

Taking Care of Main Street

Operating Support Grant Program



Office of
**COMMUNITY &
RURAL AFFAIRS**

The goal is to support Indiana Main Street organizations that provide quality services to the public following the Main Street Approach™ with special attention to organizations and communities who have been significantly impacted by COVID-19.

Eligible Applicants

Be a current designated Indiana Main Street program, whose primary purpose is executing the Main Street Approach™ as demonstrated by:

- Significant evidence that it is viewed as a functioning Main Street organization by its community;
- The majority of its activities occur with regular, scheduled frequency throughout the year;
- Facility space is utilized predominantly as a Main Street office;
- A proportionate amount of operating budget is allocated to direct Main Street activities;
- Provide significant, verifiable Main Street-focused programming and activities.

Must be a private, nonprofit tax-exempt organization with either 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) **OR** be an Indiana public entity (part of a city or county).

Must be physically located in Indiana, have an address in the region to which the organization is applying, with most of its activities taking place in the designated Main Street district.

Highlights



Awarded first come, first served



100% of grant is awarded upon the completion of a grant agreement

Grants of \$5,000 are available

No local match is required!

Eligible Applicants (continued)

Must have an operating history as an Indiana Main Street organization for at least two consecutive years.

Must have a governing body that is representative of the organization's service area;

Must annually implement program planning and evaluation processes with input from the community to be served;

Must be a registered bidder in the State of Indiana.



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Eligible Expenses	Ineligible Expenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Salaries;• Administrative fees;• Staff development and training;• Space and equipment rental;• Promotional costs;• Personnel and production costs, and supplies needed to support the organization activities;• Business training;• PPE costs;• Consultant fees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cash reserves, deficit reduction; or deficit elimination;• Events and activities in private dwellings or other locations not open to the general public;• Capital acquisition, equipment, restoration, or new construction of buildings;• Capital expenditures;• Any travel;• Projects to be delivered outside of the State of Indiana;• Project expenses outside of the grant period;• Activities that are solely for the purpose of fundraising;• Private functions, religious services, lobbying activities, or any non-public activity; and,• Costs of entertainment, including amusement and social activities such as receptions, parties, galas, dinners, etc. and any associated costs including catering, alcohol, etc. are unallowable.

More information can be found [in.gov/ocra/3016.htm](http://www.in.gov/ocra/3016.htm). We recommend you review the website before applying.

Apply Online! www.surveymonkey.com/r/TakingCareIMS

Contact your Community Liaison with questions

