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The Department of Justice has finalized the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust. In accordance with the trust agreement, Missouri will facilitate the distribution of more than \$41 million in funds to reduce mobile source air pollution emissions. Missouri's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan will collect how Missouri plans to use the trust funds. DNR's next step is to solicit and solicit stakeholder input for the development of the Beneficiary Mitigation Plan before distributing the funds. Submit your input, access info regarding meetings, learn about the trust, and apply for funding: DNR.mo.gov

If you are interested in submitting an application for funding, there is a group in Springfield that will assist with and pool applications. Email Megan.Clark@mo.gov to be included.

James River Watershed Survey | Enter to Win \$50 Gift Card
This spring, James River Basin Partnership, SMCOG, Ozarks Water Watch, & Ozarks Environmental and Water Resources Institute, began a two-year process to develop a plan of how to keep the rivers, streams, springs and groundwater in the James River watershed clean and healthy for the use and enjoyment of future generations. If you live in the James River Watershed, please take 5-min to give us your opinions about the quality of the watershed and get entered to win a \$50 Bass Pro gift card! SMCOG.org

October is National Community Planning Month
October is National Community Planning Month – and this year's theme is Healthy Communities, Healthy People. The theme underscores the impact that the built environment can have on residents' health. Call attention to your community's built this year: plan a hike, a bike ride, or even just a walk through a neighborhood. National Community Planning Month kicks off annually with the announcement of APA's Great Places in America. View 2017's Great Places in America Designees here: Planning.org

Buckle Up / Phone Down – October 20

"On Friday, October 20, MoDOT is issuing a simple challenge: when you get into any vehicle, buckle up your safety belt. If you are a driver, put the cellphone down – no texting and no talking unless hands free – turn it off if you have to. By buckling up and putting your phone down – even for one day – you will be doing your part to make Missouri's roads safer. Let's save lives and turn this day into a week, a month and eventually every trip, every time. Texting increases the risk of car crashes by 50%, and 67% of this year's fatalities were unbuckled. One life lost is too many." MoDOT.org

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SMCOG Meetings

RHSCOG Annual Meeting, October 18, 9:00 AM
The MARC, 822 W. Mount Vernon Blvd, Mount Vernon, MO
For more information, contact DWittorff-Sandgren@MissouriState.edu

SMCOG Annual Breakfast Board Meeting, October 25, 8:00 AM
Hickory Hills Country Club, 3909 E. Cherry, Springfield, MO
For more information, contact Jane.Hood@MissouriState.edu

FREE Pesticide + Chemical Collection Oct 14
DNR is hosting a free chemical collection event on Saturday, October 14, from 8a – noon in Lockwood at S&H Farm Supply: 7 State Road A, Lockwood, MO. More Info Here.

MO Community Betterment Conf. – Rural Progress + Pride Oct 15-16
The theme for the annual Missouri Community Betterment Conference for 2017 is "Rural Progress + Pride." The conference seeks to be a resource for communities and their stakeholders, and will be held in Columbia, MO. More Info Here.

CDBG/HOME etc. "Consolidated Plan" Initial Planning Meeting Oct 16
HUD requires the State of Missouri to publish a "Consolidated Plan" every five years and an Action Plan every year. The Consolidated Plan covers the following HUD programs administered by the State: Community Development Block Grant, HOME Program, Emergency Shelter Grant Program, Housing Trust Fund, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS, and the Continuum of Care. The Missouri Department of Economic Development, in conjunction with the Missouri Housing Development Commission, the Department of Health and Senior Services, and the Department of Social Services, will conduct a public meeting regarding the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan and the 2018 Action Plan. Attend in person or stream the webinar. More Info Here.

SCORE Webinar – Business Plans Oct 17
Are you trying to write a business plan but have more questions than answers? Or does the idea of writing one overwhelm you? Studies show you are twice as likely to grow your business or get funding with a business plan. In this live Q&A session, a SCORE mentor and business plan expert will devote 1hr to answering attendees' questions. Submit questions in the registration form and during the live webinar. More Info Here.

3rd Annual EmployAbility Summit Oct 18
The Missouri Job Center is hosting a presentation on disability inclusion in the workforce and how service providers can help businesses in becoming inclusive. More Info Here

2017 Missouri Statewide Planning Conference Oct 18-20
The theme for the 2017 MOAPA Conf. is "Planning in Reality." The conference will take a closer look at the skills, tools + programs planning practitioners find particularly useful including those outside the profession's normal skill set/comfort zone. More Info Here.

2017 Regional Water Conference Oct 19
Tri-State Water Resource Coalition and MSU will convene their annual regional water conference to provide an opportunity for all stakeholders interested in water issues – cities, towns, counties, business/industry, agriculture, academics, utilities, elected officials, state and federal agency reps, and other groups whose missions relate to water – to discuss current water issues and our regional water future. Register Here.

ICMA Annual Conference Oct 22-25
The theme for this years conference is Building Bridges: Serving Our Whole Community. Richard Florida will be the keynote. Conf will be held in San Antonio, TX. Register Here.

Webinar – Effective Communication for Leadership Oct 26
"We all know effective communication is key to personal and organizational success and satisfaction. Most of us think we do a pretty good job. Yet, somehow many issues we face on a day-to-day basis boil down to 'poor communication.'" More Info Here.

Webinar – Using Health Impact Assessment Nov 1
"The use of Health Impact Assessment (HIA) has grown substantially over the past decade, with much of the practice taking place in response to proposed policies and projects in the fields of urban planning and transportation. Join SmartGrowth's free online webinar for a comprehensive review of how HIA has been used in planning, and how you could apply principles of the practice in your everyday work." More Info Here.

Missouri Reentry Conference Nov 1-3
The theme for the 12th annual conference for Missouri's reentry professionals is Supporting Offender and Employer Workforce Needs. The conference will highlight the work Missouri's Reentry Program (MRP) teams, Missouri Department of Corrections (MDOC) staff, and business/community/faith-based groups do annually. Register Here.

8th Annual Substance Use Prevention Conference Nov 28-30
ACT Missouri invites preventionists, community coalition members, counselors, law enforcement officers, educators, school nurses, and anyone that works with or cares for youth to attend this years Substance Use Prevention Conference. It will be an information-packed opportunity to enhance prevention efforts, motivate volunteers, share ideas, network with others in the field, and get the latest updates and resources to keep Missouri's kids safe and substance free. More Info Here.

HAZWOPER Training – 40hr Course Jan 8-12
The Missouri Waste Control Coalition (MWCC) has contracted with Nova Consulting Group, Inc. to provide a 40-hour HAZWOPER Training consistent with OSHA's Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response standard (29 CFR 1910.10 and 1925.65). Students will receive a training manual, and at the conclusion of the course, they will receive validation certificates. Registration fee is \$50. Limited to only 50 participants. All registrants must be employees of a Missouri state or local government agency, or companies that work in Missouri or a student at a Missouri school. More Info Here.

GOLD Leadership Development Course Oct-Jun
Greater Ozarks Leadership Development is a regional leadership development program. GOLD is designed for public, private, nonprofit, and civic leaders in Southwest Missouri. Tuition is \$795 – partial scholarships may be available (FCFS). More Info Here.

NEWS

4 Ways to Improve Inter-Generational Decision Making
"The hardest type of decisions to make are those in which there are multiple generations involved in the process. [Here are] 4 critical approaches to ensure decision-making involvement stays on track + is focused on moving to an outcome that matters: Don't Assume Everyone Has Enough Insight; Clarify the Decision Parameters; Manage the Decision Discussion; and Manage Expectations." ICMA.org

Born Addicted: The Number of Opioid-Addicted Babies Is Soaring
"A growing number of infants are born with neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS). Some Tennessee counties are reporting rates eight times the national average. The long term impacts of NAS include the potential for developmental delays and attention problems. Also, related lawsuits targeting manufacturers + distributors." NBCnews.com

Analysis Shows Unmet Need in Rural America
"A new report from the Salvation Army and the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University found that the level of need in rural states is higher than government measures suggest. This report is based on the Salvation Army's tracking of basic assistance for things like food, clothing, housing, furniture, medical services, and utilities. Potential explanations for this discrepancy include less rural access to government services, a potential preference for local and church-based assistance over government assistance, and persistent unemployment leading rural people to stop looking for jobs, driving down the state's official unemployment rate." IUPIU.edu

The Return of the Doctor House Call
Highlights several programs that provide in-home care to patients who struggle to make it to a doctor's office regularly, whether due to age, severity of illness, or because of long distances for rural patients. Also touches on the benefits of being in a patient's home to assess their living quality, any hazards in their homes, and how their medications are managed, among other things. "The once-antiquated practice is making a comeback and saving states money. But it's not without hurdles." Governing.com

Why Walkability is Not a Luxury
"The evidence strongly suggests that walkability lowers overall household costs while contributing substantially to individual families' needs. In metro areas, the most affordable places to live are walkable neighborhoods. Walkability adds material value to a home that millions of people are willing to pay for, as reflected in the Redfin survey, and market demand is growing for walkable neighborhoods. At the same time, walkability also lowers transportation costs and allows for a wider range of housing types, some of which are more affordable." CNU.org

Rural Cass County MO – Store Stocks Healthy, Customers Shop Healthy
"Highlights a program in Cass County that works with small gas stations and corner stores in communities with limited access to grocery stores to provide healthy foods and to position them in the store where they will be seen and used. The stores provide free recipe books with recipes that can be made with food the store offers. Also touches on Idaho Dept of Health visiting these sites to implement similar program." KansasCity.com

ONLINE RESOURCES

Arts, Culture, Transportation – Creative Placemaking
Transportation 4 America has compiled a 7-case-study manual titled Arts, Culture and Transportation: A Creative Placemaking Field Scan. This national examination of creative placemaking in the transportation planning process identifies ways that transportation professionals and projects can integrate artists to deliver trans-projects more smoothly, improve safety, and build community support. t4America.org

Key Considerations When Regulating the Sharing Economy
"The sharing economy is rapidly growing and as technology evolves, local gov must be proactive and think long-term when updating regulations aimed at protecting life and safety. Here are 4 things to consider when developing regulations." TransformGov.org

Videos – Temporary + Permanent Solutions for Affordable Housing
A Texas non-profit, in the wake of hurricanes Ike + Dolly (2008) decided to address the problem of temporary + permanent affordable housing solutions following natural disasters. What they developed is RAPIDO – Rapid Disasters Housing Pilot Program. RAPIDIO is different because it uses local building materials, local labor, and introduces custom design choices, to provide a timely affordable housing option, that could be deployed within weeks of a disaster to provide housing for the most needy population. RAPIDIO homes have remained dry and resilient to flooding and other natural disasters. The housing "CORE" can be upgraded at a later date into a larger, permanent home. This solution costs \$15,000, versus FEMA's \$170,000 deployable temporary trailers. Learn about this innovative collaboration between planners, designers, + local NPOs. WhatIsRapido? DesignChoiceinAffordableHousing.

2017 Healthcare Quality + Disparities Report: Chartbook on Rural Health
"Summarizes trends in healthcare quality and disparities for rural populations. Includes quality measures for access to healthcare, patient safety, person- and family-centered care, care coordination, affordability, healthy living, and effective treatment." AHRQ.gov

Financial Distress + Closures of Rural Hospitals
Webinar recording presents an analysis of indicators of financial distress and the causes of closures of rural hospitals. Discusses realistic benchmarks rural hospitals should meet to maintain financial stability. Highlights data on rural hospitals currently at high risk of financial stress across the country. WatchWebinar. PresentationSlides. Transcript.

Public Transportation's Impact on Rural and Small Towns
"This presentation on rural + small-town public transportation looks at specific groups of non-drivers that require some form of public transportation, as well as the different types of transit and the advantages they present to small/rural communities. Provides case studies and discusses myths about public transportation in rural areas." APTA.com

CDC – Suicide Trends Among and Within Urbanization...2001–2015
"Nonmetropolitan/rural counties have higher suicide rates than medium/small and large metropolitan counties. A combination of factors, including economic and health indicators, likely contributed to the differences in annual suicide rate changes by urbanization level observed in this study. Trends in suicide rates by sex, race/ethnicity, age group, and mechanism of death that are observed in the general population indicate that rates are consistently higher in rural communities. Findings from this study underscore the need to identify protective factors as part of comprehensive suicide prevention efforts, particularly in rural areas...and determine which rural communities to prioritize when allocating public health and mental health resources." CDC.gov

JOBS

Administration + Finance
[City Attorney](http://CityAttorney), City of Ozark, \$80,000-\$90,000/yr.
[City Attorney](http://CityAttorney), City of Republic, \$85,000-\$95,000/yr.
[Deputy City Manager](http://DeputyCityManager), City of Springfield, DOQ.
[Communications Manager](http://CommunicationsManager), City of Branson, DOQ.

Public Safety
[Police Officer](http://PoliceOfficer), City of Springfield, \$35,214 – \$60,756/yr.
[Patrol Officer](http://PatrolOfficer), City of Republic, \$15,577/yr.
[Police Officer](http://PoliceOfficer), City of Ozark, DOQ.
[Police Officer](http://PoliceOfficer), City of Aurora
[Corrections Officer](http://CorrectionsOfficer), Taney County, \$11,50/yr.
[911 Communications Officer](http://911CommunicationsOfficer), City of Monett, \$27,348 - \$30,904/yr.

Planning Specialist, FEMA Reservist, \$12.18 - \$15.98/hr.
Expert Specialist positions, FEMA Reservist, \$24.65 - \$34.62/hr.
[Comm Planning Expert](http://CommPlanningExpert) | [Local Gov Admin](http://LocalGovAdmin) | [Comm Design Expert](http://CommDesignExpert) | [Comm Dev Expert](http://CommDevExpert)

Public Works + Transportation
[Building Inspector](http://BuildingInspector), City of Republic, \$19.03 - \$25.24/hr.
[Code Compliance Official](http://CodeComplianceOfficial), City of Republic, \$15.73 - \$20.88/hr.
[Wastewater Operator I](http://WastewaterOperatorI), City of Republic
[Wastewater Operator II](http://WastewaterOperatorII), City of Ozark
[Riparian Habitat Specialist](http://RiparianHabitatSpecialist), City of Ozark

Other
[MODOpt of Conservation](http://MODOptofConservation): Various positions available
[MODOpt Southwest District](http://MODOptSouthwestDistrict): Various positions available
[MO Job Center](http://MOJobCenter): Upcoming hiring events in Southwest Missouri

GRANTS

FY17 TIGER Program deadline is Oct 16
USDOT is accepting applications for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. \$500mil is available, with \$100mil to be used for rural areas. Projects must not exceed \$25mil, and cost greater than \$5mil or greater than \$1mil in rural areas. This year's TIGER solicitation is similar to previous funding rounds, but with special consideration for projects that result in improved access to reliable, safe, and affordable transportation for communities in rural areas, such as projects that improve infrastructure condition, address public health and safety, promote regional connectivity, or facilitate economic growth or competitiveness. Rural applicants are encouraged to watch this [FY17 TIGER Webinar](http://FY17TIGERWebinar). This round of TIGER also emphasizes projects that exceed the min non-federal cost share. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

Resident Opportunity + Self Sufficiency Program deadline is Oct 23
Grants to fund Service Coordinators to assist residents of public housing in making progress towards self-sufficiency, including the provision of job training, employment, adult education, housing, and health resources. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

EPA – Healthy Places for Healthy People deadline is Oct 25
Provides direct technical support for communities to work with healthcare facilities to promote preventive healthcare and help create vibrant, thriving communities. Awardees will participate in a 2-day community workshop where a team of experts will help develop an action plan focused on health as an economic driver for neighborhood revitalization. Webinar will be held on [Oct 13 at noon](http://Oct13atnoon). [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

EPA – Local Foods, Local Places deadline is Oct 25
This grant supports locally led, community-driven efforts to protect air and water quality, preserve open space and farmland, boost economic opportunities for local farmers and businesses, improve access to healthy local food, and promote childhood wellness. Communities are invited to apply. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

Benefits Enrollment Centers (BECs) deadline is Nov 1
This program provides grants to implement Benefits Enrollment Centers, which will work to find and enroll eligible Medicare beneficiaries (seniors aged 65+ and adults living with disabilities) into benefit programs. Award up to \$100,000 for an 18mo project period. Required 15% match through cash or in-kind contribution. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

USDOT Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Grant deadline is Nov 2
U.S. Dept. of Transportation (DOT) is accepting applications for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant program. INFRA has \$1.5 billion available for projects which meet national and regional economic goals and leverage non-federal funding. Safety is a critical priority of the program as well. Large projects will be eligible for at least \$25 million and smaller projects will be funded starting at \$5 million. The FAST Act requires at least 25% of the funding be applied to rural projects. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

Rural Impact County Challenge – Child Poverty deadline is Nov 3
"Community Coaching" for the Rural Impact County Challenge is a national effort to combat rural child poverty. Community Coaching seeks to support counties making a real difference in the lives of children in rural communities. Up to 10 county teams will be selected to receive assistance from a Roadmaps to Health Community Coach from the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps Program. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

Rural Housing Preservation + Revitalization Loans deadline is Dec 1
Funding tools, including grants, no interest loans, soft-second loans, and debt deferral, to restructure loans for existing rural rental housing and off-farm labor housing projects to help improve and preserve the availability of safe affordable multi-family rental housing for low income residents in rural areas. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

Safer School Garden Grant deadline is Dec 1
Funding to start a school garden to encourage children to be active outside + to engage students in learning about nutrition and the environment. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

Smart Rural Community Collaboration Challenge deadline is Dec 1
Provides funding to support the development and implementation of innovative broadband-enabled solutions to support rural commerce, healthcare, public safety, econ dev, education, energy, or other community-oriented initiatives. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program deadline is Dec 6
The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) has announced that it will be accepting applications for its Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program. Awardees receive up to \$200,000 a year for 3 years to improve healthcare access in rural communities by implementing evidence-based or promising practice models. Applicants must be: located in a rural county or eligible census tract, a rural public or nonprofit entity, and part of a consortium with at least two additional organizations. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

Rural Community Development + Affordable Housing deadline is Dec 7
Rural Capacity Building for Community Development + Affordable Housing Grants will fund national organizations that can provide technical assistance to local communities. Assistance will be targeted to help communities create thriving community development and affordable housing strategies that will result in healthier homes and communities. Applicants must be a national nonprofit organization that has ongoing experience in rural housing, including experience working with rural housing organizations and local governments, as evidenced by past and continuing work. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

Farm to School Grant Program deadline is Dec 8
Provides funding to plan, establish, or sustain a Farm to School program that improves access to local foods in schools. Eligible applicants: State and local agencies, ag producers; nonprofit entities; and schools. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

Youth Garden Grant deadline is Dec 8
Awarded to nonprofit, school, or youth program planning a new garden project or expanding an established one that serves at least 15 youth between the ages of 3-18. Applications that demonstrate sustainability + impact curriculum areas (environmental, entrepreneurship, health/nutrition) will be given priority. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

AmeriCorps State and National Grants deadline is Dec 13
Funding for programs that are designed to strengthen communities and solve local problems, including those found in rural and underserved areas. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

OHRD 2018 District Grant Projects deadline is Dec 15
Each year, Ozarks Headwaters Recycling & Materials Management District (OHRD) awards grants towards Solid Waste Reduction for persons/groups located in Christian, Dallas, Greene, Polk, and Webster counties. "Solid Waste Reduction" includes recycling, public education, and any program that reduces solid waste. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

Water + Waste Disposal Projects Grant Ongoing
USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for their Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) grants program. The grants are awarded to eligible communities of less than 2500 persons to help fund predevelopment costs for proposed water and wastewater disposal projects. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

SBA – Loan Program to Small Businesses Ongoing
The U.S. Small Business Administration provides a variety of loan programs that may be beneficial for urban and rural business development. Loans for small businesses, real estate, equipment, and disasters. SMCOG now offers assistance to businesses interested in SBA 504 loans. For more info: JaneHood@missouristate.edu or [click here](http://clickhere).

National School Lunch Afterschool Snack Program Ongoing
Funding for schools and residential child care institutions to provide afterschool snacks to low-income children who participate in the National program. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

EDA – Public Works + EAA Program Ongoing
Under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Programs, EDA will make construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments to leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies. These programs are designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. Rural + urban applicants are being solicited to develop creative approaches to address evolving economic conditions. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

Hearst Foundations Grants for NPOs Ongoing
The Hearst Foundations support well-established nonprofit organizations that address issues in 4 areas: education, health, culture, and social service. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

USDA – Rural Relending Program Ongoing
USDA Rural Development's Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) provides low interest loans to intermediaries that re-lend to businesses to improve economic conditions and create or retain jobs in rural communities. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

Walgreens Community Grant Ongoing
The Walgreens Community Grant Program supports projects focused on improving access to health and wellness, pharmacy education programs + mentoring initiatives, civic + community outreach, and emergency + disaster relief. [Review the grant here](http://Reviewthegranthere).

QUOTE

"If you can tell a man by his shoes, you can tell a city by its pavements. London's indicate a fractured, shambolic, careless body politic."

Rowan Moore – Journalist

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