

# INDIANA'S GREAT SOUTHWEST

*the new frontier for talent & business*

## Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana

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## Oakland City University to Celebrate New Student Center and Regional Cities Momentum in Southwest Indiana



Oakland City University (OCU) broke ground on its new Boulevard Commons project, a mixed-use complex that will accommodate approximately 100 students in suite-style living as well as provide retail space. The gateway project is one of 12 projects that are part of Indiana's Regional Cities Initiative, designed to attract and retain talent.

The OCU project received \$2.2 million in Regional Cities funding, which helps communities across the state come together to transform their regions into nationally-recognized destinations to live, work, play and stay. With employers continually stressing the need for a skilled and ready workforce, Indiana is building upon its strong economic foundation to advance quality of place projects that attract and retain future generations of Hoosiers. The project was recommended for funding by the Southwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (SWIRDA) as a part of the region's Indiana's Great Southwest plan.

## CreatiNg Places

### ***Need Money for Your Community Project?***

Have you been faced with the desire to build pride of place within your community by investing in quality of place projects, but struggling with determining how to pay for it?

Consider the "[CreatiNg Places](#)" program as a potential funding resource. This program is a place-based, crowd-granting program that allows project supporters to make contributions to a project. The project could also receive a matching grant from Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCD) of up to \$50,000 to take care of the gap-financing. Quality of place projects that might qualify include: streetscape enhancements; park investments; biking / walking paths; etc.

Check out IHCD's CreatiNg Places (<https://www.patronicity.com/creatingplaces#/>) web site to see if your community dream might become a reality with a little help from IHCD.

## Public Feature - Vanderburgh County



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