

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission Awarded \$400,000 EDA Institutional Capacity Grant

On August 7, 2020, it was announced that Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission's Economic Development District was selected to receive \$400,000 in funding for a non-competitive Institutional Capacity Grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). This funding will be used to build Indiana 15's capacity and services to help its local communities and stakeholders on the road to recovery following the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 7, 2020, EDA released the notification of funding opportunity for a supplemental grant award – the EDA Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Recovery Assistance inviting economic development districts across the nation to apply for up to \$400,000 to build institutions' capacities and technical assistance to its local communities and stakeholders. This supplemental grant was made available from federal legislation of the CARES Act signed on March 27, 2020.

“Indiana 15 looks to build its community and economic development program and enhance its technical assistance capabilities to continue to be a valuable resource to our local communities. This award presents us a unique funding opportunity to expand our assistance capabilities to our local communities, especially those impacted most by COVID-19,” said Executive Director Lisa Gehlhausen.

Intent for the Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission Institutional Capacity Grant

The Institutional Capacity Grant awarded to Indiana 15 RPC will help build its capacity to respond to the coronavirus pandemic by developing a regional Disaster Recovery and Resiliency Economic Development Plan. The plan will create actionable items to address recovery and resilience to economic disasters and crisis to mitigate short- and long-term impacts.

This grant will also assist Indiana 15 with enhancing the region's public infrastructure, implementing strategies to grow critical manufacturing, forestry and wood products, advanced materials, transportation equipment, tourism and agricultural sectors; hiring additional staff; and supporting workforce needs.

For more information on EDA's CARES Act Recovery Assistance visit www.eda.gov/coronavirus.