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Announcements...

White House Rural Council, Rural Strategies that Work Memo

The White House Rural Council has released [a memorandum entitled *Rural Strategies that Work*](#), which presents strategies for Federal work in rural America that have resulted in improved outcomes over the course of the Obama Administration. Authored by Secretary Vilsack, Office and Management and Budget Director Shaun Donovan, Domestic Policy Director Cecilia Muñoz and National Economic Council Director Jeff Zients, the memorandum presents policies and administrative actions that increase rural communities' ability to access and leverage local and Federal resources.

Buy Native Trees & Shrubs from MDC State Forest Nursery

Native trees and shrubs can help improve wildlife habitat and soil and water conservation while also improving the appearance and value of private property. The Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) George O. White State Forest Nursery offers a variety of low-cost native tree and shrub seedlings for reforestation, windbreaks, erosion control, wildlife food and cover, and other purposes.

Find more information and ordering information online: <https://goo.gl/HW2u30>

SMCOG Office Closed

The SMCOG office will be closed November 23-25 and December 22 to January 4, 2017.

Conferences and Events...

SMCOG Meetings

SMCOG Board Meeting, December 7, 9:00 AM, Library Station, 2325 N. Kansas, Springfield, MO

Please RSVP to JaneHood@missouristate.edu.

SMCOG Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), November 16, 9:00 AM, Midtown Carnegie Library Basement, 397 E. Central St, Springfield, MO. For more information, contact MeganClark@missouristate.edu.

RHSOC Region D Quarterly Meeting, January 18, 2017, 9:00 AM, Greene County Public Safety Center, 303 W. Scott Street, Springfield, MO

MoDED BCS Incentive and Finance Training

Whether you're a local government official, non-profit, business developer, community developer, or part of a regional planning commission this no cost training is a must attend if you are interested in Business Development, Community Development and / or Redevelopment programs administered by the Department of Economic Development's Division of Business and Community Services.

You will learn how development financing tools work in general in the Pre-Seminar Primer, hear from local developers in the general sessions and discover details on incentives available for business and community development, as well as redevelopment.

This no-cost seminar is packed full of valuable information for your role in your community but seats are limited so register today! **Springfield: November 15-16**. Register online: <https://goo.gl/UM4CSp>

Get Link'd Conference

The Missouri Rural Health Association will host the "Get Link'd Conference" about the important intersection between healthcare access and transportation November 15-16. Registration now open: <http://goo.gl/Hft2xY>

Webinar: 2016 Elections and the Impact on Local Governments

Join the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) advocacy team on **November 16 from 2 – 3 p.m.**

ET for a [webinar](#) on the outcome of the 2016 elections. The webinar will provide comprehensive analysis of the results of the 2016 Presidential, House, and Senate elections, key leadership and congressional committee changes for the 115th Congress, and gubernatorial and state legislature election outcomes. In addition, the webinar will provide a look ahead at the post-election lame duck session, what to expect from Congress in 2017, next steps in the presidential transition, and analysis of the potential impact of election results on regional development organizations and local governments. Click [here](#) to register.

Orton Family Foundation Webinar to Focus on Regional Strategies and Collaboration

Pooling resources and cooperating across town boundaries is a great way for rural communities to gain efficiencies and improve quality of life. Join the Orton Family Foundation on **November 17 from 3 – 4 p.m. ET** for a free [webinar](#), “Thinking Beyond the Town Line: Strengthening Rural Development through Cooperation,” to hear how small towns are working together to support each other. Speakers include Sarah Lucas from Networks Northwest in Michigan (a NADO member), Brett Schwartz from the NADO Research Foundation, Lori Meadows of the Kentucky Arts Council, and Susan DuPlessis of the South Carolina Arts Commission. This event is brought to you by the [Orton Family Foundation](#) and the [Citizens’ Institute on Rural Design](#). Click [here](#) to register.

MO Association of Counties Annual Conference

The Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) hosts their annual conference November 20-22 at Tan-tar-a Resort. Find more information online: <https://goo.gl/awnBDP>

Webinar: Planning and the Elections

President-Elect Trump is certain to have an impact on planning for years, and the effects are more likely to come via policies and regulations than from major legislation. The American Planning Association (APA) policy director Jason Jordan believes that housing, transportation, and the environment are areas where the new president's actions could make a big difference.

Join APA policy staff and planners around the country on **December 1** for a free APA webinar, "[Planning and the Elections: A Breakdown of Election Results and Look Ahead to the Lame Duck.](#)"

News...

As Composting Gains Popularity, Cities Struggle to Meet Demand

The U.S. Composting Council has developed a toolkit with guidelines for local governments on how to set up a good composting program showing the benefits of using compost and how to manage program logistics. [Read more.](#)

Missouri Farmers Wait for Infrastructure Improvements

A coalition of farmers groups in Missouri and nearby states are advocating for upgrades to rural roads and bridges, which they say are critical to their ability to bring crops to market in a timely, competitive manner. [Read more.](#)

Online Resources...

Veterans Resources

November 11 is Veteran's Day and around the nation we pay our respects to those who have served. If you or someone you know has served, please share these Veterans resources to help with their next job search!

Visit jobs.mo.gov/vets to learn more about Veteran specific programs and services in Missouri. For Veterans looking to improve their job search, the U.S. Department of Labor maintains the national CareerOneStop website with [a page just for Veterans](#) and [a few helpful tips](#). For one-on-one assistance, stop by [your local Job Center](#) and let their experienced staff help.

Water Resources Dashboard

As a part of the U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit, the Water Resources Dashboard provides access to maps and data that can help water resource managers and urban planners monitor the potential for extreme precipitation and drought in their regions. <https://goo.gl/w05Aom>

Jobs...

Senior City Planner, City of Springfield, \$1,780.51 - \$2,451.64 Bi-weekly, applications due Nov 21, <https://goo.gl/m24Wdu>

Regional Planner, Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments, Salary DOQ: <http://goo.gl/lK1zuB>

Assistant Professor, Planning/Human Geography, Missouri State University, <https://goo.gl/x5f3iV>

Community Development Director, City of Lebanon, \$56,025 - \$57,723/yr.: <https://goo.gl/sPJSV2>

Assistant Police Chief, City of Branson, \$64,432 - \$96,687/yr.: <https://goo.gl/C7cm3k>

911 Communications Officer, City of Monett, \$27,348 - \$30,904/yr.: <https://goo.gl/bOQ9X9>

Patrol Officer, City of Republic, \$15.57/hr.: <https://goo.gl/4mc1IO>

Police Officer, City of Springfield, \$16.57 - \$28.35/hr.: <https://goo.gl/QGZKU3>

Police Dispatcher, City of Aurora: <http://goo.gl/4RF1uu>

Police Officer, City of Ozark: <https://goo.gl/sHnyUH>

Patrol Officer, City of Republic: <https://goo.gl/N7DSbr>

MO Dept. of Conservation: Various positions available: <https://goo.gl/PnuHRN>

Grants...

FEMA – Assistance to Firefighters

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. AFG helps firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. While needs may be local, projects funded by the AFG program should enhance regional and national response capabilities. Successful requests will enhance personnel safety, foster interoperability, improve operational efficiency and support community resiliency.

Application deadline: November 18. <https://goo.gl/9RJNV3>

RWJF – The Culture of Health Prize

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's (RWJF) Culture of Health Prize is awarded to recognize community efforts and partnerships that have helped people live healthier lives. Awards will honor entire communities, not single organizations or initiatives. Ten winning communities will each receive a \$25,000 award, given to a designated local government or tax-exempt public charity. **The deadline to apply is November 23.** <https://goo.gl/Tnep2b>

Safer School Garden Grant

Provides \$500 funding to start a school garden to help students be more active, be more environmentally-conscious, and build healthy eating habits. **Eligibility:** Schools that are not past winners. **Deadline: December 1.** <https://goo.gl/4ukOtF>

Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries - School Library Grant

Grants of up to \$7,000 will be awarded to help libraries in schools where 85 percent or more of the students qualify for free or reduced lunches expand, update, and diversify their book collections.

Schools serving pre-K through 12th grade in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, all American territories, and Department of Defense schools in other countries are eligible to apply. This includes all public, private, parochial, charter, city, state, county, and reservation schools -- including special schools, social services schools, and juvenile detention center schools in any of those jurisdictions that serve any combination of pre-kindergarten through high school students.

In addition to meeting the above criteria, the school library must be a uniquely designated space in which books and other materials are systematically classified, arranged by subject, type, etc. and stored in a location and manner that allows access to all students and adults in the school. Day-to-day oversight and operation of the school library must be carried out by a paid librarian.

Application deadline: **December 12**. Learn more and apply online: <https://goo.gl/AXbAHx>

USDA – Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Program Grants

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the availability of up to \$16.7 million in competitive grant funding to increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables by families and households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The funding will be awarded to eligible nonprofits and governmental organizations through the [Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive](#) (FINI) Grant Program, administered by USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill. **Applications are due by December 12.** <https://goo.gl/Zvq2pJ>

MoDED – Energy Loan Program Application Cycle Now Open

The FY2017 Supplemental Loan Cycle is now open. Loan applications are being accepted from **October 3, 2016 to January 13, 2017**. The loan amount per applicant is from \$10,000 to \$1,000,000 and the interest rate is 2.75%. Loans are repaid by energy savings with a maximum repayment term of 10 years including principal and interest. Loan amounts of more than \$1,000,000 will be considered if funds remain.

Eligible Entities: Public Schools (K-12), Public/Private Higher Education Institutions, City/County Governments, Local Government/Public-owned Airport Facilities, Public Water/Wastewater Facilities, Public/not-for-profit Hospitals, Zoological Park & Museum Districts, Ambulance Districts.

Eligible Projects: High efficiency lighting fixtures and lamps, High efficiency heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, Combined heat and power systems, Renewable energy systems, Waste heat recovery, Energy efficient fine bubble diffusers and high efficiency pumps, building shell improvements such as insulation and other infiltration measures, Other measures that reduce energy use and cost.

Learn more and apply online: <https://goo.gl/joVs5d>

The Mission Continues Post-9/11 Veteran Nonprofit Fellowships

The Mission Continues is seeking applications for Post-9/11 Veteran Nonprofit Fellowships. Service fellowships, which include a cost-of-living stipend, are awarded to post-9/11 veterans to enable them to volunteer with nonprofit organizations in their community as an extension of their service to the country. **Deadline: 1/17/2017**. Visit the website [here](#) to review program guidelines.

EPA Accepting Applications for Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking non-profit (501c3) applications for its Environmental Justice Small Grants Program. The program awards grants to educate communities on environmental and public health issues and create solutions to respond to these issues locally. Approximately 40 one-year projects will be awarded at \$30,000 each. To learn more and view the request for proposals, [click here](#). **Closing date: January 31, 2017.**

Upcoming Grant Opportunities through DOLETA's Youth, Reentry, and Data Programs

The Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA) announced it will be accepting applications to several employment-related programs in the coming months. The Youthbuild Program will be awarding approximately 80 grants supporting organizations which invest in high school dropouts through education, skills, and employment. Additionally, ETA's Reentry Program will be awarding funding to organizations aiding young adults through evidence-based initiatives. Workforce Data Quality Initiative Grants will also be available funding states seeking to upgrade their longitudinal administrative databases. For more information on these programs and expected application timeline, [click here](#).

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.

Quotes...

"These have dared bear torches of sacrifice and service: Their bodies return to dust, but their work liveth forevermore. Let us strive on to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations." - Inscription on the Great Frieze at Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, MO
