



2021 ANNUAL DINNER POSTPONED

We have decided to postpone our 2021 Annual Dinner, scheduled for Thursday, December 9. The recent surge in COVID-19 positives is a concern to us. We are going to revisit things after the first of the year and hope to reschedule our Annual Dinner to take place before the end of our fiscal year.

UNFUNDED NEEDS LIST PUBLIC MEETING DECEMBER 3

MoDOT will be conducting a public meeting to receive public feedback on the Unfunded Needs Lists we have worked on this past year. This will involve the Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, and Multimodal Lists. The Public Meeting for MoDOT's Northwest District is scheduled for Friday, December 3, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Cameron Regional YMCA – Theater, 1903 Walnut Street, Cameron. This meeting will involve reviewing the needs identification/prioritization process, a brief overview of the needs in MoDOT's Northwest District, and discussion time with MoDOT officials. Members of the Highway Commission and other elected officials will also be in attendance.

The presentation on Dec. 3 will not be livestreamed, but the PowerPoint will be available online at www.modot.org/high-priority-unfunded-needs-public-meetings. It will be available the day of the meeting, but it may be available a day or two before the meeting as well. On that page visitors can also submit comments or questions on the draft Unfunded Needs List through Dec. 22. The main web page for Missouri's High Priority Unfunded Needs is www.modot.org/unfundedneeds. On that page are the current and draft updated documents. From there you can navigate to the link above or the comment section.

2022 LAND AND CONSERVATION FUND GRANT ROUND ANNOUNCED

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks is pleased to announce the 2022 grant round for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is now open. LWCF grants are available to cities, counties and public school districts to be used for outdoor recreation projects. "We are excited to provide assistance for communities to create and improve their outdoor recreational opportunities in order to boost health and wellness for all," director of Missouri Department of Natural Resources Dru Buntin said. "Since 1965, Missouri has received more than \$90 million dollars for Land and Water Conservation Fund projects. For more information about this program, to download the grant application and to register for a grant application workshop, visit mostateparks.com/page/61215/land-and-water-conservation-fund-lwcf-grants.

SECOND ROUND OF ROADWAY SAFETY GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Northwest Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety (NWMCRS) finds itself in a unique position: it has money to give away. NWMCRS is opening a second round of grant applications to help agencies and organizations across Northwest Missouri who need funding for programs aimed at reducing injuries and fatalities on our roadways. Completed applications are due by the close of business on Friday, Dec. 10, 2021. To apply, please visit: [Grant Application](#). Grant application points of interest: Grant requests may not exceed \$5,000; Organizations eligible to apply for these funds include schools, community groups, law enforcement, health departments, and more; Program must address at least one of the emphasis areas identified in the Show-Me Zero strategic highway safety plan. These include occupant protection, distracted driving, speed and aggressive driving and impaired driving. More information can be found at: <https://www.savemolives.com/mcrs/show-me-zero>; and Grant funds are through reimbursement only. For more information, contact Northwest Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety Chairperson Amber Dydel at 816-387-2445, or Amy at the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments at 660-582-5121 ,ext. 3 or email amy@nwmorcog.org.

MoDNR Extends Deadline to Submit Info on Water Infrastructure Funding Needs

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is extending the deadline for Missouri communities to submit information on their water infrastructure funding needs. Drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure projects in Missouri are critical to providing essential service to Missouri citizens and businesses, but are largely underfunded. To better understand the scope of Missouri infrastructure needs associated with wastewater, drinking water and stormwater utilities, the department is asking Missouri communities to complete a brief survey. The information gleaned from survey responses will help identify water infrastructure funding needs across the state and be used to develop state grant programs to help meet those needs.

The survey is intended to identify prospective projects that could be funded if grant funds were made available. The department is particularly interested in water infrastructure projects for which an engineering report has already been prepared, as well as projects that are difficult to finance with existing resources. Communities are encouraged to complete the survey with details about their projects, including estimated costs, available local cost share funding and the community's demographic information.

Grant programs will favor applicants who propose projects that are necessary for compliance and public health protection, demonstrate financial need and that provide local cost share funds to complete the work. Communities should consider retaining their local ARPA allocations to offer as cost share funds for state ARPA grant programs, likely increasing the community's chances of being awarded state ARPA grant funding.

Application Period Open for Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program

The FY 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program AFG application period is open and will close on **Friday, December 17, 2021, at 4 p.m.** Start planning your FY 2021 AFG grant application now by reviewing the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on the AFG [website](https://www.fema.gov/media-collection/fy-2021-assistance-firefighters-grant-afg-application-guidance-materials) at <https://www.fema.gov/media-collection/fy-2021-assistance-firefighters-grant-afg-application-guidance-materials>.

MoDNR Offers Grants to Plug Abandoned Water Wells

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is now accepting applications for projects to plug abandoned private, multiple-family, or public drinking water wells. Eligible public water systems may submit applications to the Department through December 31, 2021. Applicants must register with the Department's online funding portal ([Funding Opportunities Portal | Missouri Department of Natural Resources \(mo.gov\)](#)) to access the application form and related materials. For additional information, please contact the Department's Source Water Protection Program Coordinator at 573-526-0269 or via email at sourcewaterprotection@dnr.mo.gov.

Call for 2022 Great Places in Missouri Nominations

Submit your nominations for [Great Places in Missouri](#) NOW! Nominations should be submitted by 5 p.m. on December 1, 2021, to receive full consideration. Places selected for designation as a Great Neighborhood, Great Street, or Great Public Space will be recognized by the APA Missouri Chapter during the Planners' Day at the Capitol event on March 2, 2022. For more information, please visit <https://missouri.planning.org/community-outreach/great-places-missouri/>.

Other Upcoming Events

November 24: Randstad Open Interviews at the Regional Council, 9-11 a.m.

November 25: Regional Council and Job Center closed

November 26: Regional Council and Job Center closed

December 7: Northwest Workforce Development Board Meeting, St. Joseph Job Center or Virtual, 4 p.m.

December 9: 2021 Annual Dinner - POSTPONED

December 23: Regional Council and Job Center closed

December 24: Regional Council and Job Center closed

December 31: Regional Council and Job Center closed