

Workforce Development Program



The Workforce Development Program (WDP) is administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) to provide Indiana communities access to resources to develop and maintain a high quality workforce increasing the skills and capacity of current and future members of Indiana's workforce. WDP is funded with Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars.

About the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG): Rural communities have many pressing needs that require outside financial assistance. Through OCRA, Indiana requests CDBG dollars from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). OCRA then administers funding to rural communities, allocating it to programs that promote livable communities, address unmet community development needs and promote activities that enhance local economic development efforts. Assistance is available to non-entitlement cities, incorporated towns and counties.

Program Goals

- Provide funds for workforce development and skills training activities.
- Increase local public and private partnerships.
- Generate jobs and spur economic revitalization.

Eligible Activities

- Sector-based activities focusing on a specific need in the community or region (welding, heavy equipment operator, etc).
- Problem-focused strategies (life-skills, interviewing, basic math, etc).
- All projects must comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations including 51% or greater of beneficiaries must be low-to-moderate income.

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