

Making Connections: Grants, Guidance and Resources



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To work with local, state, and national partners to provide resources and technical assistance to aid rural communities in shaping their visions for community economic development.



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Community Liaisons

- Community Liaisons work proactively with Indiana's rural communities and their leaders by providing resources and technical assistance.
- They are strategically placed throughout the state and are committed to meeting the needs of rural Indiana.
- They assist communities and their leaders to generate creative solutions.



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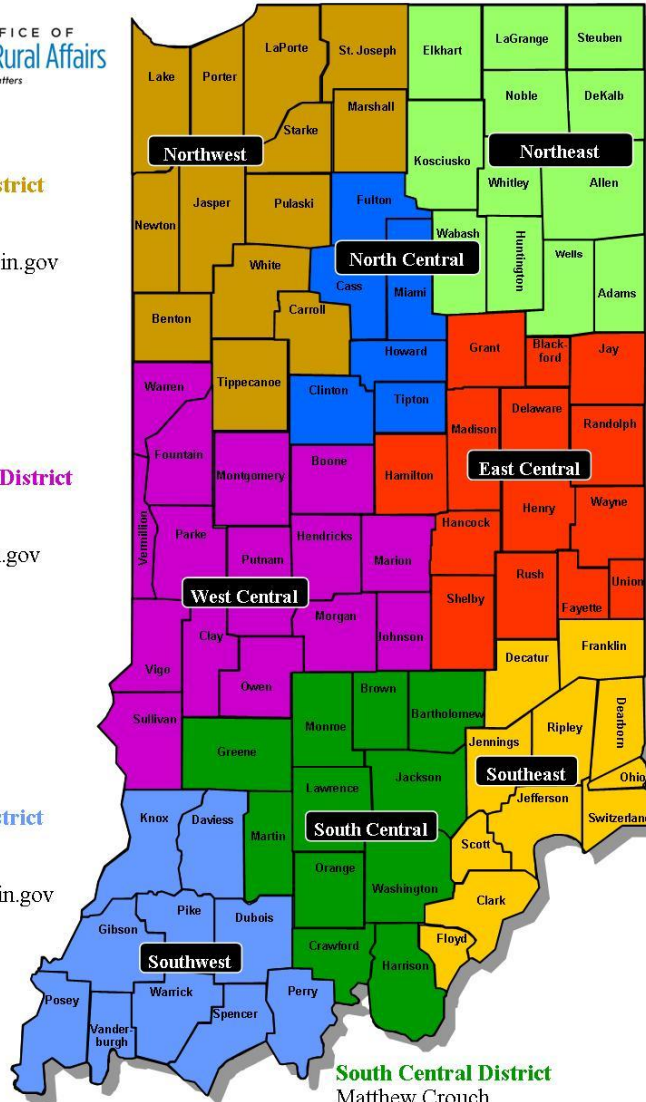
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Community Liaison District Map

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

- Indiana administers federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). OCRA uses these funds to provide grants to small cities, towns, and counties with populations of less than 50,000 residents for community improvement projects.
- These federal funds are used to implement a variety of activities for housing and community development projects.
- Listed below are some of the grants OCRA offers through the CDBG program:
 - Public Facilities Grants;
 - Health and Safety Projects;
 - Infrastructure Projects;
 - Historic Preservation Grants; and
 - Urgent Need Grants.



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Community Focus Funds (CFF)

- Awards are available to units of local government.
- One competitive funding round per year.
- Maximum grant amount cannot exceed \$500,000.
- Required local match of at least 10% of the total project cost.
- Projects must benefit low to moderate income persons or eliminate slum/blight.



Community Focus Funds (CFF)

- Maximum award amount for Infrastructure: \$500,000
- Maximum award amount for Fire Trucks: \$150,000
- Maximum award amount for all other CFF project types: \$400,000
- All CDBG projects require the use of a certified grant administrator.



Planning Grants (PL)

- Awards are available to units of local government.
- Monthly non-competitive funding cycle.
- Maximum grant amount cannot exceed \$50,000.
- Required local match of at least 10% of the total project cost.
- Projects must benefit low to moderate income persons or eliminate slum/blight.



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Planning Grants (PL)

- Environmental infrastructure studies are limited as follows:
 - \$30,000 for a study on a single utility, \$40,000 for a study on two utilities, and \$50,000 for a master utility study (water, wastewater, and storm water).
- Dam or Levee System Evaluations will be limited to \$50,000.
- Comprehensive plans are limited to \$40,000.
- Downtown revitalization plans are limited as follows:
 - Populations over 2,000 are limited to \$40,000, and Populations under 2,000 are limited to \$30,000
- Economic development plans are limited to \$40,000.
- Public facilities plans (including libraries, community centers, parks, etc.) will be limited to \$15,000.
- Historic preservation plans will be limited to \$15,000.

Indiana Main Street

- Indiana Main Street uses economic development, redevelopment, and historic preservation tactics to help individuals, businesses, and organizations strengthen the centers of their cities and towns.
- Indiana Main Street's Four Point Approach:
 - Organization
 - Design
 - Promotion
 - Economic Restructuring



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Main Street Revitalization Program Grant (MSRP)

- Awards are available to units of local government.
- One competitive funding round per year.
- Maximum grant amount cannot exceed \$250,000.
- Required local match of at least 20% of the total project cost.
- Projects must eliminate slum/blight with eligible activities including façade and streetscape improvements.



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Stellar Communities

- Innovative new state program created to fund comprehensive community development projects in Indiana's smaller cities and towns.
- IHADA, OCRA, INDOT are funding agencies.
- Selected communities will complete multiple community development projects funded by the three partner agencies' programs, which may address housing, infrastructure, roadwork, streetscape, lighting, community centers, revitalization projects, and other quality of life issues.



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