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Medical School topped off and moving forward



On March 17, the last beam of steel was placed on the new Multi-Institutional Academic Health Science and Research Center located in downtown Evansville, a collaboration of four regional health systems and three educational institutions. The first building on the campus is a four-story, 145,000 square foot structure expected to cost \$70M with completion slated for late Spring of 2018.

[Click and listen to Kirk White, Indiana University](#)

Warrick Wellness Pathways and WNIN approved for Regional Cities funding

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) has approved Regional Cities Initiative funding to support the development of the Warrick Wellness Pathways in Newburgh and the expansion of WNIN Public Media in Evansville.

[View IEDC full press release](#)

[Click and listen to WNIN's Brad Kimmel for a description of the project](#)



What is a QuIP?

A funny remark, not so in the State of Indiana's grant-making world, is a funding opportunity for communities. In early April, the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs announced a new grant opportunity known as the Quick Impact Place-based Grant (or QuIP). The program, which is being offered in partnership with the Indiana Office of Tourism Development, provides funding to qualified partnerships for projects that have a six-month turn-around that focus on quality of place enhancement projects.

So what is a quality of place enhancement project? Essentially it is something that either focuses on space enhancement (such as a pop-up park or a creative project that builds upon your community's identity) and /or community transformation (such as murals, art alleys or unique directional signage). The goal of the program is to spark creative, community-wide connections that engage area residents and can serve to attract non-residents to your community.

Grant requests between \$2,500 and \$5,000 will be funded through this program. As with the majority of all grant programs, the local match commitment is \$0.50 for every \$1 of grant funding leveraged. For example, if your project is estimated to cost \$3,000, the local match commitment (which can have an in-kind contribution component) will be \$1,000 for a \$2,000 grant.

With an application deadline of April 21st, this opportunity will be best suited to those projects that have already been formulated but are still seeking gap financing. Contact [Carol](#) or [Karen](#) with the Community Development division to see if your project might eligible to receive a grant through this new opportunity.

Revitalizing Properties with the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program through CAPE Services

The Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana is pleased to host the Community Action Program of Evansville (CAPE) in presenting information about the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority's (IHCDA) Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program (OOR) on Thursday, April 13 at 8 a.m. at 318 Main Street, Ste. 400, Evansville.

This event is for local elected officials and staff as well as local economic development organizations of Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties.

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Public Feature - City of Evansville

"One of the roles the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana serves is as an ambassador for the City of Evansville to the world and liaison to major businesses and industry leaders," said Mayor Lloyd Winnecke. "The coalition has been instrumental in creating leads and establishing relationships with site selectors that attract new economic development investment to our area such as Haier America; as well as, championing the Regional Cities initiative bringing not only talent-attracting projects to the City, but millions in investment."



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