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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

[AUGUST 20: Hot Topic
Workshop: Data Centers](#)

[SEPT 29- OCT 1: AIM Summit
in French Lick](#)



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PENDING 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 FACILITIES 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 2027-2031
- TOWN OF WESTPORT MASTER PARK PLAN 2027-2031
- TOWN OF MOORES HILL MASTER PARK PLAN 2028-2031
- CITY OF BATESVILLE MASTER PARK PLAN 2028-2031





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Arts & Culture Opportunities Announcements

- ARI Integrated Cultural Campus Initiative by Archaeological Research Institute, Inc. – \$424,545

The Archaeological Research Institute (ARI) in Lawrenceburg is transforming its downtown campus into a fully integrated, publicly accessible cultural destination through a three-project initiative – an outdoor Cultural Gardens featuring public art, a large-scale augmented reality mural and 24/7 interpretive installations; an interior facility renovation creating ADA-accessible labs, immersive technology zones and expanded educational capacity; and a comprehensive immersive exhibit design and development program engaging Indiana artists, designers and technology professionals.

- Expand Oldenburg Arts and Culture Programming via Maibaum Pavilion & Artistic Wall Mural by Oldenburg Freudenfest, Inc. – \$148,000

READI 2.0 Arts & Culture funding will support construction of the Maibaum Performing Arts Pavilion and a new 195-foot, hand-painted mural that will transform the park into a dynamic gathering place for artists, residents and visitors.

- Start Local – Dillsboro Studio Residency: Mentoring Indiana Artists by Dillsboro Arts Inc. – \$40,300

o The Dillsboro Arts Friendship Gallery will create the Dillsboro Studio Residency, a community artist-in-residence program for young artists that supports the local creative economy while expanding access to the arts.

- Union Square Pavilion by Union County Foundation, Inc. – \$1,000,000

The Union County Foundation will develop the Union Square Pavilion, a three-season, open-air venue that will serve as a year-round destination for arts, culture, music, recreation, and community events in the heart of downtown Liberty.

= \$1.6 million dollar investment



Visit the following for more information:

southeastindiana.org

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



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Indiana Arts Commission Opportunities

- (August 15) Artlink Winter Market
- (Rolling Deadline) CERF+ Craft Artists Emergency Relief Grants
- (Rolling Deadline) Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grants for Artists
- (Rolling Deadline) Musicians Foundation Financial Assistance Grants
- (Rolling Deadline) Adolph & Esther Gottlieb Emergency Grant
- (Rolling Deadline) Foundation for Contemporary Arts Emergency Grants
- (Rolling Deadline) Columbus Area Arts Council Poetry & Literary Arts Micro-Grants

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.

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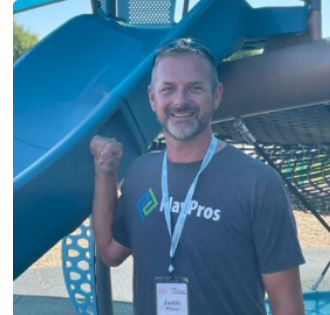
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Guest Spotlight



Greg Aaron

Business Development Manager Coordinator
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Justin Moos

Vice President, CPSI
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Visit: www.playpros.com



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.



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.



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Nine Years of Rural Indiana Stats: A refreshed look and new broadband data

Road School Industry Awards

Nearly all of the 130+ variables available on the new Rural Indiana Stats website have been refreshed with the latest data. These updates continue to strengthen and expand the online data platform.



UEDA Webinar

Kick off your UEDA Summit experience with the first webinar in our pre-Summit series! Join the Purdue University Center for Regional Development for Economic Competitiveness in the United States: An Industry, Knowledge, and Skills Clusters Framework. Learn how new industry, knowledge, and skills cluster frameworks, developed through a U.S. Economic Development Administration-funded project, help communities identify regional strengths, workforce needs, and growth opportunities. Featuring metrics for more than 400 Economic Development Districts, this session offers practical insights for anyone working with regional economic development partners.



PCRD Digital Education





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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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Visit Our Website

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 →](#)



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Indiana Site Certified

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 1 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



ocra.in.gov/Indiana-Site-Certified



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Indiana Mainstreet Program

Communities seeking the OCRA Downtown Affiliate Network level must submit their Letter of Intent and achieve the fundamental baseline requirement by 11:59 p.m. ET on Oct. 2. A full application will be released on Oct. 6, with a submission deadline of 11:59 p.m. ET on Dec. 31.

Communities seeking the Aspiring-Indiana Accredited Main Street level must submit their Letter of Intent and application by 11:59 p.m. ET on Dec. 31.

For more information, visit in.gov/ocra/mainstreet or reach out to the regional OCRA community liaison, which can be found at in.gov/ocra/about/community-liaisons/.





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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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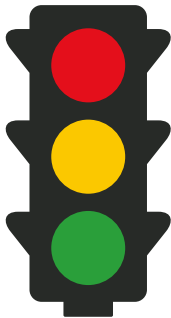
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Traffic

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

Contact Jodi Comer! Email: jodi.comer@sirpc.org or Call: 812-
689-5505





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Community Preservation &
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Visit: <https://www.sirpc.org/sicpdc>

Homebuyer Program

622 Marmot Lane Aurora, IN



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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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