

MY COMMUNITY MY VISION

Encourage. Empower. Engage.



Today's Agenda:

- My Community, My Vision (MCMV) general overview.
- MCMV partners and outcomes.
- MCMV program year process and the commitment.
- How to apply for the 2019-2020 MCMV program year.



Program Overview

- The 2019-2020 school year will be the sixth MCMV program year.
- Overall program goal – to involve youth in their communities so that they stay in Indiana.
- The program partners are IUPUI SPEA, IHCD, local governments, Indiana high school-aged youth and AIM.
- Each participating community will receive a youth-led community vision plan and \$5,000 in grant funding to implement a project from that plan.



Who is involved?

- IHCD is the state agency sponsor/funder
- Five student groups
 - Each group has one (or more) adult leader who is our main point of contact.
- Each high school group paired with an IUPUI SPEA graduate student
- Local government...
 - Recruits and maintains the student group along with the adult leader
 - Is the applicant
 - Consulted in the planning process
 - Adopts the plan
 - Helps with project
- Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM)
 - Youth Council Summit (tentative)
 - Statehouse Legislative Day (tentative)



The Process

- Students explore their vision for their community
- Students explain their community and vision in an application essay
- Chosen high school groups create their plan from September – April
 - Several brainstorming/working meetings with IUPUI
 - Meetings where all MCMV groups are together
 - Meetings with the public and local officials
- Presentation of final plans to other groups, IHCD A staff, and elected officials
- Work with local government to adopt the plan
- Choose a project and implement by fall 2020



Program Outcomes

- Youth Empowerment
 - Opportunity for youth to think critically about their community
 - Encourage youth to develop a future vision for their hometown
 - Encourage long-term respect and commitment to community through the implementation of a real community project
 - Develop leadership skills
 - Highlight the youth in your community – make them the stars!
 - Demonstrate to local leadership credibility of youth involvement
- Youth Engagement & Education
 - Educate the youth about how their town came to be the way it is
 - Teach transferable project development skills
 - Engage the youth in government and the project development process
 - Educate about social topics, career possibilities, and future civic engagement opportunities



Program Outcomes (con't)

- Promote Indiana's Communities
 - Encourage youth to stay or return to their hometowns by making them integral stakeholders
 - Promote Indiana's rural communities as areas of destination
 - Give insight to rural communities in attracting and retaining youth and young families
 - Your community/school will have a project to highlight



2019-2020 Program Timeline

March 20, 2019 – Program webinar and application opens

September 9, 2019 by 5 p.m. EST – Applications due

September 13, 2019 – Program participants announced

September 28, 2019 – Kick-off meeting (aka, first all group meeting)

October 2019 - March 2020 – Plan development

February or March 2020 – Second all group meeting

Mid-April 2020 – Final meeting (celebration and presentations)

Summer to October 2020 – Project implementation



The Commitment

- Three state-wide meetings = the kick-off, one mid-term event, and final event
- Meet 1-2 hours per week with the local adult leader
- Several one-on-one meetings with IUPUI grad student and the MCMV group
- Work on the planning steps for the \$5,000 project.
- Present finalized plans at final event in April 2020 in Indianapolis
- Community and partners continue to work on implementing their \$5,000 project during summer and fall of 2020.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.in.gov/myihcda/mcmv.htm>. The page features a navigation menu with categories like BUSINESS & AGRICULTURE, RESIDENTS, GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION, TAXES & FINANCE, VISITING & PLAYING, and FAMILY & HEALTH. The main content area is titled 'MY COMMUNITY, MY VISION' and includes the logo, the IUPUI Psi logo, and the text 'O'NEILL SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS IUPUI'. The text describes the MCMV program as a youth planning partnership between IHEDA and IUPUI. It also mentions a 2019-2020 program with a registration link and provides several informational links.

MY COMMUNITY, MY VISION

O'NEILL SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS IUPUI

My Community, My Vision (MCMV) is a youth planning partnership between the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHEDA) and IUPUI School of Public and Environmental Affairs' graduate program. The program is in its fifth year and was developed with the belief that young people in Indiana should not have to leave their hometowns in order to achieve their dreams. Previous participating groups have developed community vision plans that lay the groundwork for student entrepreneurship opportunities, community gardens, bike-share programs, farmer's markets, and other programs students wanted to see brought to their hometown. Past youth-driven plans have been adopted by local units of government and one group even raised about \$4,000 in grant funding and in-kind donations to implement projects developed in the MCMV planning process.

Local units of government (LUGs) and high school student groups will work in partnership with an IUPUI student mentor during the school year to create a youth-driven community vision plan. With input from the high school students and support from the LUG, the IUPUI student mentor will create a vision plan based on the students' ideas for their communities. Student teams will be required to devote time each week (an average of 1 to 2 hours, with occasional travel) toward the creation of the plan, as well as attend several all-group meetings throughout the course of the program year. Groups selected to participate will receive money to implement a community supported, youth-driven project.

2019-2020 Program

Please click [here](#) to register for the My Community, My Vision 2019-2020 webinar titled, Engage Your Community's Youth on March 20, 2019

The My Community, My Vision program is an immersive experience into community planning and project implementation. The program engages high school youth and IUPUI SPEA graduate students to help Indiana's communities improve quality of life by creating a real community plan. Each group that participates will receive \$5,000 for a project initiated by the high school students. Join the webinar to learn how your community can participate during the 2019-2020 school year!

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

[MCMV Informational Sheet](#)
[MCMV Participant Spreadsheet](#)
[MCMV Participant Expectation Form](#)
[MCMV Photographic Consent and Release Form](#)



Application Documents and Requirements

- Required to submit:
 - Essay
 - Signed Commitment Pledges for ALL participants
 - Signed Photographic Consent and Release Form for ALL participants
 - Students' names and grades on the provided form
- Application essay length: 5 pages maximum
- Essay must include the following information:
 - Current community description
 - Why the community will benefit from a youth led plan and a project
 - Identification of the student group
 - Description of the student participation plan
 - How the LUG will support the process, from brainstorming to implementation
 - Preliminary ideas of how the \$5,000 project funding might be used (non-binding)



Application Scoring Rubric

- Essay Requirements (24 points possible) + Threshold Requirements (21 points possible) + Bonus points (3 points possible) = 48 points possible max
- Essay Requirements range from 1 point (not included in the essay) to 4 points (thorough and insightful essay response) for each of the following:
 - Current community description: demographics, community description/strength/weakness, proposed areas of improvements, etc.
 - How the community will benefit from a youth led plan
 - Identification and description of the student group: affiliation, # of students, grades of students
 - Description of the student participation plan: Identifies an adult leader for the group; Where and how often will the students meet; Potential partners already identified, etc.
 - How the LUG will support the process, from brainstorming to implementation
 - Preliminary ideas of how the \$5,000 project funding might be used (non-binding)



Application Scoring Rubric (con't)

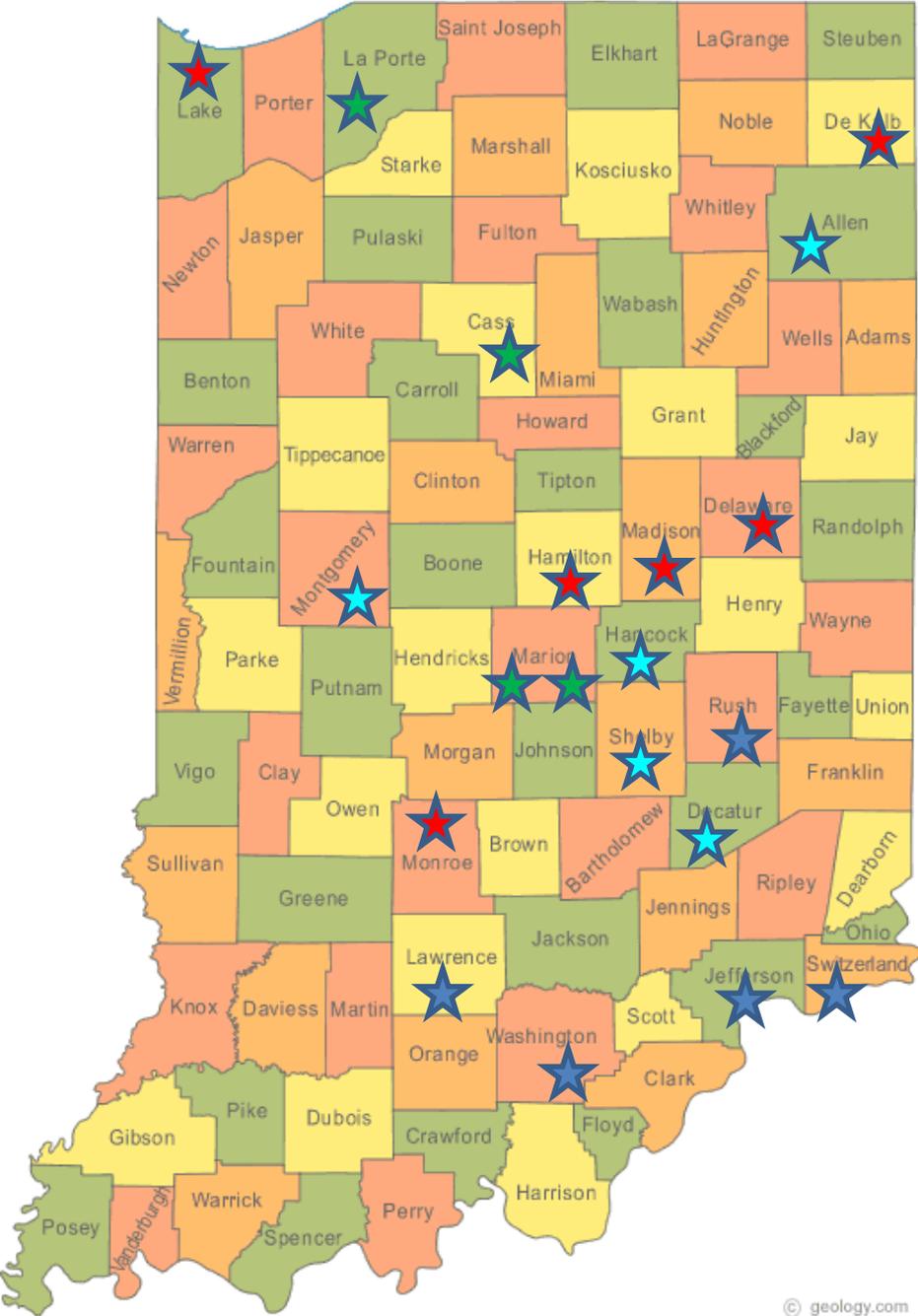
- Threshold Requirements – did you follow the submission requirements?
- Three points each for:
 - Application in essay form
 - A Local Unit of Government is the applicant
 - Submitted signed commitment form from the LUG
 - Submitted signed commitment form from EACH adult leader
 - Submitted signed commitment form from EACH high school student
 - Submitted signed photo consent form from EACH MCMV participant
 - Submitted student name list
- If you don't submit one of the above, you get 0 points for that requirement.



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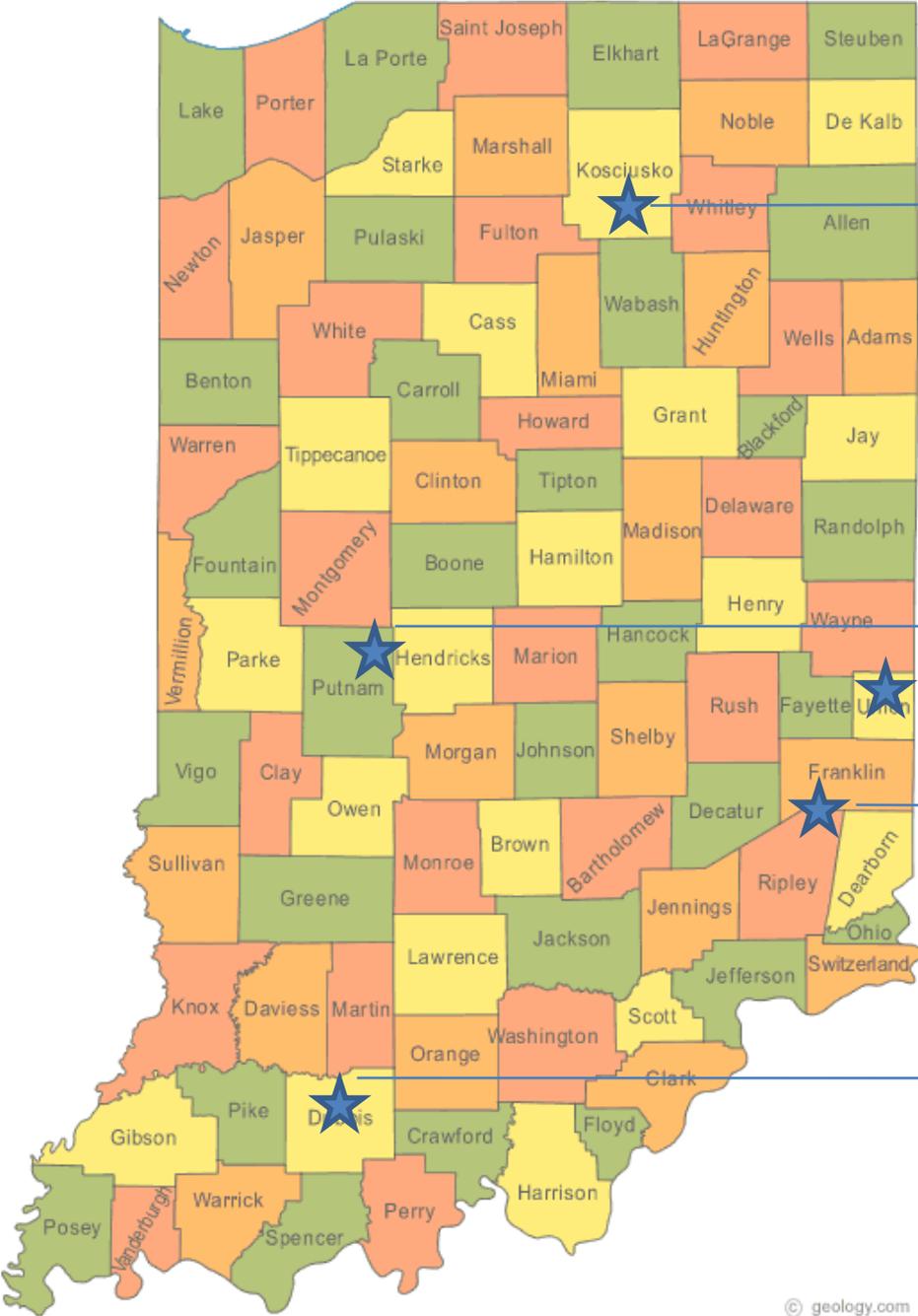
- Bonus Points
- One point each for:
 - Reference to other community planning efforts and how MCMV participation will build-on or compliment those efforts.
 - If there is more than one adult leader of the MCMV group.
 - Reference to other community efforts or projects that the MCMV group has participated in.

Past MCMV Participants



- ★ Year 1 – Rushville, Switzerland County, Hanover, Washington County, Lawrence County
- ★ Year 2 – Gary, DeKalb County, Muncie, Anderson, Hamilton County, Martinsville
- ★ Year 3 – Crawfordsville, Greenfield, Shelbyville, Greensburg, Ft. Wayne
- ★ Year 4 – LaPorte, Logansport, Indianapolis - Purdue Polytechnic High School and Irvington Preparatory Academy

Year 5 MCMV Participants



Warsaw Mayor's Youth Council

North Putnam School Corp.

Union County High School

Batesville Mayor's Youth Council

Huntingburg Mayor's Youth Council



Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority



Past Program Success

Six plans adopted by local governments.

Rushville → Expanded Farmer's Market with SNAP; Former MCMV grad student got a job in Rushville and helped implement the plan; Incorporated MCMV into their Stellar Community proposal

Greensburg, Anderson, and Shelbyville → All found funding and implemented projects in their plans

Irvington → Implementing pieces of MCMV into their overall curriculum

Logansport → Already completed one project, working on another in their plan



**Submission deadline: Monday, September 9, 2019
by 5 p.m. Eastern Time**

Application materials should be submitted to CLethig@ihcda.in.gov as a PDF.

Selected participants will be announced on September 13th and should plan on attending a kick-off event in the Indianapolis area on September 28, 2019.



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