



# Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs

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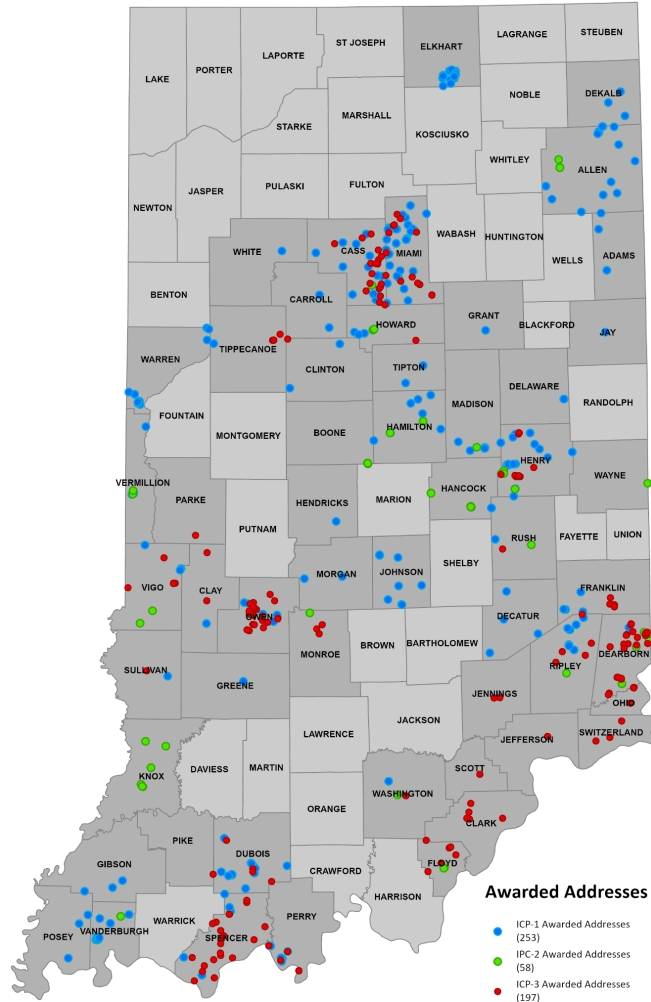
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# Four Competencies



# Infrastructure

Indiana Connectivity Program  
Awards from Rounds 1, 2 & 3



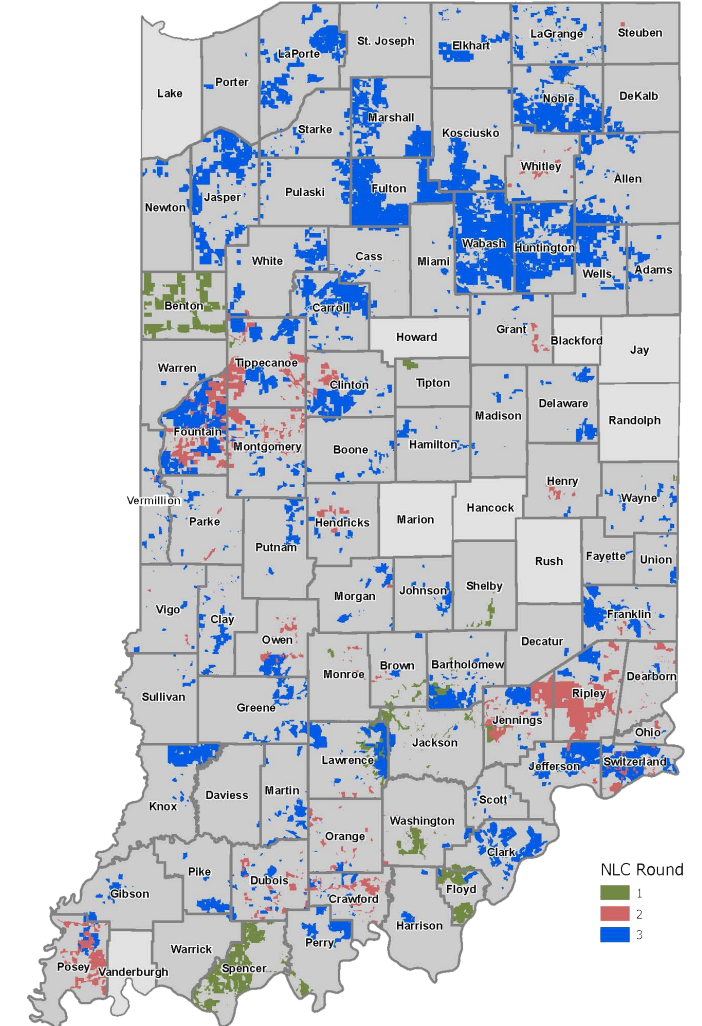
## Indiana Connectivity Program:

- Rounds 1-3 funded 508 address.
- Over \$1.6 million awarded in ICP funds across **55 counties**.

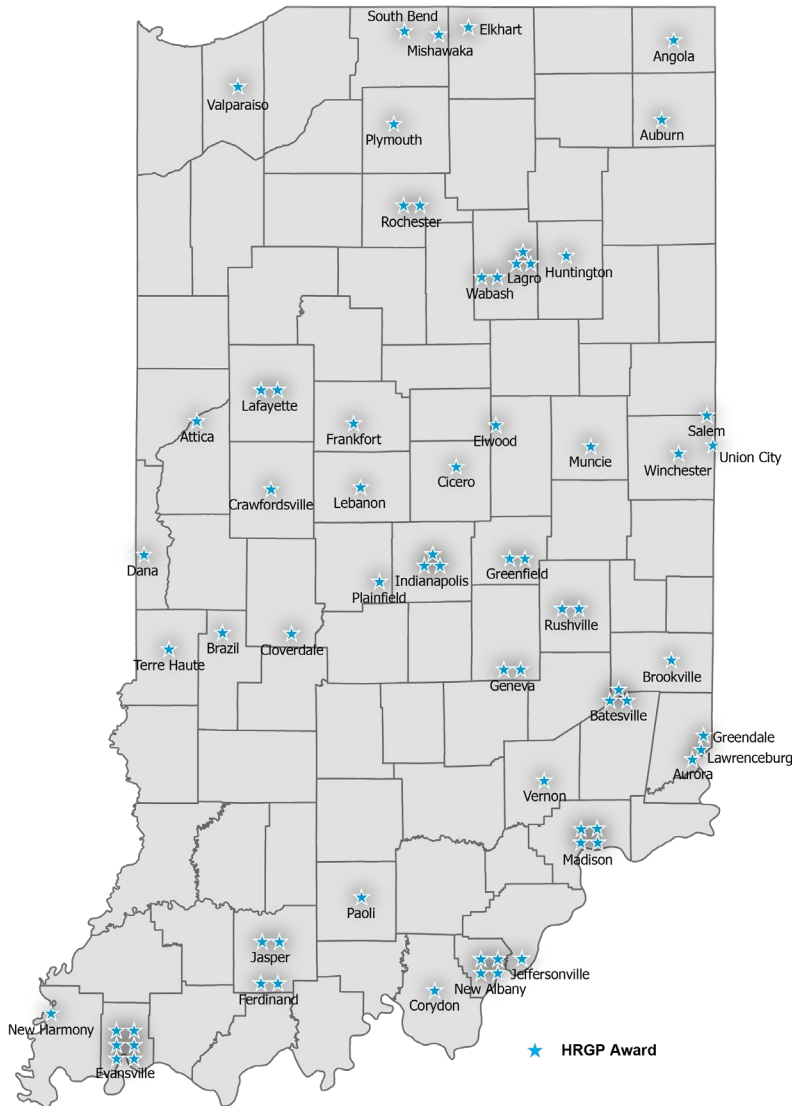
## Next Level Connections Program

- Rounds 1-3 funded more than 74,800 homes and commercial locations.
- \$268 million awarded in NLC funds across **83 counties**.

NLC Awards - All Rounds



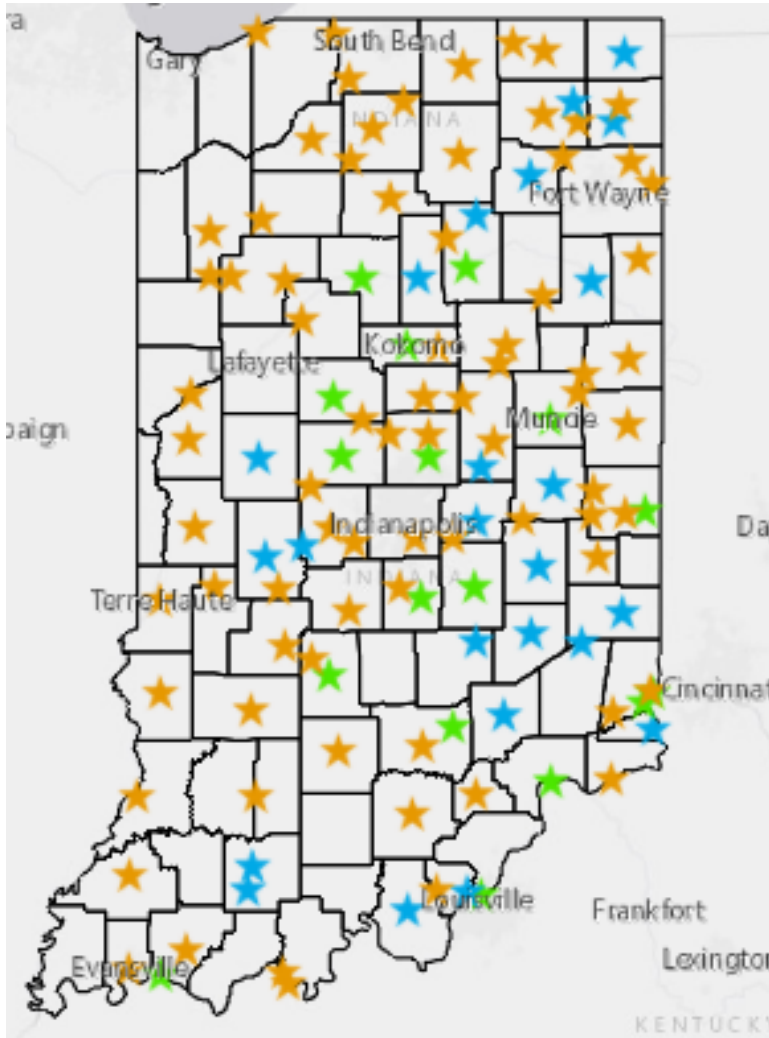
# Quality of Place



## Historic Renovation Grant Program:

- Over \$4 million of public investment.
- \$25.9 million of private investments leveraged.
- HRGP projects completed across **40 counties**.

# Economic Development

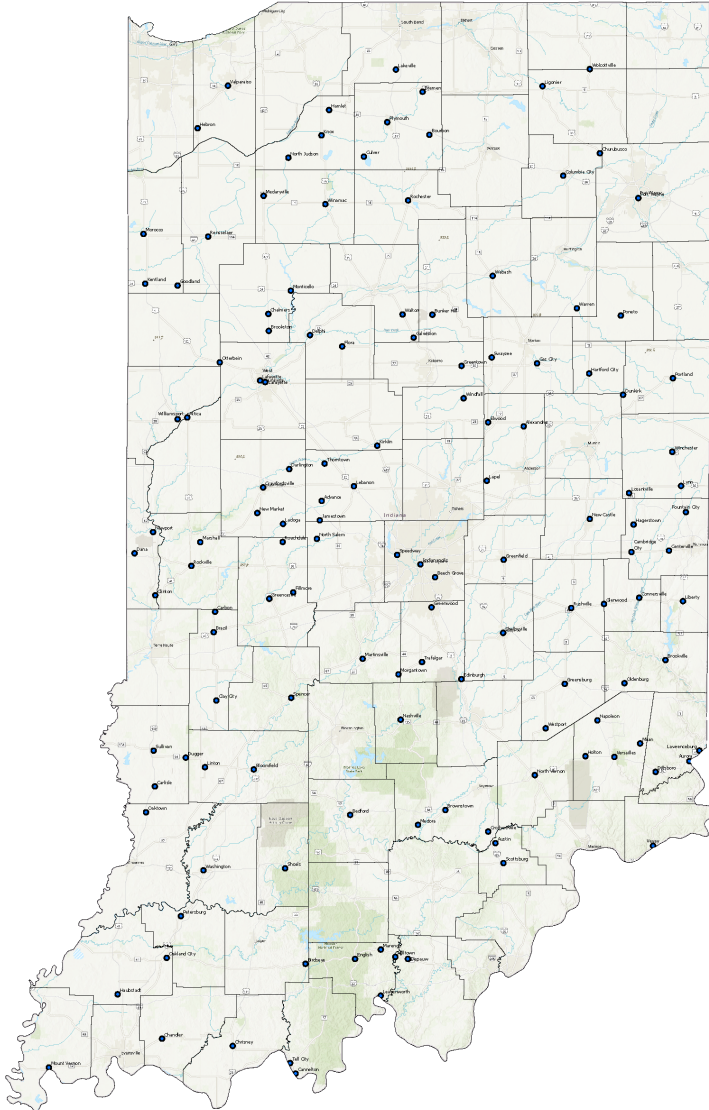


## Indiana Main Street:

- 41 Indiana Accredited Main Streets and 77 OCRA Downtown Affiliate Main Street communities across **76 counties**.
- In 2021, IMS communities saw a public and private investment of over \$203,000.
- In 2021, nearly 600 new jobs were created and over 180 new businesses.



# Capacity Building



## Community Development Block Grant:

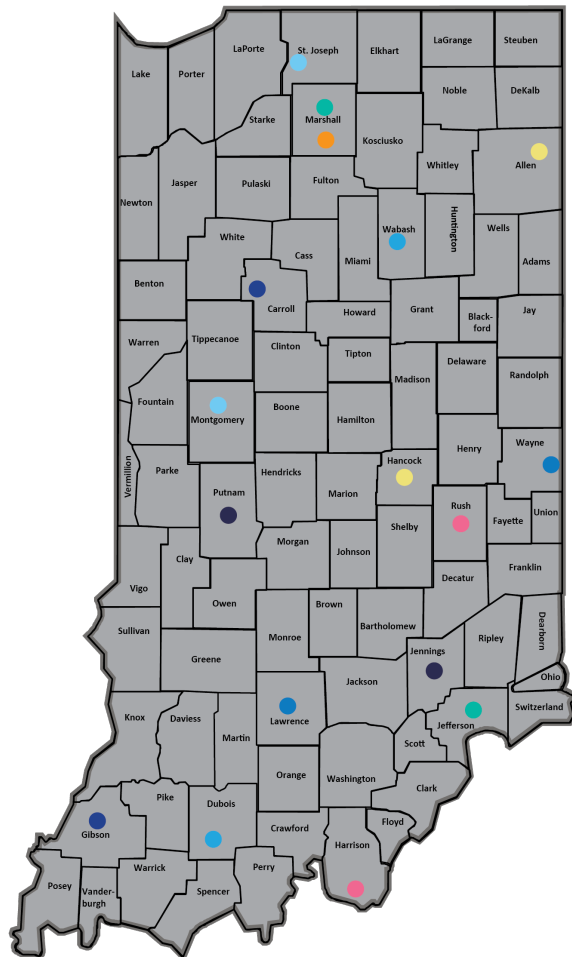
- From 2018 through the first quarter of 2021:
  - Over 217 grants awarded to 179 communities.
  - CDBG grants have been awarded across 74 counties.
  - More than \$92,763,404 in CDBG grants have been awarded.

# Community Affairs

OCRA Community Liaisons grow and maintain working relationships with local and regional leaders including, but not limited to, elected officials, local economic development officials (LEDOs), chambers of commerce, community foundations, Main Street organizations and regional planning organizations.



# Regional Stellar



<b>2011:</b>
● City of Greencastle
● City of North Vernon
<b>2012:</b>
● City of Delphi
● City of Princeton
<b>2013:</b>
● City of Bedford
● City of Richmond
<b>2014:</b>
● City of Huntingburg
● City of Wabash
<b>2015:</b>
● City of Crawfordsville
● Town of North Liberty
<b>2016:</b>
● City of Rushville
● Town of Corydon
<b>2017:</b>
● City of Madison
● Town of Culver
<b>2018:</b>
● New Allen Alliance (Allen)
● Health & Heritage (Hancock)
<b>2019:</b>
● Marshall County Crossroads (Marshall)

The Stellar Communities Program provided resources for transformative quality of place, community and regional improvements

- Fostered regional collaborative behaviors and investment;
- Stemmed the tide of non-metropolitan population loss through talent attraction and retention;
- Built sustainability;
- Built capacity with municipal governance; and
- Leveraged quality of places through comprehensive and transformative planning processes building on current assets.





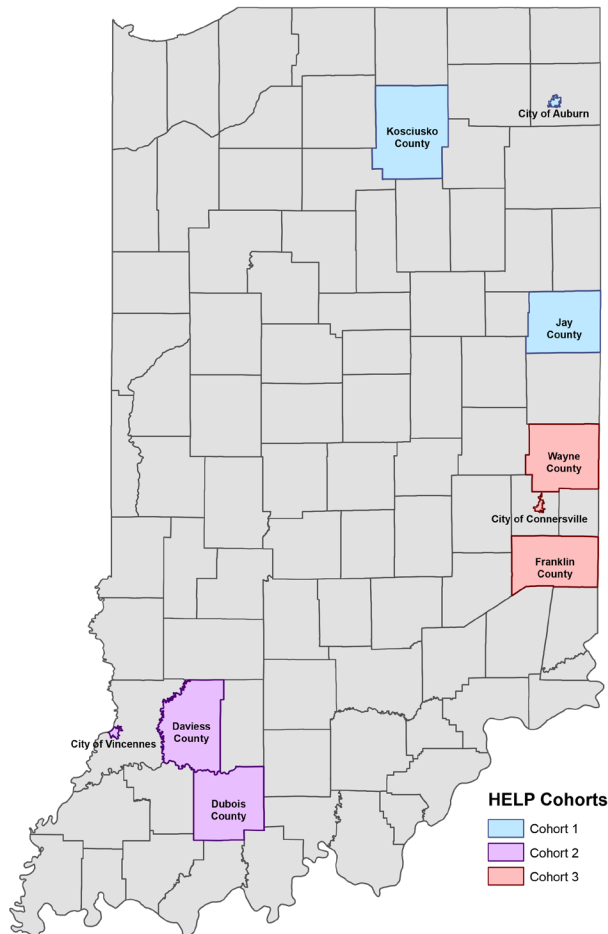
# Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program

## HELP

This program seeks to help communities to be strategic about planning for and deploying their American Rescue Plan Act funds to best leverage the full offering of federal funds and the other “buckets” of funding within ARPA.

HELP is supported by the expertise and knowledge of Ball State Indiana Communities Institute, Indiana University Center for Rural Engagement, Purdue Center for Regional Development, and Ivy Tech.

The nine communities and regions selected for the program are producing a Strategic Investment Plan that will guide community investment over the next several years.



# Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program



Seeks to aid communities by increasing or improving broadband access services, promoting digital inclusion, and supporting businesses and organizations that focus on broadband access and technological innovation.

Possible initiatives include:

- Digital Adoption Support
- Digital Ready Businesses
- Intelligent Communities



Focuses on improvements to the built environment and community infrastructure.

Possible initiatives include:

- Arts and Culture
- Housing
- Community Facilities
- Historic Preservation
- Youth Engagement
- Gateway Beautification
- Main Street Redevelopment



Seeks to expand and improve infrastructure and initiatives related to our people. Public health is important to overall community wellness. Possible Initiatives include:

- Mental Health
- Parks and Trails
- Food Deserts/Healthy food markets
- ADA accessibility
- Walkability/Bike Lanes/Public Transit
- Childcare
- Blue Zones



Help communities grow and support robust local and regional entrepreneurship cultivation through innovative programs and capital investments. Possible initiatives include:

- Entrepreneurial Ecosystems
- Economic Gardening
- Small Business Revolving Loan Fund
- Business Retention and Expansion; Workforce Development
- Business Networks
- Co-Working Spaces