Office of COMMUNITY & RURAL AFFAIRS

Grant Administrator Update

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

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If you are having any issues connecting, please contact

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Ask a question

If you're an attendee and want to ask a question, just:

Select **Q&A** on the right side of the screen.

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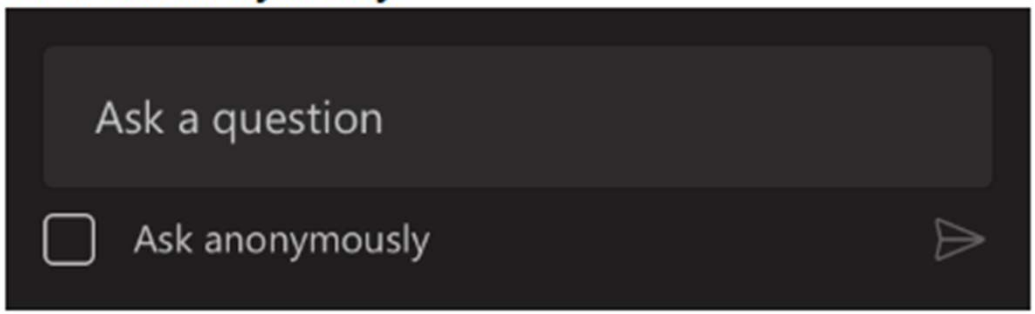

GA Update Credit

Due to technology limitations in MS Teams, we are unable to mark attendance.

If you need credit for the GA Update, please fill out the form linked below.

This link has been placed in the chat and will be share with all certified grant administrators on our listserv via email following the conclusion of this meeting.

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Over the course of this update, we will update you on the following:

- CDBG Team
- Community Affairs
- Strategic Initiatives
- Grant Services

A Quick Message from Christmas Hudgens, the CDBG Program Director

The CAPER Draft has Now Been Posted!

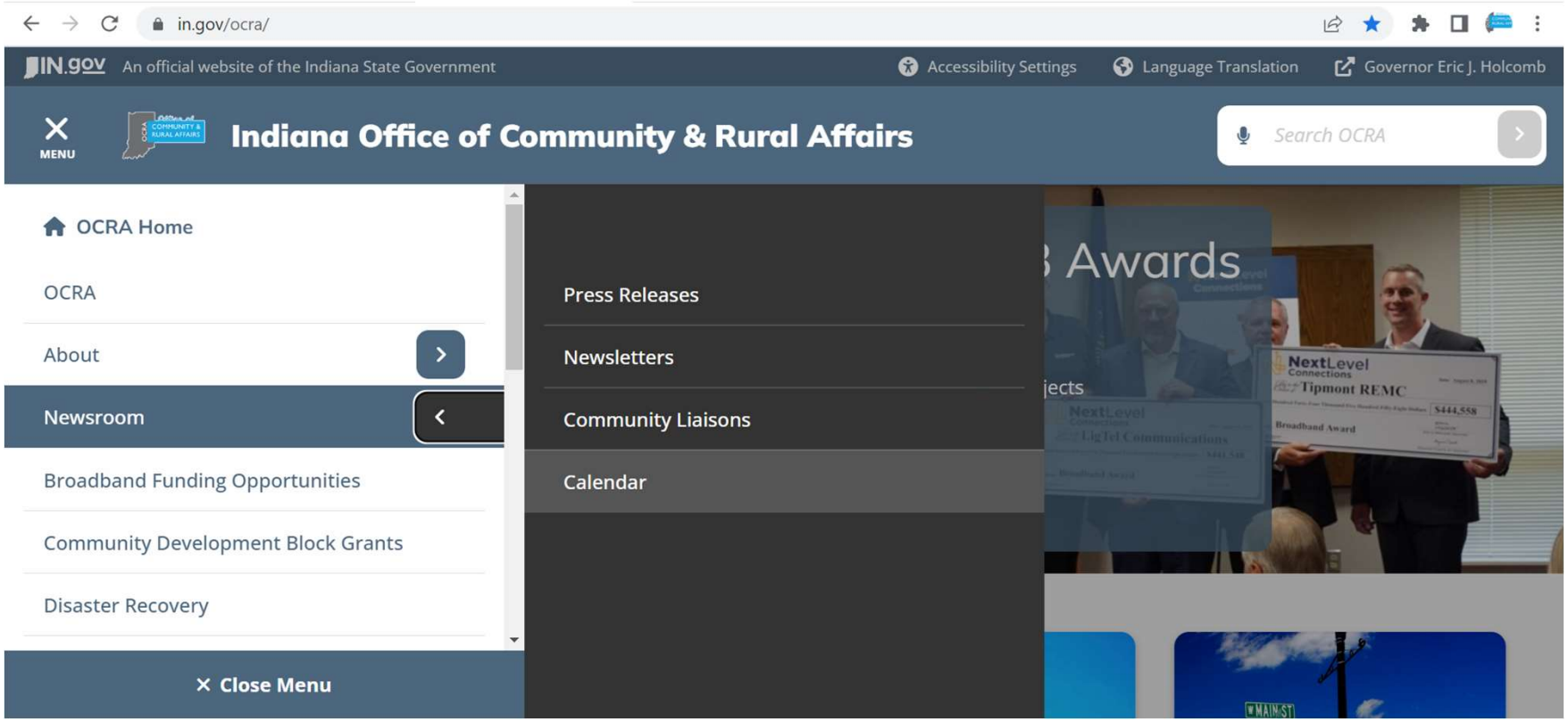
OCRA and IHCDA will have the 2021 CAPER available for public inspection prior to its submission.

Members of the public are invited to review the CAPER prior to its submission during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 15 through Friday September 30, 2022, on OCRA's and IHCDA's websites at http://www.in.gov/ocra and http://www.in.gov/ihcda/.

Information regarding the CAPER can be obtained by writing to: Office of Community and Rural Affairs, c/o CAPER, One North Capitol, Suite 600, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2027. Additional information may also be obtained via e-mail at CHudgens@ocra.IN.gov or SEnz@ihcda.IN.gov

The CAPER will also be available online at: www.in.gov/ocra/2369.htm.

OCRA UPDATED CALENDAR



2022 Round 2: Updates

Opens September 21st - Official Announcement opening the round scheduled for tomorrow!

Eligible Programs

- Wastewater/Drinking Water Program
- Public Facilities Program (including Historic Preservation)
- Stormwater Improvements Program
- Blight Clearance Program

2022 Round 1 Feedback Meetings are now being scheduled.

- CLs will prioritize communities who intend to reapply in Round 2.
- CLs will provide attendees with copies of the scoresheet along with comments from the scoring committee. CEO must be in attendance at the feedback meeting.
- CLs will provide application specific-TA and examples to help the community effectively address questions or concerns noted.
- Our goal is for this meeting to be a collaborative, authentic conversation in which the community and the GA are actively brainstorming ideas and solutions alongside OCRA to improve/to strengthen the application.

2022 Round 2: Updates

Recent Questions:

Do I still need to submit a Duplication of Benefits Form with my proposal and/or application?

- OCRA no longer requires applicants to submit DOB forms unless they will be using ARPA or other federal allocations as match for the project outlined in the application.
- Applicants who intend to use ARPA funds or other federal allocations as match will still need to submit the DOB form via eGMS with their application.

Where can I find information on the new income survey process?

- OCRA Income Survey Policy (Effective 06/05/22)
- Additionally, the eGMS Technical Guide is updated with information on the new Income Survey process. This guide is located on the GMS Resources page.

Quarter 4 Planning: Updates

Opened September 15th

Eligible Plan Types

- Water Utility Infrastructure
- Comprehensive
- Economic Recovery
- Broadband
- Public Facilities
- Economic Development
- Environmental Assessment
- Historic Preservation

Planning Grant applications for quarter four will be accepted until Oct. 14, 2022. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications prior to 4 p.m. ET on Oct. 14, 2022, as technical assistance will not be available after that time.

The new QBS Planning Grant Procurement Policy became effective as of August 15, 2022.

In accordance with that policy, communities who intend to apply for the Q4 Planning Round will need to begin procurement ***prior*** to submitting a planning grant application in eGMS.

The exact policy is uploaded to the CDBG policies page and can be accessed at in.gov/ocra/cdbg/cdbg-policies/.

OOR Guidelines

Note: No program changes have been made.

Must be a non-entitlement Local Unit of Government

Local Unit of Government must have 3 years of demonstratable Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation experience

Cannot have any unresolved findings or overdue documents

Maximum Grant Request $250,000

10% Match Requirement

Must hold at least one public hearing before application, and a second at completion of OOR community program

Administration process will mirror current Construction model- a full checklist of Pre-ROF and ROF required items will be provided after award

Maximum of 8% of Request for Grant Administration- Grant Administrator must have 3 years of demonstratable Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation experience

COVID-19 Response Program

Background

Launched in April 2020, the COVID-19 Response Program was created to address the immediate impacts of COVID-19 and to support economic recovery in Indiana's rural communities.

The CARES Act (CDBG- CV) provided waivers allowing OCRA to aid both non-entitlement and entitlement communities.

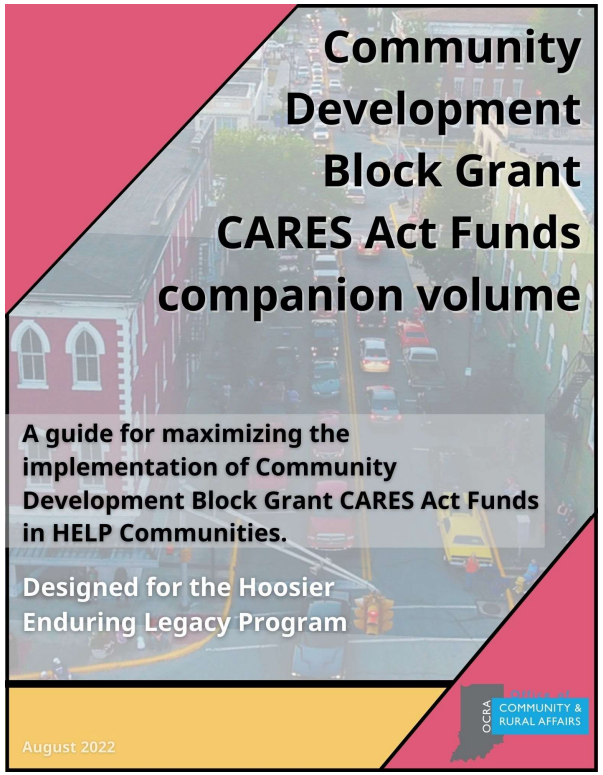
Outcomes

OCRA awarded 191 grants to 142 communities,

More than $38 million in funding, through the COVID-19 Response Program Phases 1, 2 and 3.

Funds awarded through this program provided relief to more than 600 thousand Hoosiers across the State.

Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program and CDBG-CV Toolkit



About the CDBG-CV Toolkit:

OCRA's CDBG CV Toolkit summarizes CDBG-CV program rules, statutory requirements, regulatory waivers and alternative requirements provided in the Federal Register Notice 6218 N-01 effective as of Aug. 7, 2020.

The toolkit includes information on Indiana rural coronavirus recovery and possible eligible projects for communities participating in the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program.

Welcome Pame!

For questions about CDBG-CV:

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Strategic Initiatives Update

Historic Renovation Grant Program (HRGP):

- Deadline for obtaining a Certificate of Approval was August 28, 2022.
- Applications for HRGP are due to OCRA by October 15, 2022.

PreservINg Main Street

- OCRA plans on opening the program in 2023. Stay tuned!

Rural Opportunity Zone Initiative

- SI Team is actively working with Purdue Center for Regional Development for a self-guided course to create an Investment Prospectus for the development of Opportunity Zones.

Abigail Chapman has returned to OCRA as the IMS Outreach and Education Manager!

Strategic Initiatives Update

Indiana Main Street Program

- Applications are currently open for communities interested in becoming a Main Street Community; Applications are open for ODAN Communities wishing to level up
- Main Street America rolled out their new accreditation standards that go into effect in January 2024. The SI Team is working with Main Street communities on transition to the new standards.
- Income and Salary Survey Results will be published in late September/early October.

Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program

- Cohort 1 is developing their Strategic Investment Plan in collaboration with Purdue Center for Regional Development
- Cohort 2 is focused on team building and community engagement

GRANT TOUCH THIS!

Grant Services Updates

BY ADAM MOSCHELL

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Questions?