

# Comprehensive Site Redevelopment Program



The Comprehensive Site Redevelopment Program (CSRP) is a collaborative effort between the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and the Indiana Brownfields Program (IBP), an environmental program of the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA).

This partnership is a strategic approach to leverage local, state and federal resources, and provide one-on-one technical and financial assistance to communities through all stages of the site redevelopment process: identifying, planning, assessing and redeveloping blighted properties. CSRP 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.

## The Comprehensive Site Redevelopment Program Goals

- Provide communities access to resources to address blighted properties within their communities, including those with environmental concerns.
- Enhance community economic development, sustain long-term growth, and increase jobs and the local tax base.
- Stimulate the reuse/redevelopment of blighted and underutilized properties.
- Mitigate public health and safety concerns.

## Steps to Access the Comprehensive Site Redevelopment Program

- Communities request admission to the program through a Letter of Interest (LOI) identifying site/project(s) and potential brownfield(s).
- OCRA Community Liaisons conduct pre-assessment of site/project(s).
- The partners will identify available resources given the level of project readiness/eligibility.

## Eligibility Requirements

- The project should be a part of the community's overall strategy. This is not an emergency response program and does not reimburse or assist retroactively with community initiatives.
- Enrollment in CSRP is a pre-requisite to be eligible for OCRA's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) clearance/demolition funding.
- Acceptance into the CSRP does not guarantee funding for projects.
- Projects must meet a national objective, be an eligible activity under the CDBG program, and comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

**Contact your OCRA Community Liaison with questions at [www.in.gov/ocra](http://www.in.gov/ocra)**

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