

Welcome



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Indiana's Stellar Communities

A first of its kind collaboration between state agencies.





Designated Stellar communities may be eligible to apply up to the following amounts.

Program	OCRA	INDOT	IHCDA
CDBG	\$1,500,000		\$500,000
Rural Federal Aid Program		\$1,500,000	
HOME Investment Partnerships Program			\$500,000
Rental Housing Tax Credits			\$1,200,000
Indiana Affordable Housing & Community Development Fund			\$500,000





OSBE creates a positive and measurable impact on the formation, growth, and sustainability of Indiana's small businesses by providing entrepreneurs expert guidance and a comprehensive network of resources.

Resources

1. In-depth business consulting for high-priority businesses and entrepreneurs
2. Exporting consulting
3. Connections to entrepreneurship-support resources





Indiana State Department of Health

Division of Nutrition
and Physical Activity

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) promotes and provides essential public health services to create a healthier and safer Indiana. The Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity (DNPA) addresses the problems of poor nutrition, sedentary behaviors, and obesity and other chronic diseases in Indiana.

Resources

1. Provide technical assistance for incorporating the following healthy policies and practices:
 - a. Promoting and implementing active living environments.
 - b. Complete streets policies.
 - c. Bicycle and pedestrian planning.
 - d. Promoting physical activity and local foods in schools and communities.
 - e. Shared use of school and community facilities to promote physical activity.





www.serveindiana.gov

Advance service and volunteerism by informing, connecting, and promoting opportunities and resources that enrich the lives of Hoosiers.

Resources

1. Provide technical assistance related to utilizing volunteerism or service as a strategy for strengthening community.
 - a. [National Service: A Resource for Cities](#)
2. [AmeriCorps](#) engage members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities. Members engage in community service and receive a living stipend and education award. * Minimum of 15 FTE (min. award \$205,950) * 24% cash/in-kind match required * Deadline Fall 2015 for project period 9.1.2016-8.31-2017



DNR

Indiana Department
of Natural Resources

To protect, enhance, preserve, and wisely use natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the benefit of Indiana's citizens through professional leadership, management, and education.

Resources

1. Provide technical expertise on projects: affecting historic structures; and outdoor recreation community Planning





Our mission is to oversee State-related debt issuance and provide efficient and effective financing solutions to facilitate state, local government and business investment in Indiana.

Resources

1. Offer information and counseling regarding creative financing plans and opportunities.
2. Provide contacts and services for Brownfields issues and other environmental concerns.
3. Answer general construction and contracting questions





IOTD is dedicated to enhancing the economic vitality of Indiana, its destinations and tourism-related assets through leadership, resource support, strategic planning and marketing expertise.

Resources

1. In-depth consulting on asset development
2. Technical assistance for strategic planning and destination marketing
3. Access to tools and resources to increase awareness of pre-existing assets



Stellar Communities Process

- Informational Forum/ Workshop **February 13th**
9 AM-12 PM EST Garrison @ Ft. Harrison State
Park
- LOI due **March 16, 2015 5:00 PM EST**
 - *Electronic Submissions only*
 - Via an FTP site
 - Contact Stellarcommunities@ocra.in.gov
to set up a user name and password even if
you have an account



Stellar Communities Process cont.

- Evaluations of LOIs
- Announcement of finalist communities **April 2nd**
- Conference calls with each non-finalist community to provide feedback
- Finalist Workshop **April 16th 10AM-1 PM EST**
Garrison @ Ft. Harrison State Park



Stellar Communities Process cont.

- Strategic Investment Plans (SIPs) Due **June 30th 5:00 PM EST**
- Site visits and evaluations **July 20th – July 31st**
- Designation announcements **August @ State Fair**
- Community celebrations **September**
- Kick off meetings **October**



Letter of Interest Submission Packet Requirements

- We are looking for **FIVE** documents to be included with your letter of interest on **March 16**:
 1. The Authorization to Submit Certification Form signed by CEO
 2. The Stellar Communities information sheet
 3. The Stellar Communities LOI project matrix
 4. A copy of the adoption resolution for the comprehensive plan
 5. A legible 8 ½ by 11 map of your community with target area boundaries and projects identified.



Submit LOIs To:

Email StellarCommunities@OCRA.in.gov with the following information:

- Full Name
- Email
- Password
- Community Name (i.e. City/Town of...)

LOI due March 16, 2015 5:00 PM EST



Keys to Success:

- Proven prior implementation of planning efforts
- Effective and engaged leadership
- Engaged community and public participation



Keys to Success:

- Recognizing the value of the planning process
- Effective description of targeted area of comprehensive community revitalization
- Alternative plans to move forward with community solutions if not designated



Barriers to Success:

- Viewing the program as a grant program rather than a designation program.
- Variations in mission and strategies amongst partners
- Lack of cohesion between previously completed projects and proposed projects
- No evidence of collaborative efforts with variety of public and private partners



Q & A with State Panel

- Review FAQ
- Other questions?



Individual Technical Assistance



Thank you!

