

POLICY # **RDA-GOV-07**

POLICY NAME: Funding, Job Creation (Deal Closing Grant)

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REFERENCE TO OTHER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

IC 36-7.5
Funding Request, Application Review Protocol
Funding Request, Contract Execution
Funding Request, Project Legacy and Funding Sustainability
Funding Request, Type of Project Proposals
Funding Request, RDA Regional Challenge Fund
Monitoring, Financial Performance Monitoring
Monitoring, Project Progress Monitoring
Monitoring, Project Costs Exceeding Original Request
Monitoring, MBE/WBE, Minority Compliance
Monitoring, Grant Close-Out
Monitoring, Contract Administration

PURPOSE

To provide strategic direction to the RDA in exercising its power under I.C. 35-7.5-3-2 for funding economic development projects as defined in I.C. 36-7.5-1-10.

POLICY

The RDA will establish a project development budget category and manage the "Job Creation (Deal Closing) Fund" for administering RDA funding to select Indiana Economic Development Corporation's (IEDC) Economic Development for Growing the Economy (EDGE) eligible projects that meet the RDA funding criteria for this program [I.C. 6-3, 1-13]. The RDA Board will authorize this Fund in an amount not to exceed \$6.0 million for a one year period, renewable at the board's discretion. The minimum eligibility criteria for this Fund are:

- Requests can be for infrastructure projects only
- Meet the project eligibility requirements for job creation under the IEDC EDGE program
- All other sources of funding have been applied and exhausted, including all municipal funding vehicles, i.e. tax abatement and tax increment financing, so that RDA funding is the final decisive factor in deal closures
- Request demonstrates strong community support for the proposed project
- Payments will be to units of government only
- Recipients of an award from the Job Creation Fund must enter into an agreement with the RDA that, at a minimum, defines the terms under which funds can be released and describes the circumstances that trigger a repayment obligation for the recipient.

PROCEDURE

1. The RDA will authorize an allocation not to exceed \$6.0 million in one year and may renew at the board's discretion. The Fund shall be implemented in accordance with the RDA's Conflict of Interest Policy, any identified or potential conflicts of interests by RDA Board Members relating to the governance or management of this Fund will be disclosed immediately.
2. RDA Board approves an annual allocation for this use and authorizes RDA President and CEO to manage the Fund under the specific RDA eligibility criteria in consultation with the RDA Fiscal Task Force. The RDA President and CEO will receive project proposals from the IEDC Chief Executive Officer and interact with IEDC Staff as part of the RDA's funding due diligence process.
3. The RDA President and CEO authorizes funding in accordance with this policy on a project by project basis and with consent of the RDA Fiscal Task Force. The decision to commit funds and the authorization of the distribution of funds is subject to ratification by the RDA Board of Directors.