

Welcome



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Indiana's Stellar Communities

A first of its kind collaboration between state agencies.



Stellar Communities Program Vision

- An Indiana where communities are made stronger and more sustainable through partnerships, investments in community development, and collaborative planning



Program Overview

- Building stronger partnerships and coordinating program implementation among various organizations.
- Designed as a *flexible program* to assist prepared communities implement their vision to make significant social and capital investments to enhance quality of life and spur private development.



Program Overview cont.

- Designated communities **will** have access to technical assistance and **may** be eligible for non-competitive funds.
- Restriction maybe placed on designated communities to apply for regular competitive programs during the three-year designation period.





Promote community prosperity to strengthen Indiana's economy by providing capacity-building solutions to assure ready, marketable, and competitive communities for economic growth.

Resources

1. Technical assistance on project development and funding requirements
2. Maximum of \$1.5MM per designee in funding available through the CDBG subject to federal eligibility and project application submission





The mission of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority is to provide housing opportunities, promote self-sufficiency, and strengthen communities.

Resources

1. Technical assistance on project development and funding requirements
2. Capital funding for affordable housing and community development projects
 - Funding may be in the form of tax credits, loans, or grants depending on activity and funding program





INDOT will plan, build, maintain and operate a superior transportation system enhancing safety, mobility and economic growth.

Resources

1. Technical assistance on project development and funding requirements
2. Maximum of \$1.5 million dollars per designee in funding available for Construction in Fiscal Year 2020 through the Rural Federal Aid Program for communities that fall outside of any MPO Urbanized Area. This funding is subject to federal eligibility





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](#)
 - b. [Cities of Service](#)
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





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



New Stellar Divisions

- **Division I: Communities above 6,000 in population**
- **Division II: Communities 6,000 and below in population**
- **Three finalists and one designee from each division will be selected as long as eligible and qualified letters of interest and strategic investment plans are received**



General Requirements for Stellar Participation

- Open to incorporated Indiana communities of any size that are not entitled to direct CDBG funding through U.S. HUD
- A local unit of government that resides in a MPO, must meet the eligibility requirements below:
 - If the community falls within an MPO's Planning Area, they must have a letter of recommendation from the MPO for the proposed projects
 - If the community falls within an MPO urbanized area, they must have approval from the MPO for the proposed projects. If selected, any funding for the proposed projects must be financed by the MPO



General Requirements cont.

- **Must have a recent comprehensive plan (7-yrs)**
- **Must have documented and demonstrated capacity to complete proposed activities—including the ability to submit a response to a request for proposal**
- **Must be in good standing with partner agencies**



General Requirements cont.

- The authorization to submit certification form must be signed by the chief elected official
- Must submit the Stellar Communities information sheet, , 8 ½ by 11 map of projects in your community, and project matrix with the letter of interest



Stellar Communities Process

- Call for Letters of Interest (LOI) Webinar **January 30th**
- Informational Forum/ Workshop **February 13th**
9 AM-12 PM EST Garrison @ Ft. Harrison State Park
 - Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stellar-communities-informational-sessionworkshop-tickets-15569164791>
- 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**
- Finalist Workshop **April 16th 10AM-1 PM EST**
Garrison @ Ft. Harrison State Park
- Strategic Investment Plans (SIPs) Due **June 30th 5:00**
PM EST



Stellar Communities Process cont.

- Site visits and evaluations **July 20th – July 31st**
- Designation announcements **August @ State Fair**
- Community celebrations **September**
- Kick off meetings **October**



Letter of Interest Criteria

Letters of Interest will be evaluated based on:

- Description of target area
- Description of local and regional impact
- Demonstrated reasonableness of project scope
- Demonstrated feasibility of proposed projects



Letter of Interest Criteria cont.

- Demonstrated leadership capacity
- Demonstrated community engagement
- Demonstrated ability to maintain Stellar projects
- Description of how designation will be used to market community to attract residents and businesses



Letter of Interest Criteria cont.

- For previous program finalists, how the previous SIP has been implemented and justify the need for updates to the SIP
- MPO acknowledgement if necessary



Letter of Interest Submission Packet Requirements

- We are looking for **FIVE** documents 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
- Preferred Password
- Community Name (i.e. City/Town of...)

LOI due March 16, 2015 5:00 PM EST



Q&A



Questions

- Questions can be submitted to Stellarcommunities@ocra.in.gov, which will be collected into a FAQ document.



Thank you!

