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NORTHWEST MISSOURI REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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CONNECTING ALL MISSOURIANS: REGIONAL LISTENING SESSION OCTOBER 27 IN MARYVILLE

Residents of northwest Missouri will have an opportunity to weigh in on state plans to get every Missourian online when officials from the Missouri Office of Broadband Development (OBD) visit Maryville on October 27th from 8 am until 10 am.

Thursday's meeting is being hosted by Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments, which provides a variety of economic development and planning services for local governments and communities in Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth Counties. It will be held in the University's Ballroom located on the 3rd floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union on the campus of Northwest Missouri State University.

The state of Missouri is expected to receive more than \$500 million through two components of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA): the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program and the Digital Equity Act program. BEAD represents an unprecedented investment in broadband infrastructure across the state of Missouri. DEA addresses non-infrastructure barriers to getting online, like the inability to afford internet service or devices or digital skills deficits. The funds from these two programs will be used to implement the state's recently announced Connecting All Missourians initiative. Meeting attendees will hear from OBD officials about the Connecting All Missourians initiative and measures local communities can take now to prepare themselves for this round of funding opportunities. They want to hear from attendees about the situation in their region: the specific challenges faced by residents who struggle to access the internet and the local resources, strategies, and know-how that can be used to overcome them.

The OBD is partnering with the state's 19 Regional Planning Councils and the University of Missouri in its planning efforts for the Connecting All Missourians initiative. For more information about engagement opportunities associated with this planning effort, visit ded2.mo.gov/connecting-all-missourians. The OBD is an office of the Missouri Department of Economic Development. Along with BEAD and DEA funding, the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) brought an additional \$265 million in broadband funding to the state. OBD is currently reviewing applications for projects under this round of funding. The Office of Broadband Development can be reached at broadband@ded.mo.gov. For more information on the Connecting All Missourians public engagement meeting, please contact Kim Mildward, Economic Development Planner at kim@nwmorcog.org or 660-582-5121, ext. 2.

PT-HST PLAN UPDATE SEEKS USER INPUT

Rural transit in northwest Missouri is a vital part of the region's economy and society. For thousands of individuals who are unable to drive for any reason, rural transit options allow for travel to shopping centers, medical care, social events, jobs and a host of other locations. Federal and state funding are vital to these transportation systems. To maintain eligibility for these funds, each region is required by federal statute to have a developed "Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan". Originally developed in 2008, this plan provides basic demographic information for the region, but also seeks to develop goals based on locally defined needs. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has contracted the completion of the plan updates for our 5-county area to the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments. In order to collect locally identified needs, the Regional Council is inviting transit users to complete an anonymous survey concerning their opinions about and use of public transportation options. Surveys can be completed online at <https://forms.gle/wPeLf9N7EWWttJic7>. Paper surveys may be filled out at the Community Services offices in Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth counties; and on the OATs buses in the same five counties. All responses are confidential and anonymous. No identifying information is collected on the surveys.

NOVEMBER 5, 2022 - Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection

The Nodaway County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Site will be open Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The HHW Collection Site is located at the Nodaway County Maintenance Barn, 1516 East Halsey Street, Maryville, Missouri. Brochures are available at the Nodaway County Administration Building, the Regional Council office, or online at www.nwmorcog.org. Residents of Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth Counties are welcome to participate (ID required). There is no fee to drop-off. It is FREE for residents only. No commercial or business waste can be accepted. Examples of HHW include: household chemicals (bleach, ammonia, and cleaners) fertilizers, pesticides, brake fluid, transmission fluid, household waxes, Ni-cad, lithium, and lead acid batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs, florescent tubes, antifreeze, oil base paint, and varnish. No latex paint accepted. Latex paint can be dried and put into the trash. Directions provided upon request. Keep materials in the original container. Do not mix household hazardous wastes together. For further information, contact Jessie Smock at 660-582-5121 ext. 4 or email: jessie@nwmorcog.org. **This is the last collection until March 4, 2023.**

NODAWAY COUNTY ROUTE 46 NODAWAY RIVER BRIDGE TO CLOSE

Route 46 expected to remain closed through early June 2023

A project to replace the 89-year-old Nodaway River Bridge on Nodaway County Route 46 near Quitman is scheduled to begin soon. Contractors from Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc., working with the Missouri Department of Transportation, plan to close the bridge to all traffic on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2022. During the closure, the contractor will replace the bridge, update guardrail and replace a box culvert near the bridge. All work is scheduled to be complete in early June 2023. During the closure, motorists will be directed along a signed detour on Route 113, U.S. Route 136 and U.S. Route 59. The current 222-foot-long structure is in poor condition, has guardrail that does not meet current standards and deteriorating timber abutments, and limits the speed of heavy vehicle crossings to only 15 miles per hour. The replacement project will bring the bridge, its components, and surrounding guardrail up to current standards and remove the speed restriction. This bridge is included in Gov. Mike Parson's \$351 million Focus on Bridges program, which will repair or replace 250 bridges across the state. Visit the projects' webpage at www.modot.org/nodaway-county-route-46-nodaway-river-bridge-project. There visitors will find project information, photos of conditions on the current bridge, and a way to sign up for project-specific email updates.

SHERIDAN RECYCLING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH FROM 8-10 A.M.

David Chesnut of Nodaway Co. Recycling will hold another event on Saturday, November 5, from 8-10 a.m. in Sheridan on the west side of the park. The final collection date is Saturday, December 3. Education will be provided on site as to which materials will be collected, the processing of materials, removing contaminated items and labels, and how to sort materials. Contact in advance for large metals, white goods, electronics, etc. For further information, contact Jessie Smock at 660-582-5121, ext. 4 or email: jessie@nwmorcog.org. **There is no fee to drop-off.**

All metals will be accepted with the following guidelines:

- Aluminum cans – rinsed
- Metal containers – emptied, labels removed, rinsed
- Tin food cans – rinsed and labels removed, no food or liquid
- Lids placed inside the can

MISSOURI JOB CENTER-MARYVILLE NEWS

Manufacturing Day, a day set for 8th graders in Nodaway County to learn about manufacturers/businesses that are located in Nodaway County was held October 7 with the following employers participating: Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corporation, Laclede Chain Manufacturing, Maryville Metal Culverts, Mosaic Life Care, Driv (Federal Mogul/Tennaco), Houston Polytank, and United Electric/Fiber. Participating schools included: North Nodaway R-VI, Northeast Nodaway R-V, Nodaway Holt R-VII, West Nodaway R-I, and Maryville R-II, to total more than 200 students. Each school visited and toured two of the employers. According to the National Association of Manufacturers, "MFG Day is manufacturing's biggest annual opportunity to inspire the next generation to start careers

in modern manufacturing through a series of focused events to promote manufacturing to students, parents and educators on the first Friday of October continuing throughout the rest of the month.”

Rita Wallinga, Missouri Job Center staff, was able to participate and toured Maryville Metal Culverts and United Electric/Fiber. The students seemed to enjoy the tours and did ask pertinent questions.

St. Joseph Youth Alliance has seven youth enrolled into the WIOA In School and Out of School Youth programs from the 5-county area. Several of these are participating in a Paid Work Experience with local employers and several are receiving tuition assistance to attend technical training programs.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Below is a list of grant opportunities currently available. Please feel free to reach out to the Regional Council staff if your city or county would like to discuss applying for these: jerri@nwmorcog.org, kim@nwmorcog.org or amy@nwmorcog.org

Local Tourism Asset Development Grant Program Now Open!

The Department of Economic Development is excited to announce that the Local Tourism Asset Development Grant Program began accepting applications on October 14, 2022. For more information, please visit the [ARPA Tourism Resources webpage](#) and watch for future email announcements. To apply now, click [here](#).

CWA Section 604(b) Water Quality Management Planning Sub-Awards Request for Proposals

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is pleased to invite Regional Public Comprehensive Planning Organizations and Interstate Organizations to conduct regional water quality management planning (WQMP) activities through a sub-award program as described in Section 604(b) of the federal Clean Water Act. Sub-awards shall be a minimum of \$25,000 with a maximum of \$50,000 for a period of up to 2 years. **Proposals are due by 5 pm on Wednesday, February 15, 2023**, and must be submitted online through the Department’s Funding Opportunities Portal. To learn more about the §604(b) WQMP program, visit <https://dnr.mo.gov/water/business-industry-other-entities/financial-opportunities/section-604b-water-quality-management-planning-grant>.

Activities regional planning organizations can propose under this call for proposals include:

- Assisting a public water system with identifying and assessing nonpoint sources and/or developing a Source Water Protection Plan;
- Assisting a public water system with implementing recommended planning action(s) from a Department-endorsed Source Water Protection Plan;
- Assisting a political subdivision with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) compliance such as technical assistance, data collection and recordkeeping, writing policies and procedures, and mapping;
- Assisting with stormwater and floodplain management through a vulnerability assessment and resiliency plan;
- Assessing water quality in an at-risk watershed and develop remediation alternatives;
- Conducting a feasibility study for consolidation or regionalization; and
- Updating a §208 Water Quality Management Plan for a defined geographical area.

Community Revitalization Grant Program Now Open!

The Department of Economic Development is excited to announce that the Community Revitalization Grant Program will be accepting applications through November 30, 2022. The Community Revitalization Grant Program (Program) helps support major local priorities in order to spur economic recovery today while helping communities build stronger economies for the future. The Missouri General Assembly appropriated \$100 million to this program. For more information, please visit the ARPA Business and Community Development webpage at <https://ded2.mo.gov/one-stop-arpa-resources-business-and-community-development>. To apply now, click <https://modedfederalinitiatives.submittable.com/submit>.

CDBG FY 2022 Application Cycle Now Open!

The Missouri Department of Economic Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has opened the FY 2022 Competitive Cycle. Applications to the CDBG program will be accepted through the Submittable platform in an effort to improve the ease of application intake and processing. Upcoming application workshops will include training on creating a Submittable account, adding contributors to an application, and how to complete the forms entirely and accurately. As a result of the transition to Submittable, the CDBG program will not be offering a courtesy review of applications.

FY 2022 Competitive Cycle

The FY 2022 Competitive Cycle application and guidelines are available! The application can be completed and submitted via the [Submittable platform](#), and will be due no later than December 19, 2022, at 5 p.m. Categories for applications include:

- Community Facilities
- Workforce Training Initiative
- Demolition
- General Infrastructure

Applications will be reviewed and scored with grants competitively awarded based on scores within the category maximums established by the FY22 Action Plan (public draft available [here](#)) currently under review by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Public Meeting on Unfunded Needs Lists

MoDOT will be conducting a public meeting to receive public feedback on the Unfunded Needs Lists that have worked on this past year. This will involve the Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, and Multimodal Lists. This meeting will involve reviewing the needs identification/prioritization process, a brief overview of the needs in our region, and discussion time with MoDOT officials. Members of the Highway Commission and other elected officials will also be in attendance. Information on the meeting is as follows:

Date: Monday, November 7, 2022

Time: 2-4 p.m.

Location: East Hills Public Library Theater

Address: 502 N. Woodbine, St. Joseph

Other Upcoming Events

October 27: Connecting All Missourians: Regional Listening Session, 8-10 a.m., University Ballroom (3rd floor), J.W. Jones Student Union, NWMSU, Maryville

November 5: Sheridan Recycling, 8-10 a.m., west side of Sheridan Park

November 5: HHW Collection Site OPEN, 8 a.m.-12 noon, Nodaway County Maintenance Barn, 1516 East Halsey Street, Maryville

November 7: MoDOT Unfunded Needs Lists public meeting, 2-4 p.m., East Hills Public Library Theater, 502 Woodbine, St. Joseph

November 9: Solid Waste Executive Board meeting, 6 p.m., RCOG office, Maryville

November 10: PT-HST Stakeholder Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Maryville Public Safety Building, 101 N. Vine, Maryville

November 11: RCOG CLOSED

November 15: FY23 Q2 TAC Meeting, RCOG Office, Maryville

November 24 & 25: RCOG CLOSED

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