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**Announcements...**

**OTO Transit Funding Announcement**

The Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) announces availability of transit funding for elderly and disabled human

service agencies, as well as additional funding for public transit agencies (FTA Sections 5307, 5310, and 5339 Funding Programs) within the OTO Metropolitan Planning Area. Applications for the elderly and disabled transportation are due June 7, 2016, while the additional public transit agency funding is **due June 22**. The application and guidelines, which outline eligible projects and requirements for applying, are available on the Ozarks Transportation Organization website: <http://goo.gl/DsX0Jg>

## **CFO Announces Growth in the Rural Ozarks Program**

Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO) last week announced the cities of Marshfield, Salem and Sarcoxie as the three Missouri communities to receive its first-ever economic development grant. These communities are the inaugural participants in the Growth in the Rural Ozarks (GRO) program, a three-year initiative co-funded by the CFO and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) aimed at promoting job creation, entrepreneurship and economic and workforce development in the rural Ozarks. Read the full announcement on the CFO website: <http://goo.gl/c4bTpA>

## **MoDOT Seeks Comments on Draft STIP**

The Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) is available to view on the MoDOT website at <http://goo.gl/YLenli>. Comments regarding the Plan may be submitted online by June 10.

## **Conferences and Events...**

### **SMCOG Meetings**

**SMCOG Board meeting**, May 25, 9:00 AM, Library Station, Frisco Room, 2535 N. Kansas Expy, Springfield, MO 65803  
**SMCOG CEDS Committee**, May 25, 10:30 AM (immediately after SMCOG Board meeting), Library Station, Frisco Room  
**SMCOG Board Meeting**, June 22, 9:00 AM, Library Station, Frisco Room, 2535 N. Kansas Expy, Springfield, MO 65803

### **Grant Symposium**

U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill's Office is hosting a Government Grant Symposium for nonprofits and local governments in the state of Missouri on Wednesday, **June 1<sup>st</sup>** in Columbia. This day-long event will focus on the what, when, and how of funding opportunities provided by the government and not-for-profit organizations.

Representatives from federal agencies, state agencies, and other organizations that provide assistance through grants and with the grant process will provide information and resources for how the state's nonprofits, local governments, and other grant eligible entities can access these funds. More than 20 agencies will give a prepared presentation during this symposium about their available funding opportunities and eligibility criteria. Additionally, agencies and other interested parties will be staffing booths in an open house throughout the day, to give participants a chance to get more information and ask specific questions. <https://goo.gl/PeLZFN>

### **Strengthening Opportunities for Youth, Creating Opportunities for Cities**

Join host Mayor Sly James of Kansas City for "Strengthening Opportunities for Youth, Creating Opportunities for Cities," a bi-state municipal summit on afterschool and expanded learning. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on **June 4** at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center in Kansas City, MO. It will address municipal leaders' role in ensuring opportunities for youth. For more information, visit <http://ksmosummit.com>, or contact Casey Hanson at [hansoncb@missouri.edu](mailto:hansoncb@missouri.edu). The summit is sponsored by the National League of Cities, through support from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and the Wallace Foundation.

### **Doing Business With MoDOT Seminar**

MoDOT is hosting a "Doing Business with MoDOT" seminar scheduled for **June 6, 2016 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM** at the Library Center (4653 South Campbell Ave., Springfield, MO 65810). To register go to: <https://goo.gl/DgrQo1>

## Elected Officials Training

The Missouri Municipal League will be conducting the Elected Officials Training Conference **June 9-10** at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia. Conference sessions will emphasize the knowledge base all newly elected officials will need to govern effectively, such as budgeting, ethics, economic development, planning and zoning, and more. The changes that continually occur in the municipal arena make this a Conference relevant for all officials (not just newly elected). To register go to: <http://goo.gl/XOoQY0>

## SMCOG Livable Streets Workshop

SMCOG is partnering with Trailnet to provide a **Livable Streets Workshop** on **Thursday, June 16 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. This workshop is for anyone interested in adopting Livable Streets (similar to Complete Streets) policies in your area or would like to learn more about ways other users interact with the transportation system. Attendees will experience the local transportation system while walking, riding a bike, using a wheel chair, and wearing vision impairment goggles. This is a very informative and unique workshop! Space is limited and lunch will be provided, so please RSVP to [jasonray@missouristate.edu](mailto:jasonray@missouristate.edu) by June 10. To view the workshop agenda, go to: <http://goo.gl/1905mB>

## Conferences and Events Further Out...

**June 11: River Jam... on the Finley** – James River Basin Partnership’s annual event and fundraiser returns to the water at the Finley River Park in Ozark, MO June 11, 2 PM to 10 PM. Gather to celebrate local water through hands-on interactive activities, live music, beer & food stands, a crawdad boil & catfish fry with the help from water loving businesses and organizational booths. Take a boat ride up the Finley River and enjoy entertainment throughout the day. More information at: <http://goo.gl/7gNVJR>

**June 23: EDC Exchange – Local & Tribal Agencies Smarter Work Zones (SWZs)** – June 23, 1 – 3:00 PM at the Traffic Management Center of the Ozarks. FHWA has collected and developed a number of example policies, practices, and tools to help agencies implement SWZs. This EDC Exchange will present success stories from local agencies using SWZ project coordination and technology application strategies to improve safety and mobility in and around work zones within their jurisdictions. It will also include discussions on planning and implementing SWZ within your region. This Exchange will be of interest to local and tribal agencies involved with or interested in implementing SWZ. For more information, go to: <http://goo.gl/f8Atfh>

**June 29: OTO Hosts APA Webinar Viewing: 2016 Planning Law Review** from 3 to 4:30 PM at the OTO Offices located at 2208 W. Chesterfield Blvd., Suite 101, Springfield, MO 65807. 1.5 CM Law credits are available for AICP members. RSVP to [Natasha Longpine](mailto:Natasha.Longpine). For more information about the webinar, visit: <https://goo.gl/6T32M4>

### **July 11-15 and July 18-22: St. Louis Summer Transportation Institute for High School Students**

Saint Louis University is offering a free one-week summer camp for high school students interested in pursuing a career in transportation, civil engineering, aviation, science, engineering, or technology. This free one-week camp for high school boys and girls offers two sessions: July 11-15 and July 18-22. Please visit <http://goo.gl/cKSrXx> to learn more about this camp.

**Governor’s Economic Development Conference** will be held September 7-9 at Crown Center in Kansas City, MO. <https://goo.gl/zM5Nm2>

**APA Missouri Statewide Planning Conference** – The American Planning Association (APA), Missouri Chapter will host their 2016 Annual Statewide Planning Conference at University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, MO October 5-7. Session proposals are due June 3<sup>rd</sup> and registration is now open: <http://goo.gl/Wv0IXd>

## News...

### **Governor Unveils New “Joplin Rising” Website**

Five years after an EF-5 tornado devastated the city and claimed 161 lives, Joplin continues to rebound. Gov. Jay Nixon today applauded the fact that new estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau released just this morning show the City of

Joplin's population continues to grow and has reached an all-time high. The new "Joplin Rising" website features stories and data on the City's remarkable recovery. <http://goo.gl/QcBKSE>

## Online Resources...

### Download the Food Waste Roadmap

*"By 2050, it is estimated that the Earth's population will top 9 billion. This growing population will undeniably stress our food systems, natural resources, and ecosystems. But consider this: Currently, we waste up to 40% of our food globally. In the United States, this equals roughly 400 pounds annually for every American. Meanwhile, one in seven Americans are food insecure."* **Betsy and Jesse Fink Trustees the Fink Family Foundation**

The quote is from the foreword of the Rethink Food Waste (ReFed) Roadmap to Reduce U.S. Food Waste by 20%.

ReFED is a "collaboration of over 30 business, nonprofit, foundation, and government leaders committed to reducing food waste in the United States. ReFED seeks to unlock new philanthropic and investment capital, along with technology, business, and policy innovation, which is projected to catalyze tens of thousands of new jobs, recover billions of meals annually for the hungry, and reduce national water use and greenhouse gas emissions."

The effort is critical because unused food accounts for 1.3% of U.S. GDP and this is a problem for which ReFED has solutions, as they discuss in their next webinar on May 25 from 12:15 to 1:45 PM. To register for the webinar, go to: <https://goo.gl/ECqInu>. To download the Food Waste Roadmap, go to: <http://goo.gl/s3pTcM>

## Jobs...

**Accounting Clerk – AR Licensing**, City of Branson, \$16.17/hr.: <http://goo.gl/RBHWes>

**Police Dispatcher I**, City of Branson, \$13.15/hr.: <http://goo.gl/Q7boF5>

**Planner**, Ozarks Transportation Organization, \$33,005 - \$49,189/yr <http://goo.gl/vrfuUa>

**GIS Intern**, Ozarks Transportation Organization, \$10/hr.: <http://goo.gl/QkybKV>

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

**Sewer Operations Coordinator**, City of Springfield, \$40,996 - \$56,784/yr.: <https://goo.gl/ICkzEx>

**Arborist**, City of Springfield, \$13.05 - \$18.77/hr.: <https://goo.gl/e12D1F>

**9-1-1 Telecommunicator**, Monett – Lawrence County 911, \$27,348 - \$30,904/yr.: <http://goo.gl/AHm6HN>

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

**Summer Jobs Program** – Enrollment begins May 1. Participants must be age 16-24. 115 positions available for \$8.50/hr for 240 hours. Contact Kris Hollenbeck at [khollenbeck@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:khollenbeck@springfieldmo.gov) or 417-841-3325 for more information.

## Grants...

### USDA Rural Broadband Grants

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is now accepting applications for grants to establish broadband in unserved rural communities through its Community Connect program. Administered by USDA's Rural Utilities Service, [Community Connect](#) helps fund broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver service. USDA plans to award up to \$11.7 million in grants through the program. **Applications are due June 17.** <http://goo.gl/K1fQf6>

### Farmers Market Promotion Program

Approximately \$13 million in competitive grant funds in fiscal year (FY) 2016 is available to be awarded through the Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP). The purpose of the FMPP is to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets by developing, improving, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and

technical assistance to, or assisting in the development, improvement, and expansion of, domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourist activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Go to <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp> for more information.

## Department of Homeland Security – FEMA, Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grants Programs Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administrations of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The Grants Programs Directorate administers the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grants as part of the AFG Program. FP&S offers grants to support activities in two categories: (1) activities designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate incidences of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards ("Fire Prevention and Safety Activity") and (2) research and development activities aimed at improving firefighter safety ("Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activity"). The program guidance document provides potential applicants with the details of the requirements, processing, and evaluation of an application for financial assistance for both of these activity areas. For more information: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=282157>

## Missouri Main Street Grants

Missouri Main Street offers three matching grant programs providing up to 75 percent of the costs: Affiliate Grant, People Energizing Places (PEP), and Strategic Teams Engaging Places (STEP). These grant programs continue the mission of MMSC that is to provide the tools and resources for downtown revitalization to Missouri communities. MMSC is a 501(c)3 and financially supported by funding from the State of Missouri, Missouri Department of Economic Development, grants, sponsors, members, and other donations. Contact the MMSC office at 417-334-3014 or email Keith Winge at [kwinge@momainstreet.org](mailto:kwinge@momainstreet.org) for more information about these programs.

## Value Added Producer Grant Funds Available

The VAPG program helps agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and/or marketing of bio-based, value-added products. Generating new products, creating and expanding marketing opportunities, and increasing producer income are the goals of this program. You may receive priority if you are a beginning farmer or rancher, a socially-disadvantaged farmer or rancher, a small or medium-sized farm or ranch structured as a family farm, a farmer or rancher cooperative, or are proposing a mid-tier value chain. Grants are awarded through a national competition. For more information, go to <http://goo.gl/ZaCXCJ>.

## FY17 Freight Enhancement Grant Program

MoDOT is accepting applications for the State Fiscal Year 2017 Freight Enhancement Program. Pending gubernatorial signature, \$1 million has been approved in the legislative budget. These funds cannot be spent on highway/roadway projects. Public, private, and not-for-profit entities are eligible to apply. Contact [Cheryl.ball@modot.mo.gov](mailto:Cheryl.ball@modot.mo.gov) for an application and more information.

**Deadline: Applications are due May 31, 2016.**

## DOT – Railroad Safety Infrastructure

**The purpose of these funds is to award grants for eligible railroad safety** infrastructure improvement projects. The funding available under this solicitation, \$25 million, was appropriated by Congress in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, Division L, Title I. In order to maximize the benefits of the amount of funding available, the FRA is choosing to further focus the broad project eligibilities allowed under the appropriations act to specific project types that align with FRA's current mission and objectives. For more information, go to: <http://goo.gl/VsB8Ln>

**Deadline: Applications are due June 14, 2016**

## Quotes...

*"When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, adjust the action steps."* Confucius

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