



This summary provides information about funding or other incentives for local or regional projects. If your community is interested in pursuing funds from any of the following programs, or any program that is not listed, please feel free to contact the NCICG office at the number below for more information or assistance.

## **1. PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP)**

This program is administered by the IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) using United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds. This is a state-wide competitive program for communities with a population under 50,000. All communities applying must meet certain requirements. The primary requirement is that the project must benefit a minimum of 51% low to moderate-income individuals based on community income survey results and alleviate a threat to the public health and safety.

#### **Design Engineering - Applications Due May, 2010**

The Design Engineering grant program offers up to \$150,000 in grant assistance to communities for the design of a comprehensive water or sewer project.

#### **Public Facilities-Applications Due February, 2010**

The Public Facilities grant program offers up to \$350,000 in grant assistance to be used for actual construction costs of water and sewer facilities. Important note: if your community needs to complete an income survey, the survey must be completed and submitted to DCEO no later than December 1, 2008.

#### **Emergency Public Facilities - Applications submitted as needed**

This program offers up to \$100,000 in grant assistance to communities on an emergency basis for emergency situations that arise in their water or sewer system which they do not have the funds to remedy.

### **IEPA Drinking Water and Wastewater Low- Interest Loan Programs**

*The Water Pollution Control Loan Program* provides low interest loans to units of local government for the construction of wastewater facilities.

*The Public Water Supply Loan Program* provides low interest loans to units of local government for the construction of community water supply facilities.

The loans are awarded with a maximum term of 20 years at one-half the market interest rate (approximately 3 percent). These funds are awarded on a competitive basis with an annual pre-application deadline of March 31. Priority consideration is given to projects with compliance problems, financial hardship and small community systems.

### [IEPA Unsewered Communities Grant Program](#)

This program, administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), offers unsewered communities grant funding based on a community's median household income. The purpose of this program is to provide affordable wastewater collection and treatment to existing unsewered communities which are primarily residential in nature and have a history of public health or pollution issues resulting from inadequate wastewater disposal systems.

### [United States Department of Agriculture -Rural Development](#)

#### **Community Facilities Grant and Loan Program (also have Guaranteed Loan Program)**

Funds are used to construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve essential community facilities. Funds are for public entities and not-for-profits (e.g. health care, fire and rescue, assisted living projects, day care etc).

#### **Water & Waste Disposal Loans and Grants (also have Guaranteed Loan Program)**

Eligibility for this program is based on community median income. Loans and grants are available for community water and sewer projects (includes solid waste and storm drainage) in rural towns with pop. less than 10,000. Grants supplement loans to keep user rates affordable.

### [IL Department of Transportation -Safe Routes to Schools Program \(SRTS\)](#)

SRTS uses a multidisciplinary approach to improve conditions for students who walk or bike to school. SRTS funds infrastructure improvements and non-infrastructure improvements. Projects are funded at 100% with no local match required. All applications require an approved Illinois School Travel Plan and only those projects and programs included in the corresponding School Travel Plan are eligible for funding. Multiple projects may be applied for by a single Sponsoring Agency, using a single application.

## **2. EMERGENCY SERVICES (There are many programs– NCICG has assisted with grant applications).**

### [Justice Assistance Grant Program \(JAG\)](#)

The JAG program, administered by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, was designed to streamline justice funding and grant administration. The program blends funding for Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance (also known as ADAA) and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) programs to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed most.

Another deadline for equipment will be June 8, 2009. Eligible items are - *Mobil Data Computers; In-car Video Systems; Officer-worn (portable) Video Digital Video/Audio Recording Devices; In-car Radio Systems; Officer-worn (portable) Radio Systems.*

Deadlines vary from year to year and little notice is given so it is good to keep checking the web site: [www.icjia.state.il.us/public/index.cfm?metasection=grants](http://www.icjia.state.il.us/public/index.cfm?metasection=grants).

### [Bulletproof Vests Program \(BVP\)](#)

Applications for FY 2009 BVP funds will be accepted beginning May 13, 2009. All applications must be submitted online by 5:00 pm (Eastern Time) June 24, 2009.

### **Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program**

This program is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Department of Homeland Security offers one-year grants directly to fire departments for personal protective equipment, training, wellness and fitness programs, and firefighting equipment (including vehicles). Deadline is April 4, 2008.

## **3. HISTORIC PRESERVATION/TOURISM**

### **Illinois Heritage Grant Program-\*\*\*NOT CURRENTLY FUNDED\*\*\***

This program is managed by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency with the intent to assist in the preservation and treatment of designated individual landmarks throughout the State by offering grants in amounts up to 60% of total project costs, not to exceed \$50,000.

### **Tourism Matching Grant Program**

Funding for this program comes from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and provides grant assistance to counties, municipalities, and local not-for-profit organizations to promote local tourist attractions and events in order to increase hotel/motel occupancy and travel into and throughout Illinois.

### **Tourism Attraction Development Grant Program (TAP)**

This program is administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity with the purpose of providing financial assistance in the form of grants to counties, municipalities, local promotional groups or for-profit businesses for the development or improvement of tourism attractions in Illinois.

## **4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Community Development Assistance Program-Economic Development (CDAP-ED)**

This program, which is managed by Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity offers funds that are available for communities to assist the location/retention of businesses in their communities. Funds are granted to the community and may be used for infrastructure or to loan to the benefiting company for machinery, equipment, building construction/renovation, or infrastructure. Maximum grant request for this program is \$750,000 (\$15,000 per job created or retained).

### **Business Development Public Infrastructure Program (BDPIP)**

This program is administered by Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, with the purpose of providing low-interest loans to units of government for public improvements on behalf of businesses undertaking expansion or relocation projects. Maximum grant or loan is based on details of project (\$5,000 per job created or retained).

### **Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)**

#### **Railway Freight Program (RFP)**

This program provides capital assistance to communities, railroads, and shippers to preserve and improve rail freight service in Illinois. Low interest loans are typically provided, but in some cases a grantee may be eligible to receive grant funds.

### **Truck Access Route Program (TARP)**

This program assists local government agencies with the upgrading of roads to accommodate 80,000 pound trucks. IDOT will provide up to \$20,000 per lane mile and \$10,000 per intersection or up to 50% of the total project costs. Projects must connect to a truck route and end at another truck route or truck generator. A per project cap has been set by IDOT at \$75,000.00.

### **Economic Development Program (EDP)**

This program provides assistance in improving highway access to new or expanding industrial, distribution or tourism developments. The focus of the program is on the retention and creation of primary jobs. The program provides up to 50% state matching funds for eligible roadway-related construction and engineering items.

## **5. RECREATION/CONSERVATION**

### **Outdoor Recreation Grant-In-Aid Programs**

These programs are administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) with the intention of creating more recreational opportunities closer to home for the citizens of Illinois. All of the programs listed below operate on a cost reimbursement basis to local governments for approved project elements. Funding through these programs is competitively awarded on an annual basis based upon written applications.

### **Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Program (OSLAD) & Land And Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)-Applications Due July 1, 2010.**

The OSLAD and LWCF programs are state-financed grant programs that provide funding assistance to local government agencies for acquisition and /or development of land for public parks and open space.

### **Boat Access Area Development Program-Applications Due September 1, 2009**

This program provides financial assistance to local government agencies for the acquisition, construction, and expansion/rehabilitation, including necessary architectural/engineering services, of public boat and canoe access areas on Illinois' lakes and rivers.

### **Illinois Bicycle Path Program-Applications Due March 1, 2010**

This program was created in 1990 to financially assist eligible units of government acquire, construct, and rehabilitate public, non-motorized bicycle paths and directly related support facilities.

### **Snowmobile Grant Program-Applications Due May 1, 2010**

This program is financed from the registration fees of snowmobiles and provides up to 50% reimbursement of approved facility development/rehabilitation costs and 90% of approved trail corridor land acquisition costs for public snowmobile trails and areas in the state.

## 6. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING/HOUSING REHABILITATION**

(Note: There is a multitude of affordable housing initiatives and programs available. The programs listed below are programs with which NCICG has had direct experience. If your community has an interest in housing projects please do not hesitate to contact our office to explore these or other available options.)

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#### **Housing Rehabilitation- Applications Due November 14, 2009**

This program provides communities the opportunity to address the housing needs of eligible low-to-moderate income persons by bringing existing housing up to standard living conditions. Communities can receive up to \$350,000 to be used to rehabilitate residential buildings, including improvements to increase the energy efficiency of the structures, structural improvements, plumbing improvements, electrical improvements, public facility improvements and/or residential connection costs which will support a housing rehabilitation project, finance acquisition and/or disposition, or clearance and relocation to arrest the decline of an area. The goal of this program is to bring housing up to local and state housing codes.

#### **Mobility and Accessibility Rehabilitation Supplement-Applications can be submitted as funds are needed**

This program provides funds to be used for the rehabilitation of housing units for occupancy by persons with disabilities. Communities can receive up to \$100,000 to be used to make structural improvements to remove physical barriers that restrict mobility and accessibility of elderly and disabled persons.

## **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

### **Section 202 - Supportive Housing for the Elderly**

Section 202 is a program designed to enable low income seniors (62 years or older) to live independently by increasing the supply of rental housing with supportive services. Section 202 provides interest-free capital advances to private non-profit organizations to construct or rehabilitate rental housing for low-income elderly. The funding amount is determined by a formula that is updated annually by the Federal Government (i.e. a set amount per unit constructed) The advance remains interest free and does not need to be repaid as long as the housing remains available to low-income elderly for at least forty (40) years. The program also includes rental assistance for the residents. Residents pay 30 percent of their adjusted gross income in rent while HUD pays the difference between the monthly approved operating cost and the rent received from the tenant. Applications are typically due in May.

### **Section 811 - Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities**

This program operates very much like the Section 202 program described above. The purpose of 811 is to enable low-income persons with disabilities to live independently by increasing the supply of rental housing with supportive services. Applications are typically due in May.

## 7. RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE

### **Illinois Recycling Grants Programs**

These programs are administered through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Energy and Recycling Division. Projects that demonstrate the public economic benefit of job creation and/or job retention, especially projects within economically disadvantaged areas, and those providing work opportunities for physically and mentally disabled individuals are given extra consideration under this program.

### **Traditional Recycling Collections and Processing-Applications deadline TBA**

Governmental organizations, for-profit businesses, and not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply to this program. The purpose of this program is to increase the self-sufficiency of Illinois' recycling industry, the create and/or retain employment opportunities, divert post-consumer recyclable commodities from Illinois landfills, and increase the quantity of materials recycled in Illinois. Applicants are eligible to receive \$60,000-\$120,000, depending on project criteria.

### **Computer and Electronics Recycling-Application deadline TBA**

DCEO is seeking applications from governmental organizations, for-profit businesses, and not-for-profit organizations for the purposes of diverting computers, cathode ray tube (CRT) devices and electronic equipment from Illinois landfills for reuse and recycling, increasing the quantity of materials recycled in Illinois, and increasing the self-sufficiency of Illinois' recycling industry. Applicants are eligible to receive \$60,000-\$75,000.

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