# MACOGAZETTE *e-newsletter*



### **Community Crossings Matching Grant Awards**

At the beginning of December 2022, 229 Indiana cities, towns, and counties received a combined \$119 million+ in state matching funds for local road projects through the Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG), a component of the Governor's Next Level Roads program. Thirteen communities in the MACOG region received awards totaling over \$6.36 Million. Congratulations to all!

A total of over \$15 million has been awarded to 24 different MACOG communities between the first and second rounds of grants this year! The list of all communities receiving matching funds in the 2022 summer/fall call for projects can be found <u>online</u>. The next CCMG call for projects will be opening Monday, January 2, 2023.



### **AmeriCorps Featured Member**

Meet Brandon! Brandon is a member of MACOG's first AmeriCorps cohort serving with the St. Joseph River Basin Commission. You'll find Brandon in waders collecting aquatic insects to track water quality or in a classroom raising awareness surrounding issues facing our shared water resources. "*My AmeriCorps service with SJRBC has allowed me to pursue my professional aspirations and act as a pioneer of change across the Michiana area, educating the community on the importance of these resources and the impacts that they have on the world around them.*" Learn more about Brandon <u>here</u>! If you are also interested in serving in AmeriCorps, click here.



### **CONNECT Transit Plan**

The Draft Recommendations Report for the CONNECT Transit Plan is available for public review. MACOG and Transpo are entering the final round of public conversation in the development of the 10-year plan for transit in the region. Through January 2023, the public will be invited to learn more by reading <u>the report</u>, coming to an upcoming <u>public meeting</u>, and taking the <u>public survey</u>. Check out <u>connecttransitplan.com</u> for all of the information.



### Michiana on the Move 2050

MACOG would love to know your thoughts on transportation in the region. A short survey and comment map are available at <u>www.move.macog.com</u> to gather feedback. Be sure to participate and share the link as one lucky person will be selected to win a \$150 gift card!

# GRANTS



### <u>Community Crossings Matching</u> <u>Grant (CCMG)</u>

INDOT will be accepting applications for the 2023-1 CCMG Call for Projects between January 2 & January 27, 2023. Visit <u>https://www.in.gov/indot/doingbusiness-with-indot/local-public-</u> <u>agency-programs/</u> for further information and instruction. Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

### <u>Notice of Funding Availability -</u> Local Bridge Projects

INDOT will be issuing a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on January 2, 2023, for local bridge preventative maintenance type projects. A Preventative Maintenance project aims to prevent, delay, or mitigate deterioration. For a Local Public Agency (LPA) to apply for preventative maintenance activities, the LPA must have an INDOT-approved Asset Management Plan.



#### Indiana Trails Program

The Indiana Trails Program (ITP) is accepting applications via email by March



## 2023 RAISE Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Transportation has published a Notice of Funding

1, 2023. All units of government and certain 501(c)3 not-for-profit agencies are welcome to apply. Funds from ITP can be used for the construction of trails, acquisition of easement or property for trails, development of trailheads and other support facilities (parking, water fountains, benches, signage, etc.), and construction of bridges, boardwalks, and crossings. Applicants may request a minimum of \$100,000 and a maximum of \$400,000 in grant assistance. The ITP will provide a maximum of 80% reimbursement for eligible projects. At the time of application, the applicant must have at least 20% of the total project cost available. Additional details can be found here.

Opportunity (NOFO) for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program for 2023. The RAISE discretionary grants help project sponsors at the State and local levels, including municipalities, tribal governments, counties, and others complete critical freight and passenger transportation infrastructure projects. Applicants should consider how their projects can address climate change, ensure racial equity, and remove barriers to opportunity. The NOFO is available here. The deadline for applications is on February 28, 2023

If you need assistance with any grant application, feel free to reach out to MACOG.





If you have any questions or comments regarding topics covered in this e-newsletter, please let us know! You can call or email us using the information below.

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