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## Announcements...

### 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](mailto:JaneHood@missouristate.edu) for more information.

### October is National Community Planning Month!

The achievements of planning are celebrated in October with National Community Planning Month.

The 2016 theme is Civic Engagement. This year's theme underscores the necessity of engaging the public, elected officials, and key leaders in discussions that shape the future of our cities. Thoughtful local planning cannot happen without meaningful civic engagement.

Learn more about Community Planning Month and how you can get involved through the American Planning Association's website: <https://goo.gl/mvzro1>

## Conferences and Events...

### SMCOG Meetings

**SMCOG Annual Breakfast & Board meeting**, October 26, 8:00 – 10:00 AM, Tower Club, 901 E. St. Louis Street, #21, Springfield, MO 65806. *Please RSVP to [JaneHood@missouristate.edu](mailto:JaneHood@missouristate.edu).*

**SMCOG Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**, November 16, 9:00 AM, Midtown Carnegie Library Basement, 397 E. Central St, 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>

**November 9: MGT405 Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disaster** will be held in Cape Girardeau. <https://goo.gl/LZj4pY>

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

## News...

### Dream Big for City Planning

The News-Leader recently published an editorial by Springfield Planning & Development Director, Mary Lilly Smith. The editorial highlights the history of planning in Springfield and challenges readers to attend community meetings to shape the city's physical development pattern throughout the City's update to the Growth Management and Land Use Plan. You can read the full article online: <https://goo.gl/A369RM>

### 2016 MO Community Betterment Winners

Yesterday, the Missouri Community Betterment (MCB) announced their 2016 Adult and Youth Leadership Award winners and community awards at their 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference in Columbia, MO. Several communities from Southwest Missouri participate in MCB and received high honors at the conference including Galena, Reeds Spring, Mansfield, and Lamar. Read the full press release online: <https://goo.gl/AOE56q>

## Online Resources...

### Placemakers

"Placemakers" is a podcast produced by *Slate* and hosted by public radio's Rebecca Sheir that focuses on stories about the spaces we inhabit and the people who shape them. From exploring the influence of activist Jane Jacobs on urban planning to the efforts of tornado-ravaged Greensburg, Kansas, to rebuild itself as a green community, the series tackles the range of issues facing cities and communities across the country. Learn more: <https://goo.gl/2TWcA9>

### LetsKeepItCivil.org

LetsKeepItCivil.org is a free project to empower universal civility and universal safety at work, home, and online. Its focus is defusing *verbal and emotional hostility* in a positive, encouraging way. Find more information and resources online: <https://goo.gl/XwBGro>

## Jobs...

**Senior City Planner**, City of Springfield, \$1,780.51 - \$2,451.64 Bi-weekly, applications due Nov 11, <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>

**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>

**Regional Planner**, Mid-Mo Regional Planning Commission, applications due Oct. 31, <https://goo.gl/0dXiHX>

## Grants...

### EPA – Smart City Air Challenge Program

Funding from this program will help local communities collect air quality data. To qualify for the challenge, communities will need to submit plans for deploying hundreds of air quality sensors and managing the data they collect. EPA will award up to \$40,000 apiece to two communities that have the best data collection strategies, including their plans to share their data management methods with other jurisdictions. **The deadline to apply is October 28.** <https://goo.gl/eviVR1> The next challenge webinar will be on data management on October 13.

### MoDOT – "Smart Highways" Proposals

As a part of its "Road to Tomorrow" initiative, the Missouri Department of Transportation is seeking proposals for a pilot project to incorporate innovative technology into a Missouri roadway that potentially could generate new revenue streams for transportation. The project will evaluate if "smart pavement" can make roads sustainably self-funded by providing value-added wireless services to support mobile connectivity and next-generation electric, connected and autonomous vehicles. **Proposals are due October 31**, and MoDOT hopes to select a best-value proposer in early 2017. More information is available online: <https://goo.gl/xTh03j>

## EPA Offers Assistance to Help Rural Communities Revitalize Downtowns

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today invited rural communities to apply for planning assistance to develop strategies that help grow the economy and revitalize downtown neighborhoods. EPA is offering this assistance as part of Rural Advantage, a suite of federal economic development planning assistance programs for rural communities.

Communities may apply for assistance through the following programs:

- [Local Foods, Local Places \(LFLP\)](#), which helps communities leverage local food enterprise to diversify their economy and renew their downtowns.
- [Cool & Connected](#), which helps communities use broadband service to create walkable, connected, economically successful neighborhoods.
- [Healthy Places for Healthy People](#), a new program that will help communities partner with health care facilities to catalyze downtown revitalization and to improve options for healthy living and economic opportunity.

Communities may apply by submitting letters of interest by **November 6**. For more information and to submit an application, see: <https://goo.gl/4QlrCw>

## 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>

### **Quotes...**

*"The will of the people is the only legitimate foundation of any government."* – Thomas Jefferson

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