



**I-69 EVANSVILLE TO INDIANAPOLIS TIER 2 STUDIES**

**Section 5—Final Environmental Impact Statement**

**APPENDIX T  
I-69 PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE**

**I-69 Community Planning Program Grants Update**

The I-69 Community Planning Program (I-69 CPP) is documented in the Tier 1 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD). Its purpose is to enhance the capacity of communities or groups of communities along the new I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis Corridor to plan for and manage the protection of natural resources, economic development, and general growth. The program includes funding for local planning activities and the development of a planning toolbox. Thirty-one communities were identified, during the Tier 1 process, as eligible to apply for I-69 CPP grants. The grant program was structured in two application rounds to allow communities the flexibility of submitting applications for funds during either round. In the first round, communities were required to submit either a grant application or a letter of intent to apply in the second round. The deadline for submission was October 5, 2007. Grant applications from communities choosing to apply in the second round were due on December 7, 2007. Thirty of the 31 eligible communities applied for grants and are participating in the Program.

Eight communities in the vicinity of Section 5 were eligible to apply for I-69 CPP grants. The City of Bloomington had current planning measures in place and opted not to apply for funding. The Town of Ellettsville and Monroe County each planned for direct protection of natural resources and were each awarded \$50,000 during the second round of grants. The City of Martinsville, Town of Mooresville and Morgan County opted to team together in their planning efforts and were awarded \$150,000 during the first round of grants. The Town of Spencer and Owen County teamed together and were awarded \$100,000 during the second round of grants. The Indiana Department of Transportation, its program consultants, and the Office of Community of Rural Affairs worked with each community to complete the necessary administrative processes. Details on the grant award, letters of intent, and the status of planning efforts is provided below. Details provided in the letters of intent are not binding.

**Section 5 Grant Awards as of July 11, 2012**

Communities Participating	Grant		Purpose(s)	Includes:		Nature of Resource Protection or Enhancement	Status as of July 11, 2012
	Date Awarded	Amount		Land Use Planning	Zoning		
Monroe County	12/21/07	\$50,000	Transportation Corridor Plan	X		The project included an extensive analysis of natural resources along the proposed highway alignment. While the plan will address a broad range of natural resources, special emphasis will be placed on floodplains, karst topography, and green space.	Grant has been awarded and grant agreement has been signed.  <i>Completed Items:</i>  The transportation corridor plan is completed and was adopted by the Monroe County Commissioners in February 2010.
Owen County & Town of Spencer	12/21/07	\$100,000	Comprehensive Plan for Owen County and Town of Spencer including a study of the SR 46 Corridor	X		The project included extensive analysis of natural resources throughout the county and in Spencer with an emphasis on potential impacts from future development along the SR 46 corridor.	Grant has been awarded and grant agreement has been signed.  <i>Completed Items:</i>  Each Plan was completed and adopted in March 2010.
Town of Ellettsville	12/21/07	\$50,000	Capital Improvement Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan, Preservation Plan for Wells Park Nature Area and Citizen Planner training for Local Officials	X		The project included an extensive analysis of natural resources within the Town of Ellettsville along with an emphasis on resource protection and enhancing recreational opportunities for residents and visitors that showcase the natural environment.	Grant has been awarded and grant agreement has been signed.  <i>Completed Items:</i>  The town was able to complete and adopt their plans in June of 2010.
Morgan County, Martinsville and the Town of Mooresville	10/22/07	\$150,000	SR 37/SR 144 Overlay District Plan/Corridor Plan, Comprehensive Plan Updates for Morgan County and Martinsville and a comprehensive plan and Zoning Ordinance Update for Mooresville	X	X	The project included an extensive analysis of natural resources within the county, including Martinsville and the Town of Mooresville. Resource protection was a major focus.	Grant has been awarded and grant agreement has been signed.  <i>Completed Items:</i>  All four plans were completed and adopted by the end of 2009.