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## Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana

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## Elevate Ventures Hosts Event Promoting Research & Tech Programs for Small Business



### *Innovation and Technology – Exploring the SBIR/STTR Program for Early Stage Financing*

Known as "America's Seed Fund," the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs provide competitive access to R&D funds to stimulate technological innovation by small businesses in the US. The program can help startups and existing small businesses, interested in or performing research, by providing access to grant funds to support proof of concept and prototype development in Phase I. If successfully proven, with full development support in Phase II, successful technologies could move into the commercial market.

#### **Tues., Feb. 20**

9-11:30 a.m. - Programming

12-1:00 p.m. - Optional lunch & discussion w/Max Layman (Rolls Royce)

#### **Innovation Pointe**

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[Read more for details of event](#)

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## 2018 OCRA Competitive Grant Calendar

**ATTENTION COMMUNITIES:** The State of Indiana's Office of Community and Rural Affairs has distributed the 2018 Competitive Grant Calendar with new grant programs.

Please contact the Community Development team at 812-423-2020 to discuss participation in any of these

grant programs.

[Link to calendar](#)



## OCRA Announces Stellar Communities Program for 2018

Indiana's Office of Community and Rural Affairs has redesigned the Stellar Communities Program to allow communities to collaborate regionally for funding. Program details can be found by watching the 2018 Stellar Communities Designation Program informational video (click on link at left).

If your community is interested in pursuing this program, please contact the Community Development team at 812-423-2020 as soon as possible as **letters of intent are due by April 6, 2018.**

## Data Science Meetup scheduled for February 20

*Distributed as a professional courtesy.*

With the recent growth of computing power and the availability of large datasets, the fields of Data Science, Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence are having a visible impact in our daily lives.

Tech on Tap will be hosting "**Data Science, Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence**" presented by Nic Sagez. The meeting will be on Tuesday, **February 20th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** at Curvo Labs 58 Adams Avenue in Evansville.

Many believe that these new technologies will have a greater impact on humanity than the inventions of fire or electricity. Beyond the hype, we will introduce what those tools can do and what kind of problems they can help you solve.

[More info](#)



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## Business Feature - Vectren Corp.

Vectren Corporation (NYSE: VVC) is an energy holding company headquartered in Evansville, Indiana. Vectren's energy delivery subsidiaries provide gas and/or electricity to more than 1 million customers in adjoining service territories that cover nearly two-thirds of Indiana and west central Ohio. Vectren is a strong community partner donating more than \$2 million each year through the Vectren Foundation and providing paid time off for employee volunteerism.

In addition to its utility business, Vectren's nonutility subsidiaries and affiliates currently offer energy-related products and services to customers throughout the U.S. These include infrastructure services and energy services. To learn more about Vectren, visit [www.vectren.com](http://www.vectren.com).



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