



NORTHWEST NEWSFLASH

NORTHWEST MISSOURI REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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GOV. COST-SHARE PROGRAM TO GENERATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Application period is Aug. 19 - Sept. 30

The Missouri General Assembly in the last legislative session appropriated \$75 million to the departments of transportation and economic development for the Governor's Transportation Cost-Share Program, aiming to build partnerships with local entities to deliver road and bridge projects. Guidelines and applications for the cost-share program are now available at [modot.org/governors-transportation-cost-share-program](https://www.modot.org/governors-transportation-cost-share-program). The Governor's Transportation Cost-Share Program provides financial assistance to public and private applicants for public road and bridge projects. The program matches up to 50% of the construction contract costs for selected projects. Twenty percent of the funds will be set aside for projects that demonstrate economic development. MoDOT and DED will work with project sponsors to determine when projects may generate economic development, and the program may contribute up to 100% of the construction contract costs from the 20% set aside for these projects. Applications may be submitted Aug. 19 – Sept. 30. Projects will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Economic Impact
- Transportation Need
- Applicant's Share of Total Project Costs
- Project Readiness

MISSOURI JOB CENTER-MARYVILLE NEWS

Upcoming Events:

Local Job Fair: Wednesday, August 31, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hughes Fieldhouse on NWMSU campus. This event is geared towards college students seeking part-time employment and employers who hire for part-time positions, but it is open to the public. A great opportunity to fill those part-time positions and showcase your business.

Manufacturing Day: Friday, October 7, in Nodaway County. Employers have been invited to participate and give tours of their facility to 8th grade students of Nodaway County. If interested in participating as an employer please contact Josh McKim with Nodaway County Economic Development at 660-582-4490.

Other News:

- Employers from all sectors are looking for employees, both part-time and full-time. Job Center staff is doing their best to refer candidates to these positions.
- The merger between the Northeast and Northwest Workforce Development Boards is proceeding. At this point job center staff has not needed to be involved.
- A huge thank you to Worth, Gentry, and Nodaway County commissioners for allocating a portion of their ARPA funds to the Missouri Job Center-Maryville allowing us to be operational on a full-time basis.

COMING SOON: FY2023 NAP Round 2 Application Cycle

The Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) Round 2 application cycle will open on September 1, 2022, with applications due October 7, 2022. To assist organizations with the application process, the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) will be hosting a virtual application workshop for all organizations interested in this program on September 8, 2022. We encourage your attendance to learn how to write the best application possible! NAP Application Workshop Thursday, September 8, from 1-3 p.m. To register, please visit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/neighborhood-assistance-program-fy-23-round-2-application-workshop-tickets-401429465337>.

Public input needed for Holt County bridge replacement project

Route B over Hickory Creek - public comment period extended

The Missouri Department of Transportation is seeking public input regarding a bridge replacement project on Holt County Route B at the bridge over Hickory Creek. The project, currently in the design stage, would replace the 83-year-old timber pile bridge which is in poor condition. As part of the project, the grade of the bridge will be raised and roadway near the bridge will be corrected to provide for better sight distance. In order to make these improvements, provide safe slopes, and maintain a utility corridor, additional right of way will be required, including a 0.40-acre section from the Nodaway Valley Conservation Area (Conservation Commission of Missouri). MoDOT will begin outreach to affected property owners soon. This project is currently scheduled to go out for contractor bids as part of MoDOT's February 2023 letting with construction expected during the 2023 construction season. The road will be closed to all traffic during the closure. At this time, a signed detour is not planned. Motorists will need to seek an alternate route during the closure. The project will also close the entrance to the primitive campsite within the Nodaway Valley Conservation Area at Road 225 for up to 50 days.

Anyone wishing to comment on the project may do so by Friday, Aug. 26, in the following ways:

1. Online: <https://www.modot.org/holt-county-route-b-bridge-replacement-over-hickory-creek>
2. E-mail: nwcr@modot.mo.gov
3. Mail (postmarked by Aug. 26): Holt County Route B Hickory Creek Project, Missouri Department of Transportation, 3602 North Belt Highway, St. Joseph, MO 64506

If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact MoDOT Customer Service at 888 ASK MODOT (1-888-275-6636) by Friday, Aug. 19.

GRANT ASSISTANCE TO UNDERWRITE SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS NOW OPEN

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks is pleased to announce the 2022-2023 Bus Grant Program is now open. These non-competitive grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified applicants. **The deadline to apply is May 15, 2023.** Bus grants are available to public school districts, private schools, charter schools and youth-focused nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status. Assistance is available only to schools and organizations located in Missouri. Missouri State Parks offers busing grants to underwrite the cost of field trips for schools (pre-K through 12th grade) and nonprofit organizations in an effort to connect youth with nature at Missouri state parks and historic sites.

For more information about this program and to download the Missouri State Parks Bus Grant Application Guidance, visit mostateparks.com/page/55065/outdoor-recreation-grants#bus. For questions, contact grants management staff at msspgrants@dnr.mo.gov. For more information on state parks and historic sites, visit mostateparks.com. Missouri State Parks is a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

CDBG-Disaster Recovery/Low-Income Housing Tax Credits Multi-family Proposals Now Open

The State of Missouri's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and its subrecipients are now accepting proposals from Developer Teams interested in leveraging CDBG-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds with Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) funding from the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC). Proposals may only be submitted for projects located in a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-identified Most Impacted and Distressed (HUD MID) area, which includes:

DR-4451 ZIP Codes

- 64437
- 65101

Proposals are due September 5, 2022, by 5 p.m. Interviews for selected proposals may be conducted with Developer Teams, September 8-13, 2022, with Letters of Intent issued to Developers by September 16, 2022.

More information, including a detailed proposal process, required proposal submission materials, and evaluation criteria, may be found [here](#). Subrecipients and their Developer Teams will be required to comply with all applicable program requirements as outlined in the State's [Affordable Multi-family Rental Recovery policy](#), if receiving CDBG-DR funding.

For any questions regarding this process, please contact mocdbg-dr@ded.mo.gov

2023 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT APPLICATION ROUND IS NOW OPEN

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks is pleased to announce that the 2023 grant application 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. For more information about this program, to download the grant application or to register for a grant application workshop, visit mostateparks.com/page/61215/land-and-water-conservation-fund-lwcf-grants. For questions, contact the grants management team at mospgrants@dnr.mo.gov. **Deadline to apply is Nov. 16, 2022.** For more information on state parks and historic sites, visit mostateparks.com. Missouri State Parks is a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI COALITION FOR ROADWAY SAFETY GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE

Over the last several years, agencies and organizations across Northwest Missouri have received funding for programs aimed at reducing injuries and fatalities on our roadways. With preliminary reports showing 49 fatalities within the northwest region's 20 counties during 2021, the work is not over yet. To assist agencies in the fight towards zero deaths in Northwest Missouri, and across the state, the Northwest Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety (NWMCRS) is once again offering grants for highway and traffic safety programs and resources. This year, the NWMCRS will be offering funding through two different opportunities. The annual highway and traffic safety grant opportunity and a new Community Outreach Funding program. For more information, about the NWMCRS and regional funding opportunities, visit: <https://www.savemolives.com/mcrs/Northwest-Region>.

- **Applications will be accepted through end of business Sept. 9, 2022.**
 - 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>.
 - Grant funds are through reimbursement only. You must have a vendor account with
- Online grant application: https://modot-rjzpw.formstack.com/forms/blueprint_grant_application_2015_2016

Community Outreach Funding: Funding is limited and provided on a first-come basis **through May 31, 2023.**

- Funding requests must be a for physical items with the total cost equaling no more than \$2,000.
- Organizations eligible to apply for these funds include schools, community groups, law enforcement, health departments, and more.
- Funding request 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>.
- Program funds request: <https://www.modot.org/form/nwmcrs-community-outreach-fundin>

ARPA Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program Now Open!

The Office of Broadband Development (OBD) is excited to announce that the ARPA Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program began accepting applications on August 15, 2022. For more information, please visit the [ARPA Broadband webpage](#) and watch for future email announcements. To apply, click [here](#). OBD developed a new [frequently asked questions \(FAQ\) document](#) to provide additional guidance to the common questions we have received. In preparation for the launch of the application cycle, the Office of Broadband Development (OBD) has also posted the following new or updated resources to assist applicants throughout the process. The [ARPA Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program Guidelines](#) have been revised with a few clarifications.

- Added \$100 million dollar cap per applicant
- Added clarity to the contiguous nature standard
- Added grant administrative costs as an eligible expense
- Updated the name of the grant portal
- Updated application open and close dates
- Updated Tax Clearance Certificate requirement
- Added flexibility to the Letter of Credit requirement

I-229 Public Meeting to be Held September 1

The I-229 Moving Forward Environmental Assessment (EA) team will be hosting a public meeting open house on **Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022**. The four alternatives currently being considered for the I-229 corridor, as part of the I-229 Moving Forward EA, will be displayed as well as other aspects of the EA, including environmental, historical and cultural resources. The EA team, comprised of MoDOT staff and their consultants, will be on hand to answer questions and gather input from stakeholders and members of the general public on the four alternatives currently being considered. No need to RSVP. The meeting will not have a formal presentation. Rather participants can come and go any time **between 4 and 6 p.m. at the Remington Nature Center in St. Joseph**. If you are unable to attend the open house meeting, please visit the new I-229 Moving Forward EA website at: www.modot.org/stjoe229. There you will find the same information, display boards, etc. that will be presented at the public open house beginning Monday, Aug. 22, through Sept. 30. There is also an online comment form where you may provide your input on the future of the I-229 corridor. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us via email at stjoe229@modot.mo.gov or by phone at 816-901-4529.

SAVE THE DATE!

I-229 Public Meeting

September 1, 2022 | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Remington Nature Center - St. Joseph, MO

I-229
MOVING FORWARD

CDBG GRANT Cycle to Open Soon

The next round of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) is scheduled to open this Fall. If your jurisdiction has a project you would like to seek funding for, please reach out to Jerri Dearmont via email at jerri@nwmorcog.org. The categories for projects are unknown at this time, but could include: community revitalization, demolition, general infrastructure and more.

Upcoming Events

- August 31: Part-time Job Fair, Hughes Fieldhouse, NWMSU, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- September 1: I-229 Public Meeting, Remington Nature Center, St. Joseph, MO, 4-6 p.m.
- September 5: RCOG office closed
- September 10: Sheridan Recycling Collection, 8-10 a.m.
- September 10: HHW Collection Site OPEN, 1516 E. Halsey, Maryville, 8 a.m.-12 noon
- September 13: Northwest Workforce Development Board Meeting, Virtual, 4:30 p.m.
- September 14: Solid Waste Executive Board Meeting, RCOG office, 5:30 p.m.
- September 29: RCOG Annual Dinner, Mozingo Event Center, 6 p.m.

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