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Announcements...

Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC) – Survey

As part of a nationwide network of Community Action Agencies, OACAC works to alleviate the impact of poverty on people and communities in the Southwest Missouri region. To gauge community needs, OACAC is conducting a Needs Assessment Survey. Please take a few minutes to answer their survey: [SurveyMonkey.com/r/M6Q9SY7](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M6Q9SY7)

March is National Nutrition Month

Did you know that kids need to get over 50% of their calories at school? To celebrate National Nutrition Month, citizens are engaging their representatives over social media using the hashtag #NNM to draw attention to the importance of nutrition in keeping communities strong and healthy. The American Planning Association (APA) has partnered with the American Public Health Association to help plan healthier communities. Visit [Plan4Health.us](https://www.plan4health.us) for more information.

First Annual Missouri Rural Survey

The Missouri Rural Development Partners, the University of Missouri Extension, and the Missouri Department of Economic Development's Office of Rural Development, have launched the first annual Missouri Rural Survey. They want to hear from rural citizens, business owners, and leaders about the challenges and opportunities facing rural Missouri communities. Survey responses are anonymous, and rural partners are asked to be honest and candid in their answers, to better help the state grasp and serve rural communities. Please complete by March 31. [Access the survey here.](#)

Conferences and Events...

SMCOG Meetings

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), March 15, 9:00 AM, Library Station, 2325 N. Kansas, Springfield, MO
For more information, contact MeganClark@missouristate.edu

SMCOG Board Meeting (postponed from March 22), March 29, 9:00 AM, Library Station, 2325 N. Kansas, Springfield, MO
Please RSVP to JaneHood@missouristate.edu.

“Show Me 66: Main Street Through Missouri” Documentary, March 21

A 90-minute documentary about Route 66 through Missouri will be shown on March 21, at 7:00 PM at the Meyer Library at Missouri State University. The film was produced by the Missouri History Museum. [Find more information here.](#)

Rural Design – Creative Placemaking: Econ Dev Webinar, March 23

The Citizens' Institute on Rural Design is hosting a free webinar showing the economic development outcomes from creative placemaking. This free webinar features case studies that show approaches to economic development in small towns that have a focus on retaining young people and creative professionals. [Register and learn more here.](#)

Kansas Extension Project – Public Hearing, March 23

The Greene County Highway Department is holding a public hearing to provide updated information from the Environmental Assessment (EA), as well as an updated timeline and an opportunity to public comment. Attendees are welcome to come and go at any point during the open house, no formal presentation will be given. Information about the project is available [here](#). March 23, 6p – 8p at Wanda Gray Elementary, 2101 W. Farm Road 182 Springfield, MO 65810

2017 Health Care Outlook, March 29

Join the SBDC, the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce's economic development arm, as they prepare business and community leaders for the year ahead through the 2017 Outlook Series. Utilizing local experts, this event will highlight health care industry trends and innovation in the Springfield region and beyond.

Doors open at 11:00 am for networking, with lunch and the program beginning at 11:30 am at the White River Conference Center in Springfield. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$325 for a table of eight. [Register online.](#)

Third Annual Partners in Governance Conference, April 12

The 3rd Annual Partners in Governance Conference is a one day conference that will address the real world practice of transparency in a variety of local government contexts through a discussion of laws, rules, cases, best practices, and actual experiences. The Partners in Governance Conference is sponsored by the Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs' Institute of Public Policy, the Missouri Municipal League, and the Center for Ethics in Public Life. [Register here.](#)

Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for School, April 25-26

The Missouri State Emergency Management Agency has scheduled G364 Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools class. The class will be held in St Joseph on April 25-26. Lodging and meal reimbursement will be provided for eligible personnel. [Register and learn more here.](#)

Basics of Transportation Planning, Anytime Webinar

This free webinar can be taken any time until the end of August. This course provides an introduction to the Statewide, metropolitan, and non-metropolitan (rural) transportation planning requirements and highlights techniques that may be applied. It highlights the transportation requirements and planning processes, and why they are important; identifies the key stakeholders and describes their roles, responsibilities, and relationship in informed decision-making. [Register here.](#)

News...

President Trump's Budget Request May Include Cuts to CDBG and HOME Grant Programs

"News reports this week indicate that the Trump administration is considering \$6 billion in cuts from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's budget, including complete elimination of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program. The administration's slimmed-down fiscal year (FY) 2018 budget proposal is expected on March 16. The administration has announced that the budget will include \$54 billion in cuts to domestic spending with those funds shifted to the military." [More information here.](#)

Growing Rural Communities Fund – Rural Businesses + Nonprofits

[Rural LISC](#) and [Northern Trust](#) have created the [Growing Rural Communities Fund](#) to help small businesses and nonprofits in low-income rural communities through the [New Market Tax Credit](#) program. The fund leverages New Market Tax Credit equity with other capital finance real estate acquisition and construction costs for projects which are oftentimes limited in receiving traditional lending. [More information here.](#)

Online Resources...

Disruptive Innovation in Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation

The Center for Healthcare Strategies published this brief which discusses the current state of Medicaid's non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) benefit, focusing on challenges, potential improvements, and state-level reforms. The

brief explores alternative transportation models piloted by states and health plans across the country, including the use of transportation network companies, such as Uber and Lyft, to augment NEMT services. [Read here.](#)

Watch: Local Innovation and Rural Economies Event

In mid-February, the Aspen Institute hosted the panel discussion, “Local Innovation Strengthening Rural Economies.” This event featured business owners, partners, and investors who are active in varying rural economies across the US. This event is part of a six-part series of panel conversations that invites policymakers, economic and community developers, and business and philanthropic leaders to address advancing a rural opportunity agenda. [Watch here.](#)

Jobs...

[Director of Finance](#), City of Republic, \$62,500 - \$80,000/yr.

[Planning Administrator](#), Taney County, Salary DOQ

[Regional Planner](#), Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments, Salary DOQ

[Assistant Professor](#), Planning/Human Geography at Missouri State University

[Police Officer](#), City of Springfield, \$16.57 - \$28.35/hr.

[Patrol Officer](#), City of Republic, \$15.57/hr.

[Police Officer](#), City of Ozark

[Corrections Officer](#), Taney County, \$11.50/hr.

[911 Communications Officer](#), City of Monett, \$27,348 - \$30,904/yr.

[Police Dispatcher](#), City of Aurora

[Deputy Clerk](#), Taney County, \$10/hr.

[MO Dept. of Conservation](#): Various positions available

[Planning Intern](#), MoDOT (Springfield office), \$10.04 - \$15.42/hr.

Grants...

Community WINS Grant

The [U.S. Conference of Mayors](#) (USCM) and [Wells Fargo](#) have opened applications to the Community WINS Grant Program. The program funds initiatives in three categories: neighborhood stabilization, economic development, and job creation. USCM member cities may submit up to three eligible nonprofit programs for consideration in the review process. For more information, click [here](#). **Applications are due March 17.**

Innovations in Care, Grant Program

The Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation provide funds for nurse-driven models of care focused on patient- and family-centered approaches that challenge conventional strategies, improve health outcomes, lower costs, and enhance patient and family caregiver experience. The Hillman Foundation is specifically seeking proposals that address healthcare needs of vulnerable populations in the following groups; maternal and child health, care of older adults, and chronic illness management. Information can be found at ruralhealthinfo.org/funding/3871 **Deadline to apply is March 20.**

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program

The U.S. Department of Treasury has announced a grant that offers funding for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to promote economic revitalization in low-income communities. This grant works to build capacity of programs that serve low-income communities and populations that lack access to affordable credit, capital, and financial services. ruralhealthinfo.org/funding/704 **Deadline is March 24.**

USDA – Strengthen Local/Regional Food Businesses

U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Ag. Marketing Service (AMS) announced the availability of \$27 million in grants to fund innovative projects designed to strengthen market opportunities for local and regional food producers and businesses. There are three different applications within this grant announcement. The [Farmers Market Promotion Program](#) (FMPP), the [Local Food Promotion Program](#) (LFPP), and the [Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program](#) (FSMIP). **Deadline to apply is March 27.**

Route 66 Corridor Preservation Grant

The National Park Service’s [Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program](#) is dedicated to preserving the diverse history of U.S. Highway 66. The program provides financial assistance in the form of competitive, cost-share grants for building, structures, road segments, and cultural landscapes along the length of the Route 66 corridor. **Deadline is April 3.**

Minority Youth Violence Prevention Grants

This program identifies innovative approaches to significantly reduce the prevalence and impact of youth violence among racial and ethnic minority and/or disadvantaged at-risk youth. MYVP II will support interventions tailored to at-risk racial and ethnic minority and/or disadvantaged youth (ages 12-18 years) and requires coordinated, multi-discipline approaches that should address public health, education, and public safety concerns; disparities in access to public health services; social determinants of health; and risk and protective factors. ruralhealthinfo.org/funding/4081 **Deadline is April 4.**

Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals (GBHI)

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has announced a grant to support the development and/or expansion of local implementation of community infrastructure that integrates behavioral health treatment and services for substance use disorders, permanent housing, and other critical services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. ruralhealthinfo.org/funding/4092 **Deadline is April 25.**

On-Site Wastewater Grant/Loan Program

SMCOG, in partnership with the Missouri Association of Councils of Governments (MACOG), and MoDNR is pleased to offer a grant/loan program for failing on-site wastewater systems (septic systems). The purpose of the Missouri On-site Wastewater Improvement Grant-Loan program is to provide financing for homeowners seeking to make improvements to, or replace their on-site wastewater treatment system, which will improve Missouri’s water quality.

Program eligibility requirements can be found online: <https://goo.gl/62qtHG>

Contact JaneHood@missouristate.edu for more information.

Quote...

“To achieve great things, two things are needed; a plan, and not quite enough time.” – Leonard Bernstein
