



# CORRESPONDENCE

WEDNESDAY  
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## FUNDED APPLICATIONS



- 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 = \$1,951,223



*Congratulations!*





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## AIM WEBINARS

MAR 19: [Aim Legislative Recap](#)

[APR 8: Aim Roundtable  
Madison, IN 5:30-8:00pm](#)

## PENDING APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS:

### Q1 PLANNING

- OCRA METAMORA UTILITY PLAN - Q1 PLANNING 2026  
AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: APRIL 2026  
CONTACT: MARY
- OCRA OSGOOD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - Q1 PLANNING 2026  
AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: APRIL 2026  
CONTACT: KILEY
- OCRA MADISON OOR - Q1 2026  
AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: APRIL 2026  
CONTACT: PATTY

## UPCOMING APPLICATIONS

### ROUND 1 CONSTRUCTION

- OCRA VERSAILLES WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
WDW R1 2026  
PROPOSAL DUE: MARCH 29  
FULL APP DUE: JUNE 7  
AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: AUGUST 2026  
CONTACT: MARY

### Q2 PLANNING

- OCRA MORRISTOWN UTILITY PLAN - Q1 PLANNING 2026  
AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: APRIL 2026  
CONTACT: VICTORIA

### ROUND 2 CONSTRUCTION

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





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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 March 3, 2026

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.



**Congratulations Decatur County on receiving the Creative Convergence Early Action grant for the Decatur County Skate Park Revamp!**





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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.



### 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.

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

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## SS4A



Webinar: Safe Streets, Stronger Communities - Preparing Competitive Applications for the SS4A Program

Date: March 17, 2026

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm MT/2:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET

Cost: Free

Continuing Education Credits: Unknown

Organization: Local Infrastructure Hub

With the next Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Notice of Funding Opportunity expected by the end of March, now is a critical moment for cities to act—especially those that have not yet applied or been awarded.

This webinar will help city and town leaders understand how SS4A planning grants can be used to develop data-driven, community-centered safety action plans that align with federal priorities and position communities for future implementation funding. Participants will learn how the current administration is approaching roadway safety, what makes a strong and competitive safety plan, and how evidence-based strategies can be tailored to local context.

The session will feature examples of impactful community safety plans from cities that have successfully leveraged SS4A and related federal funding, with a focus on practical insights for cities preparing to apply in the upcoming funding cycle.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://localinfrastructure.org/event/safe-streets-stronger-communities-preparing-competitive-applications-for-the-ss4a-program/>

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## Community Crossings

Many municipalities were concerned about the lack of community crossings funding that was awarded to Indiana's cities and towns in the fall of 2025. This set back infrastructure improvement plans in many communities throughout the state.

SB 179 would allow for an additional \$75 million call for projects in the spring of 2026 reserved for those communities that did not receive funding in the fall of 2025 call. It also allows communities with a population of up to 12,500 to lower their match requirement to 20%.



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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.

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## SICPDC

### Homebuyer Program

622 Marmot Lane Aurora, IN



Under Construction

### Homebuyer

Moores 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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