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## Crouch announces \$10M awarded to 19 rural communities

**STATEHOUSE (Aug. 23, 2018)** – Today, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch along with the [Indiana Office of Community and Rural affairs](#) announced that more than \$10M in federal grant funding is being awarded to 19 rural communities.

"Rural communities are the next great economic frontier for our state, and it is vital they are receiving support to keep Indiana moving forward," Crouch said. "With these funds, local governments are able to complete various projects like improving their infrastructure, downtown revitalization and public facilities improvements."

Applications for round one of the federal Community Development Block Grant program were due to OCRA on July 20, 2018. Feedback for communities will be provided by the CDBG program director in the coming weeks.

"We are excited to support Hoosier communities through our CDBG grants," said Jodi Golden, Executive Director of OCRA. "These investments will support long-term economic growth and community development throughout rural Indiana."

The second round of the 2018 CDBG program will begin on Aug. 27, with proposals due Oct. 5, and final applications due on Nov. 30 at 4:00 p.m., ET. Contact CDBG Program Director [Eric Ogle](#) for more information.

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The **Main Street Revitalization Program** encourages communities with eligible populations to focus on long-term community development efforts. Eligible applicants had a designated active Indiana Main Street group in their community and the project must be a part of the Main Street's overall strategy. Main Street Revitalization Program projects include streetscapes, facade renovations, and downtown infrastructure rehabilitation.

The **City of Greensburg** is awarded \$600,000 for downtown street improvements. This revitalization project will upgrade the southern half of Main Street between Broadway and Franklin streets and on the south side of the courthouse square.

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The goals of the **Public Facilities Program** are to improve the quality of place, to generate jobs and spur economic revitalization through improving community facilities or historic preservation projects. Eligible community facilities include community centers, daycares, libraries, museums, senior centers and performance spaces.

COMMUNITY	CDBG AWARD AMOUNT
Greenwood, City of	\$500,000
Jackson County	\$225,000
Knightstown, Town of	\$500,000
Napoleon, Town of	\$500,000
Walton, Town of	\$500,000
<b>Total Funding:</b>	<b>\$2,225,000</b>

The **City of Greenwood** is awarded \$500,000 for renovation of a senior center, The Social of Greenwood. The project will renovate the roughly 6,500 square foot center to include updates to the wellness areas, multi-purpose program rooms, a food pantry and administrative spaces.

**Jackson County** is awarded \$225,000 for the rehabilitation of the Vallonia Community Center. The project will renovate the interior and upgrade the Joseph Jackson Hotel that was originally built in 1914.

The **Town of Knightstown** is awarded \$500,000 to rehabilitate the historic Hoosier Gym. The project will replace the roof, install new windows and complete tuck pointing of the deteriorating brick. This work preserves an important historic landmark.

The **Town of Napoleon** is awarded \$500,000 for the construction of a new fire station. The project will build an 8,400 square foot station with four drive-thru bays, a training room, and warming kitchen. The station will be constructed on Millhousen Road across six acres.

The **Town of Walton** is awarded \$500,000 to build a new community center. The building will be approximately 3,500 square feet and able to accommodate roughly 150 individuals. The project will include an ADA accessible restroom, a kitchen and be utilized as an emergency shelter when needed.

The **Stormwater Improvement Program** strives to reduce flooding, to cut stormwater treatment and energy costs, to protect rivers, lakes and vital landscape, and to generate jobs and spur economic revitalization. Types of activities that are eligible for Stormwater Improvement Program grant funding include stormwater improvements as well as demolition and/or clearance.

COMMUNITY	CDBG AWARD AMOUNT
Alexandria, City of	\$600,000
Centerville, Town of	\$600,000
Greentown, Town of	\$600,000
Jamestown, Town of	\$600,000
Summitville, Town of	\$600,000
<b>Total Funding:</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>

The **City of Alexandria** is awarded \$600,000 for stormwater system improvements. This project will install a dedicated storm sewer and provide significant drainage benefits for the entire city.

The **Town of Centerville** is awarded \$600,000 for stormwater system improvements. This project will dredge two creeks, construct a detention basin, and replace an undersized culvert.

The **Town of Greentown** is awarded \$600,000 for stormwater system improvements. This project will address a number of drainage issues identified in the town’s 2018 Stormwater Utility Master Plan that was also funded by a Planning Grant from OCRA.

The **Town of Jamestown** is awarded \$600,000 for stormwater system improvements. This project will install a storm sewer, drainage swale, inlets and reconstruct three stormwater channels.

The **Town of Summitville** is awarded \$600,000 for stormwater system improvements. This project will help eliminate wastewater overflows at two lift stations.

The goals of the **Wastewater Drinking Water Program** are to protect the health and environment, reduce utility rates for low-to-moderate income communities and improve rural infrastructure to enable long-term economic growth. Eligible Wastewater Drinking Water Program projects include many aspects of wastewater improvements and drinking water system improvements.

COMMUNITY	CDBG AWARD AMOUNT
Carbon, Town of	\$172,000
Connersville, City of	\$600,000
Grandview, Town of	\$491,675
Holland, Town of	\$600,000
Kirklin, Town of	\$600,000
New Castle, City of	\$600,000
Poneto, Town of	\$600,000
Sullivan, City of	\$700,000
<b>Total Funding:</b>	<b>\$4,363,675</b>

The **Town of Carbon** is awarded \$172,000 for wastewater system improvements. The project will address issues identified by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management in regards to the main lift station.

The **City of Connersville** is awarded \$600,000 for wastewater system improvements. The project will construct a new lift station, install a larger force main and mechanical equipment.

The **Town of Grandview** is awarded \$491,675 for drinking water system improvements. This project will construct a new water production well, loop dead end water lines, install isolation valves and update fire hydrants to include shut-off valves.

The **Town of Holland** is awarded \$600,000 for drinking water system improvements. This project will replace an old water storage tank and rehabilitate a second storage tank.

The **Town of Kirklin** is awarded \$600,000 for drinking water system improvements. This project will improve the town’s water treatment plant, water storage tank, and distribution system.

The **City of New Castle** is awarded \$600,000 for wastewater system improvements. This project will install new blowers and make a number of safety improvements.

The **Town of Poneto** is awarded \$600,000 for wastewater system improvements. This project will upgrade the existing treatment plants to be in compliance with current standards.

The **City of Sullivan** is awarded \$700,000 for wastewater system improvements. This project will upgrade the town's treatment plant and collection system including the construction of a new lift station.

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Funding for OCRA's five CDBG programs originates from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program. The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs administers the program for the state of Indiana.

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