

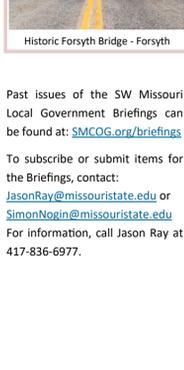
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congressional Recess

During the August Congressional recess, take time to advocate to your representatives for the programs and funding your community and county depend on. Congress returns to DC on September 5th, and will have less than a month to finalize spending levels for fiscal year 2018. At stake is funding THUD (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development) appropriations.

“Both the Senate and the House of Representatives have presented their initial proposals for spending. The cuts proposed by the Trump administration in their original budget proposal were largely ignored in the Senate version of the THUD bill. The THUD bill that advanced in the House, however, mirrors the Trump administration’s original budget proposal by eliminating the TIGER program, cutting new funds in half, slashing the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, and reducing funding levels for critical planning programs like CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership programs. [APA’s budget analysis](#) confirms that the Senate THUD bill is far better than the spending bill that has advanced in the House. While neither bill has made it to the floor, Congress must act on passing spending bills soon, so there is no better time than right now, while they are home, to tell your members of Congress to support the Senate THUD bill.” [More Info Here.](#)

Elected Officials + Executive Staff Survey

Fire Chief Jim Ludden is researching emergency management, and needs to collect responses from Elected Officials and/or Executive Staff members from at least 15 communities. [This survey](#) is 10 questions and takes less than 3 minutes to complete.

SEMA – Effectiveness of Local Mitigation Capabilities Survey

The state is currently working on the State Hazard Mitigation Plan update. One of the requirements is to provide a general description of the effectiveness of local mitigation policies, programs, and capabilities. The [short survey](#) is 5 questions has been developed in an effort to seek input from local governments, state, federal, and other stakeholders.

2017 Status of the Watershed Report

This year Ozarks Water Watch publishes their "Status of the Watershed" report designed to answer the question, "How's the water?" in our area lakes and streams of the Upper White River Basin watershed. [Read Report Here.](#)

OATS Increased Transportation Options in Christian County

OATS now has more transportation options in Christian County, with a priority for employment rides. This was funded in part by Christian County’s CC Links. For more info call [417.887.9272](tel:417.887.9272) or [800.770.6287](tel:800.770.6287) Monday – Friday between 8a – 3p.

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SMCOG Meetings

- SMCOG Board Meeting, August 23, 9:00 AM
Library Station, 2325 N. Kansas, Springfield, MO

For more information, contact JaneHood@MissouriState.edu

MO Emergency Management 29th Annual Conference

This conference is designed for all emergency management professionals, anyone with related responsibilities or an interest in any aspect of emergency preparedness, response and recovery. The conference will be held at Tan-Tar-A Resort. [Register Here.](#)

Reducing Runoff – National Stormwater Calculator

EPA has developed the National Stormwater Calculator (SWC) to help support local, state and national stormwater management objectives and regulatory efforts to reduce runoff through infiltration and retention using green infrastructure practices as low impact development (LID) controls. The primary focus of the SWC is to inform site developers on how well they can meet a desired stormwater retention target with and without the use of green infrastructure, but can also be used by landscapers and homeowners. Join this webinar to learn how to use the SWC. [Register Here.](#)

21st Century Missouri Transportation System Task Force

The 21st Century Missouri Transportation System Task Force will meet at the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. The task force will evaluate the current condition of the state’s transportation system and funding levels, and make recommendations to the legislature. Wednesday’s meeting is open to the public and will focus on the impact of transportation infrastructure on business and economic development. [More Info Here.](#)

Webinar on Digital Signs + Electronic Messages

On-premise digital signs have demonstrated a proven ability to increase results for those that utilize them for commercial and community-oriented purposes. However, many communities are relatively unfamiliar with this rapidly evolving technology, and have concerns that these signs can create problems for their communities. [Register Here.](#)

Grant Writing + Capacity Building Workshop

Are you working to secure funding to restore and/or revitalize your community? Unsure how to obtain such funding? Have you previously applied for but were not selected to receive grant funding? Then attend this FREE grant writing workshop! [Register Here.](#) Bring a draft grant proposal or outline of your ideas, or a previously submitted but unsuccessful proposal, and receive 1-on-1 assistance to refine your proposal submission.

Wayfinding 101

Wayfinding is essential to create a memorable experience. There is no one-size-fits-all solution because each place’s unique characteristics, needs and objectives demand their own unique solutions. A well-designed on-brand experience depends on all the details that make up a person’s journey through a place. When its done effectively, a community is transformed into a destination. [Register Here.](#)

Smart Growth in the Midwest

Is “Smart Growth” a relevant term in the Midwest? How has the concept influenced planning and development in the America’s heartland, and how do current practices compare to notions of smart growth as established by the American Planning Association and the experience of planners in other parts of the country? This webinar will explore these questions through the lens of consultant planners working in rural and urban communities across Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. [Register Here.](#)

Advanced Economic Development for Local Leaders

How can you help local elected/appointed officials to be better champions for economic development? This free 2-day course for elected/appointed leaders focuses on introducing the systems and best practices of economic development. This event will be held in Cape Girardeau, MO. Contact: Sarah Garcia at sgarcia@iedonline.org or call [202.942.9474](tel:202.942.9474)

Planning Livable Communities for All Ages

Last spring, AARP, the American Society on Aging, and the American Planning Association co-hosted the Summit on Livable Communities: Planners and Aging Network Professionals Working Together to Plan Livable Communities for All Ages. Uniting the two professions led to a robust discussion—and to the recognition of a shared vision for healthy, livable places. This webinar will continue the conversation with an introduction to aging in community and a review of the Summit findings. [Register Here.](#)

MO Municipal League 83rd Annual Conference

Join nearly 700 local government officials and employees from across Missouri at Tan-Tar-A Resort for the 83rd MML Annual Conference. This year’s keynote speaker is Jason Roberts, originator of the Better Block Project. More than 25 sessions feature experts focusing on the top issues you face in local government each day.” [Register Here.](#)

National Roadside Vegetation Management Conference

The National Roadside Vegetation Management Association (NRVMA) annual conference will be held in Springfield, MO. Sessions will cover pollinators, herbicide use, tree trimming, and will include demonstrations. [Conference Agenda.](#) [Register Here.](#)

Practical Approach to Smart Cities

How do you move beyond planning and actually create the infrastructure necessary to become a “Smart City?” This webinar will show you how to meet community needs with “future-proof” advanced technologies and will help you develop the readiness to move your plan off the drawing board and into reality. [Register Here.](#)

First Responders Appreciation Breakfast

The Springfield Chamber of Commerce will be honoring our first responders and their importance to our communities. Official invitations will be disbursed in the coming weeks. Governor Greitens will be the featured speaker for this event that recognizes the hard work first responders commit to keep our communities safe. [More Info.](#)

Trees, Stormwater, and Resiliency: An Opportunity...

Traditional ‘gray’ infrastructure (like roads, utilities, and water/wastewater networks) have long supported our cities and towns as they grow and develop. However, as leaders grapple with shrinking budgets and deteriorating local infrastructure, the resilience and multifunctionality of green infrastructure and trees continues to have broad appeal as a fiscally-responsible investment for the long-term health and vibrancy of an area. Using new innovative approaches, realize the full capacity of trees as a component of your community’s infrastructure systems. [Register Here.](#)

MO Dept. of Conservation – Open House

MDC will be holding open houses around the state from Aug – Oct to share info + gather public feedback. Attendees are encouraged to give feedback on regulations, infrastructure, strategic priorities, and statewide and local conservation issues. No registration is required. Refreshments will be served. The first 80 attendees at each open house will receive special gift items from MDC.” [More Info Here.](#)

MO Community Betterment Conf. – Rural Progress + Pride

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.](#)

2017 Missouri Statewide Planning Conference

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.](#)

GOLD Leadership Development Course

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

Rental Housing Occupancy Changes Have Pros + Cons for Iowa Cities

“How much headspace can a 41-woman amendment to state law regulating occupancy limits cause? Some Iowa cities are gearing up to find out. ‘...now that restriction is gone and [single-family homeowners] can rent to 5, 6, 7 or more unrelated individuals, it tips the market very heavily in the favor of rentals and the stability of the neighborhood starts to fall apart and become one-sided.’ At the same time, since the bill’s passage the city has received several building permit applications for 40 permit applications for 35 properties, mostly for rental and duplex units in neighborhoods near downtown – that would add more bedrooms to the homes. That’s compared to an average of less than 5 permits issued per year over the past 2 years.” [Press-Citizen.com](#)

Residents Feel State Road Funding is Unfairly Distributed

“The way money for roads is distributed in Missouri is often called into question by residents. According to management personnel at MoDOT, there’s a divide between urban dwellers and those who live in the countryside. Each thinks the other is being super served, while they’re suffering with substandard roads. MoDOT Director Patrick McKenna contends the complaints about poor roads and suspicions of regional favoritism are byproducts of insufficient funding.” [MissouriNet.com](#)

Missouri Receives Failing Road Safety Grade

“When it comes to road safety in Missouri, state laws are lacking in two main areas – enforcement of seatbelt devices and monitoring distracted drivers, according to a national safety report. Missouri ranked last in overall safety measures with 24% in the National Safety Council’s most recent report. In total 11 states, including Missouri, received an F in overall safety. “The ranking is not a reflection of MoDOT, it is a reflection of Missouri’s safety policies.” [NewsTribune.com](#)

Senators Differ on How To Get High Speed Internet to Rural Missouri

“More than 60% of Missourians do not have access to high-speed broadband internet. The majority of them live in rural areas. Missouri’s 2 Senators are offering different approaches to bringing increased broadband access to those communities. Blunt and McCaskill addressed the issue Thursday at the State Fair in Sedalia.” [MissouriNet.com](#)

Millions of Americans Live Nowhere Near a Hospital

“Recent debates over the Affordable Health Care Act raised concerns that millions of Americans could lose access to health care. But already, there are many Americans who live in areas where critical-care services are lacking. A recent study estimates that nearly 30 million Americans don’t live within an hour of trauma care.” [CNN.com](#)

Broadband + Healthcare – Just What The Doctor Ordered

“Rural and healthcare services are well known economic drivers in small cities and rural areas. Broadband infrastructure can address gaps in rural healthcare services, resulting in better healthcare access and an improved local economy.” [DailyYonder.com](#)

ONLINE RESOURCES

Co-ops Play Vital Role in Extending Broadband in Rural Tennessee

“Discusses the Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act’s impact on economic development, education, and healthcare improvement, and the ways in which Tennessee co-ops have supported the initiative.” rd.usda.gov

JOBS

Administration + Finance

- [Deputy Clerk](#), Taney County, \$10/hr.
- [City Attorney](#), City of Ozark, \$80,000-\$90,000/yr.

Public Safety

- [Police Officer](#), City of Springfield, \$16.57 - \$28.35/hr.
- [Patrol Officer](#), City of Republic, \$15.57/hr.
- [Police Officer](#), City of Ozark, DOQ.
- [Corrections Officer](#), Taney County, \$11.50/hr.
- [911 Communications Officer](#), City of Monett, \$27,348 - \$30,904/yr.
- [Police Dispatcher](#), City of Aurora

Planning

- [Planner](#), City of Branson, \$38,604/yr.
- [Planning Specialist](#), FEMA Reservist, \$12.18 - \$15.98/hr.
- Expert Specialist positions, FEMA Reservist, \$24.65 - \$34.62/hr.
- [Comm Planning Expert](#) | [Local Gov Admin](#) | [Comm Design Expert](#) | [Comm Dev Expert](#)

Public Works + Transportation

- [Public Works Director](#), City of Republic, \$75,000 - \$85,000/yr.
- [Water Superintendent](#), City of Republic, \$22.80 - \$30.27/hr.
- [Wastewater Operator 1](#), City of Republic, \$12.88 - \$17.07/hr.

Other

- [MO Dept. of Conservation](#): Various positions available
- [MO Job Center](#): Upcoming hiring events in Southwest Missouri

GRANTS

Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Program

Public and private owners of diesel school buses stationed and operating in Missouri are eligible to apply for funding. Awardees will receive up to 25% of the cost of the new school bus(es) with a max of \$18,000 per bus, and applicants may apply for 2 school buses. The newly purchased bus(es) must replace a bus(es) that is currently in use and has an engine model year between 1995 - 2006. The new buses must be “early” replacements, meaning they are not already planned for replacement and would not be replaced if not for this funding opportunity. [Review the grant here.](#)

Rural Impact County Challenge – Child Poverty

“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.](#)

HUD Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants

HUD is awarding Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants to support the development of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans which focus on directing resources to address three core goals: Housing, People and Neighborhood. To achieve these core goals, communities must develop and implement a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or Transformation Plan. The Transformation Plan will become the guiding document for the revitalization of the public and/or assisted housing units while simultaneously directing the transformation of the surrounding neighborhood and positive outcomes for families. [Review the grant here.](#)

Capital Magnet Fund

The Capital Magnet Fund provides grants to finance affordable housing and community revitalization efforts that benefit low-income people and underserved rural areas. Facilities funded under the program include; workforce development centers, day cares, health clinics, senior housing, Oral health facilities, etc. [Review the grant here.](#)

DNR – Diesel School Bus Replacement Program

DNR will use an EPA grant to fund a clean diesel early school bus replacement program. Public and private owners of diesel school buses stationed and operating in Missouri are eligible to apply for funding. Awardees will receive up to 25% of the cost of the new school bus(es) with a max of \$18,000 per bus, and applicants may apply for 2 school buses. The newly purchased bus(es) must replace a bus(es) that is currently in use and has an engine model year between 1995 - 2006. The new buses must be “early” replacements, meaning they are not already planned for replacement and would not be replaced if not for this funding opportunity. [Review the grant here.](#)

Pharmacy Practitioners, Students, Residents Grant

Incentive Grants for Practitioners, Students, and Community Practice Residents offer pharmacists seed money to implement or support an innovative patient care service within their pharmacy practice. Grants focus on ambulatory pharmacy-based innovation with a different focus based on the applicant type. [Review the grant here.](#)

Community Based HIV/AIDS Care + Services Grant

The Kent Richard Hofmann Foundation is offering grants with a particular focus on smaller communities and rural areas. The Foundation supports community-based nonprofit organizations that focus on HIV/AIDS care and direct services, education, or research. Grants are provided to developing or established programs, with emphasis on those that provide direct benefit to clients or target audiences. [Review the grant here.](#)

NEA – Our Town Grant

The National Endowment for the Arts’ Our Town grant program supports creative placemaking projects that help to transform communities into lively, beautiful, and resilient places with arts at their core. This funding supports local efforts to enhance quality of life and opportunity for existing residents, increase creative activity, and create a distinct sense of place. [Review the grant here.](#)

MoDOT Traffic Engineering Assistance Program

MoDOT is accepting applications for the Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP). TEAP allows local public agencies (LPA) to receive engineering assistance for studying traffic engineering problems. LPAs facing a traffic safety or operational problem should utilize the [LPA On-Call Consultant List](#) to perform a traffic study. Typical traffic engineering related projects include:

- corridor safety and/or operational analysis,
- intersection(s) safety and/or operational analysis,
- speed limit review,
- sign inventory,
- pedestrian/bike route analysis,
- parking issues,
- and other traffic studies.

MoDOT is opening TEAP funding applications for ADA Transition Plans. The ADA Transition planning work may utilize Trails + Sidewalk or TEAP consultants from the MoDOT LPA consultant on-call list. Local public agencies are reimbursed for eligible project costs at a rate of 80% with the local agency providing a 20% match. Funds administered by MoDOT will provide 80 percent of the TEAP project costs, up to \$8,000 per project. [Review the grant here.](#)

Foundation for Rural Service

The Foundation for Rural Service is offering grants to NPOs seeking to create programs that promote business development, community development, education or telecommunications in rural communities served by National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) members. [Review the grant here.](#)

MO Main Street Grant

Missouri Main Street is currently accepting applications for their Affiliate Grant program. This is a 60/40 cost-share grant. The value of the grant over the 2yrs is \$24,000 in services. 60% is contributed in services by MO Main Street Program; 40% is contributed in cash (\$9,600) by the awardee. Must attend a workshop. [Review the grant here.](#)

HUD Continuum of Care

HUD is offering grants to public and private agencies to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness. [Review the grant here.](#)

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Program

Grants to help schools and parent teacher groups with school improvement projects and to provide for the basic needs of their students. [Review the grant here.](#)

USDA – Rural Broadband Access Loan Program

The Rural Broadband Access Program furnishes loans and loan guarantees to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment to provide service at the [broadband lending speed](#). [Review the grant here.](#)

USDOT Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Grant

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.](#)

Water + Waste Disposal Projects Grant

USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for their Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) grants to help fund predevelopment costs for proposed water and wastewater disposal projects. [Review the grant here.](#)

SBA – Loan Program to Small Businesses

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](#).

National School Lunch Afterschool Snack Program

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.](#)

EDA – Public Works + EAA Program

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.](#)

Hearst Foundations Grants for NPOs

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

USDA – Rural Relending Program

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.](#)

Walgreens Community Grant

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.](#)

QUOTE

“The future belongs to those who prepare for it.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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