and grants can be combined for up to \$50,000 in assistance.

### What are the terms of the loan or grant?

- Loans are repaid over 20 years.
- Loan interest rate is fixed at 1 percent.
- Full title service is required for loans greater than \$25,000.
- Grants have a lifetime limit of \$10,000.
- Grants must be repaid if the property is sold in less than three

Applications are available year-round as long as funding is available, and are processed in the order they are received.

### How long does an application take?

Approval times depend on funding availability in your area. Talk to a state or area office-based USDA home loan specialist (a map is available at this link: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/browse-state>) for help with your application.

### How do I get started?

Contact a USDA home loan specialist (information is available at this link: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/browse-state>) in your area.

### What governs this program?

- The Housing Act of 1949 as amended; 7 CFR, Part 3550 (available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzcvG>)
- HB-1-3550 - Direct Single Family Housing Program Field Office Handbook (available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzcvM> - PDF)



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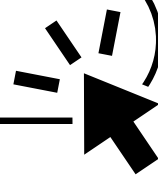
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## Mobility For All Food Pantries as a Web of Care

This report presents Mobility as a Social Service, a project that aims to understand hunger and care within pantry systems and explores the potential of autonomous (self-driving) vehicles accordingly. While this technology might have positive impacts on community life, opportunities to explore their applications in community settings are rare. Since 2024, our team of students and community weavers has worked to bridge this gap by studying food pantry systems and examining how self-driving vehicles could support them.

[READ MORE](#)





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## STORMWATER DRAINAGE CONFERENCE 2026



Conference: July 7th, 2026 @ Purdue  
Tech Tours: July 8th, 2026

The annual Stormwater Drainage Conference (SWD) is the place to share best practices, foster innovation, and stay ahead of evolving drainage and floodplain management regulation for the state of Indiana.

This conference can be an invaluable part of your annual training and professional development, bringing together professionals who design, construct, inspect, review, and maintain stormwater drainage systems across the state.

Whether you have a drainage project for the state, city, or county, or if you are responsible for managing floodplain and stormwater initiatives, this conference delivers practical insights, regulatory updates, and real-world solutions you can immediately apply in your profession.



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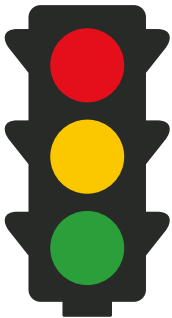
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## Traffic

Have traffic issues, road/ pedestrian concerns, safety concerns, or developments that effect traffic patterns?

Contact Jodi Comer! Email: [jodi.comer@sirpc.org](mailto:jodi.comer@sirpc.org) or Call: 812-689-5505





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## BEAD Update



As you may know, Indiana's Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) awards have been approved by the federal government and all awardees have received next steps from the Indiana Broadband Office. The IBO has requested required pre-execution documentation, including updated GIS files, before we can begin subgrant agreements within the next month. Remember, all information must be submitted to the IBO via [IndianaBroadband@iot.in.gov](mailto:IndianaBroadband@iot.in.gov) as soon as possible. As we approach contract execution, internet service providers have submitted redlines, comments and revision requests to the IBO Subgrant Agreement. To ensure contracts are executed within the federally-mandated deadline, the window to submit is now closed. We appreciate your time and effort in sending these to our office. Also, you may have received an email from our IBO Permitting Liaison William Hollis regarding your submitted EHP/NEPA milestones. Please respond to him as soon as possible so we can make sure everything we need is accurate and updated before we sign subgrant agreements.

Coming Soon: The IBO is also excited to announce that an insurance expert will be joining the team to answer all questions regarding insurance, including your questions about the Certificate of Insurance, etc.

### Reminder: Resources available for BEAD Subgrantees:

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the IBO have a number of resources for subgrantees to prepare for BEAD Subgrant Agreements. NTIA resources include; BEAD FAQs, NEPA resources, and more.

## SICPDC

### Homebuyer Program

622 Marmot Lane Aurora, IN



Under Construction



### Homebuyer

Moore's Hill Lot



Coming Soon



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## Resources

LTAP DIRECTORY:

<https://inltaptraining.azurewebsites.net/public/directory.html>

PURDUE CENTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

<https://pcrd.purdue.edu/>

STATS INDIANA: <https://www.stats.indiana.edu/>

STATS AMERICA: <https://www.statsamerica.org/du/>

INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION: <https://www.in.gov/arts/programs-and-services/funding/>

INDIANA BROADBAND OFFICE: <https://www.in.gov/indianabroadband/du/>

PROSPERITY INDIANA: <https://www.prosperityindiana.org/>

INDIANA OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY: <https://www.in.gov/iot/local-government-services/>

SIRPC BROADBAND CLEARINGHOUSE: <https://broadband.sirpc.org/>

REGION DATA: <https://www.wesleysproject.com/>

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