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DEARBORN-DECATUR-FRANKLIN-JEFFERSON-JENNINGS-OHIO-RIPLEY-SWITZERLAND-SHELBY

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

AIM WEBINARS

APR 16: 2026 WEBINAR-
SUMMER PLANNING WITH
DORA: ESSENTIAL UPDATES
10:00-11:30AM

APR 21: 2026 WEBINAR-
SUMMER PLANNING WITH
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10:00-11:30AM

MAY 21: INDIANA MUNICIPAL
BENEFITS STUDY AND THE
AIM MEDICAL TRUST





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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

PARK PLANS IN PROGRSS

- CITY OF AURORA MASTER PARK PLAN UPDATE 2026-2030
- TOWN OF WESTPORT MASTER PARK PLAN 2026-2030



UPCOMING APPLICATIONS

ROUND 1 CONSTRUCTION

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

Q2 PLANNING

- OCRA MORRISTOWN UTILITY PLAN
AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: AUGUST 2026
CONTACT: VICTORIA
- OCRA LAWRENCEBURG 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



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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

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



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: 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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Masterclass Registration

This 8-hour masterclass is an in-depth, hands-on guide to indie short filmmaking, designed for filmmakers who want to take an idea from the page to the screen—and actually get it seen. Focusing specifically on short films, the course walks through the entire creative and production process, blending storytelling, strategy, and real-world filmmaking practice.

DATE: Saturday, April 11, 2026

TIME: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

LOCATION: The Gibson Theatre - 107 North Main Street,
Batesville, IN, 47006

REGISTRATION FEE: \$150 per attendee (lunch and social
gathering included)



[REGISTER HERE](#)



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 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



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SS4A

This notice makes available up to \$993,488,194 for FY 2026 grants:

\$687,809,874 is available for Implementation Grants

- o Expected number of awards: 40 to 70
- o Expected funding range: \$2,500,000 to \$25,000,000

\$305,678,320 is available for Planning and Demonstration Grants:

- o Expected number of awards: 400 to 700
- o Expected funding range: \$100,000 to \$5,000,000

Grant Applications Due: May 26, 2026

Email: SS4A@dot.gov

Website: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>

PASER WORKSHOPS

This course will cover the concepts of pavement management including what the PASER rating system is, how it can be used to manage your pavements, and much more.

The workshop is scheduled to run from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM. Lunch will be provided. *Please account for time zone differences!

Participants who complete the entire workshop will be eligible for 0.5 CEU/5 PDH/5 Road Scholar points.

Have questions regarding the PASER program and certification? Please check out our PASER FAQ document and watch the [PASER: What's Next video](#).

- o Hybrid PASER Training hosted at Kurz Purdue Technology Center (with virtual attendance options) - **9 am to 3:30 pm April 27, 2026**



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Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization (NGDISM) Grant Program

Eligible Applicants:

Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)
City or township governments
Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
Special district governments
County governments

Additional Information on Eligibility:

Municipality or community owned utilities (not including for-profit entities or any pipeline asset(s) owned by a for-profit entity.)

Award Ceiling:

\$98,000,000

Award Floor:

\$10,000

Application Deadline: May 22, 2026

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 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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