

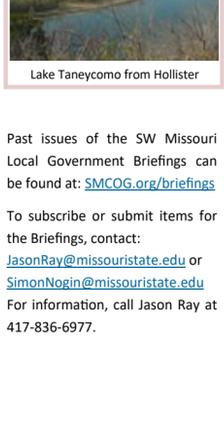
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- Several Conferences and Events coming up
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- Grants for Community Facilities and more.



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To subscribe or submit items for the briefings, contact: JasonRay@missouristate.edu or SimonNogin@missouristate.edu
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Briefings Have a New Look

SMCOG is proud of the work we do to connect our region to local, state, and national resources. Our bi-weekly Briefings newsletter is an important tool we use to easily spread news and opportunities to the hundreds of stakeholders and elected officials in our 10 county region. We hope you enjoy the new look of our briefings, and find it to be easier to navigate and use. And as always, submit to us your events, news, jobs, etc.

Climate Vulnerability Assessment

SMCOG has received Disaster Resiliency funding through CDBG to conduct a regional Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA). To kick-off this assessment, SMCOG is asking local governments to complete a 2-minute survey regarding climate vulnerability and disaster resiliency. Please take the brief survey [here](#) and share with anyone you think would be a valuable resource. The assessment is being conducted in partnership with the UMKC. For more information, contact SimonNogin@missouristate.edu.

SMCOG Volunteers at Traffic Calming Demonstration

SMCOG staff volunteered on June 16—17 at a pop-up Traffic Calming Demonstration at the intersection of Cherry and Pickwick, in Springfield. In 90°F temperatures under the beating sun, Megan Clark (our Rosie the Riveter), gave an interview to the [News-Leader](#).

CONFERENCES | EVENTS | WEBINARS

SMCOG Meetings

SMCOG Board Meeting, June 28, 9:00 AM
Library Station, 2325 N. Kansas, Springfield, MO
Please RSVP to JaneHood@missouristate.edu

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), July 12, 9:00 AM
Library Station, 2325 N. Kansas, Springfield, MO
*Regional road & bridge projects will be prioritized at this meeting.
For more information, contact MeganClark@missouristate.edu*

RHSOC Quarterly Meeting, July 19, 10:00 AM
Greene County OEM, 330 W. Scott, Springfield, MO
*Scoring for FY17 projects will be at 8:30 AM
For more information, contact DWittorff-Sandgren@missouristate.edu*

MU Extension Community Conversations June 27

Dr. Marshall Stewart, Vice Chancellor of Extension and Engagement for the University of Missouri, will be in Springfield to discuss his initiative *Building Our Future Together*. Over the last year MU Extension has been gathering important information about issues that are priorities in local communities throughout the state – Dr. Stewart will also discuss some of these preliminary results. Location: 2400 S. Scenic Avenue, Springfield.

2017 Planning Law Review July 5

APA's annual Planning Law Review webinar delves into the past 12 months' important cases, decisions that were made – or not made – and how it all will affect planning at many levels. The 2017 review will cover everything you need to know about how the USSC decision in the "parcel as a whole" takings case, *Murr v. Wisconsin*, will affect the way your community plans. [Contact OTO](#) to attend a free hosting of this webinar.

Rural Health Grants Webinar – Session 2 July 14

Session #2 covers federal funding opportunities. The Health Resources and Services Administration, Office of Regional Operations–Kansas City, invites you to a Rural Health Grants Webinar Series: "Understanding the How, the Where, the Resources". The goal of this free webinar series is to educate potential applicants about HRSA programs and resources, the federal grant application process, federal and state funding opportunities, as well as important tips, resources, and training opportunities to drive a successful grant application. [Register Here](#).

Missouri Brownfields Conference July 17

The 2017 Missouri Brownfields Conference will be held in Osage Beach, MO, in association with the Missouri Waste Control Coalition Conference. [Register Here](#).

MO Main Street Revitalization Conference July 26-27

Missouri Main Street Connection hosts the Revitalization Conference in Columbia, MO. Sessions cover grants, loans, tax credits and other forms of finance through federal, state and local funding organizations available to Missouri communities. [Register Here](#).

National Urban League Conference July 26-29

Political, business, and community leaders will convene in St. Louis for the largest annual civil rights conference. This conference includes multiple events that are free and open to registered attendees, as well as the local community, including the conference kick-off; the Career Fair; Expo; and small business matters. [Register Here](#).

Missouri Water + Wastewater Conference August 1-2

The Missouri Water and Wastewater Conference will be held in Columbia, MO. Sessions include troubleshooting pumping problems, fire hydrant and valve maintenance, lagoon treatment, drinking water reg. disinfectants, and more. [Register Here](#).

Missouri Public Transit Association Annual Conference August 6-8

MPTA's 2017 Annual Conference will be held in Springfield. This year's conference will focus on issues of interest to transit providers, but also of interest to local planners, community building networks, offices of sustainability, and more. Workshops will include topics like "Building Better Together with your Local Planning Organization" and "The Key Role of TRANSIT in crisis management." [Register Here](#).

Missouri Recycling Association Annual Conference August 9-11

MORA's 2017 Annual Conference will be held in Osage Beach, MO. This year's conference includes sessions on food waste, and opportunities to find support for municipal sustainability efforts, product stewardship, and more. [Register Here](#).

MO Active Transportation Summit August 11

This summit in Jefferson City will share ideas for making communities more active, vibrant, and environmentally sustainable through bicycling, walking, and trails. Topics include; Trail Towns, Complete Streets + Livable Streets, Tourism + Economic Impacts of Bicycling/Walking/Trails, Health + Safety Impacts of Bicycling/Walking/Trails, and How to Make Bicycling/Walking/Trails Succeed in Rural as well as Urban Settings. [Register Here](#).

Basics of Transportation Planning Webinar Anytime

This free webinar can be taken any time until the end of August. This course provides an introduction to the Statewide, metropolitan, and non-metropolitan (rural) transportation planning requirements and highlights techniques that may be applied. It highlights the transportation requirements and planning processes, and why they are important; identifies the key stakeholders and describes their roles, responsibilities, and relationship in informed decision-making. [Register here](#).

2017 Missouri American Planning Association Conf. October 18-20

The theme for the 2017 MOAPA State Conference is "Planning in Reality." The conference seeks to take a closer look at the skills, tools, and programs planning practitioners find particularly useful including those outside the profession's normal skill set or comfort zone. The deadline to [submit a session](#) proposal is July 14.

NEWS

MO Attorney General Sues 3 Pharmaceutical Companies

"The state of Missouri filed suit against three major drug companies, alleging they fueled the nation's opioid epidemic with a campaign of false advertising and fake claims." 78 people die each day from an opioid-related overdose in the US. KWMU.org

Proposed Medicaid Cuts Would Hit Rural Patients Hard

"For the hundreds of rural hospitals struggling to stay in business, health policy decisions made in D.C. this summer could make survival a lot tougher. Since 2010, at least 79 rural hospitals have closed across the country, and nearly 700 more are at risk of closing. These hospitals serve a largely older, poorer and sicker population, making them particularly vulnerable to changes made to Medicaid funding." KSMU.org

18,000 Could Lose Health Coverage in Missouri's 'bare counties'

"Next year, Blue Cross Blue Shield of KC will leave the individual health care marketplace in Missouri that was set up under the Affordable Care Act. And when it does, about 18,000 patients in 25 western Missouri counties will lose their health insurance. If those enrollees sign on to Healthcare.gov this fall to buy a replacement plan, they may have no options to choose from. That's because those 25 counties could become "bare." If that happens, Missouri will be the first state to have bare counties since the health care exchanges were established in 2013." KWMU.org

Why Federal Programs Have Struggled with Suburbanization of Poverty

"Suburbs are home to the U.S.'s largest, fastest-growing poor population...Suburban income tends to lack access to things like public transit, if it is available to low-income communities, the service tends to be less frequent, the connectivity is weaker than what you might find in an urban center. As of 2015 there were 3 million more poor people in suburbs than in cities, and 8 million more than in rural communities." RouteFifty.com

Mayors to Consider Adopting Resolution Against Proposed CDBG Cuts

The 85th Annual Meeting of the US Conference of Mayors is convening this week. Mayors will consider passing [this resolution](#), staking out formal opposition to the Trump administration's proposal to eliminate CDBG. They'll also consider a resolution opposing the elimination of funding for the HOME Investment Program. RouteFifty.com

ONLINE RESOURCES

Show-Me State Provides Individual and Public Assistance

As recovery efforts throughout the State of Missouri continue, FEMA has now established a Joint Field Office in Jefferson City for coordination of both Individual Assistance and Public Assistance, made available as a result of the federal disaster declaration. They will continue their widespread outreach efforts in communities and home improvement stores throughout the impacted areas to encourage registration for assistance.

Also, SEMA will host regional Applicant Briefings for local officials to explain and formally begin the application process for Public Assistance beginning on Monday, June 19. Forty-six counties were included in the federal disaster declaration for Public Assistance, which assists local governments and certain nonprofits with expenses related to damage to roads, bridges, public infrastructure and emergency response costs. Find the schedule at Recovery.mo.gov, the SEMA website, or directly [here](#).

Additionally, following the federal disaster declaration, which unlocked federal funding for those affected by flooding and severe storms, more than 1,000 FEMA assistance applications have been approved. If you were affected by the flooding be sure to apply with FEMA: www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 800-621-3362 as soon as possible.

JOBS

Administration + Finance

- [Operations Manager](#), Ozarks Transportation Organization, \$42,000 - \$65,000/yr.
- [Deputy Clerk](#), Taney County, \$10/hr.

Public Safety

- [Police Officer](#), City of Springfield, \$16.57 - \$28.35/hr.
- [Patrol Officer](#), City of Republic, \$15.57/hr.
- [Police Officer](#), City of Ozark
- [Corrections Officer](#), Taney County, \$11.50/hr.
- [911 Communications Officer](#), City of Monett, \$27,348 - \$30,904/yr.
- [Police Dispatcher](#), City of Aurora

Planning

- [Regional Planner](#), Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments, Salary DOQ
- [City Planner](#), City of Rolla, \$40,000 - \$53,000/yr.
- [GIS Technician](#), City Utilities – Springfield, \$22.28/hr.
- [Planning + GIS Intern](#), Ozarks Transportation Organization, \$10/hr.

Other

- [MO Dept. of Conservation](#): Various positions available

GRANTS

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) deadline is July 14

As a result of the recent Federal disaster declaration (FEMA-DR-4317-MO), the State of Missouri will receive post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds to distribute to eligible applicants to complete eligible mitigation activities.

SEMA is currently soliciting Hazard Mitigation project proposals from all counties and corresponding jurisdictions. Hazard Mitigation projects must 1) independently solve a problem, 2) be cost-effective per the FEMA benefit cost analysis software, and 3) be environmentally sound per FEMA's review process, to potentially receive funding. Priority will be given to projects that provide damage reduction from flooding and life safety. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to, residential buyouts and elevations, replacing low water crossings, tornado safe rooms, and other minor flood control projects. Examples of ineligible project types include purchase of equipment or structures. HMGP projects are funded at 75% Federal share. A 25% non-Federal match share is required.

Notice of interest to apply for HMGP funds must be received by SEMA by **July 14, 2017**. The Notice of Interest form may be found [online here](#). Your jurisdiction must have a current Local Hazard Mitigation Plan that has been adopted by your jurisdiction and approved by FEMA to be considered eligible for HMGP funding. If you are unsure of your jurisdiction plan status, contact the SMCOG office or view the map and listing found on the SEMA website. Contact Elizabeth Weyrauch, State Hazard Mitigation Officer with questions about HMGP at (573) 526-9375 or Elizabeth.weyrauch@sema.dps.mo.gov.

Low or No Emission Grant deadline is June 26

DOT's Federal Transit Administration is seeking proposals for the purchase or lease of zero emission and low emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities and related equipment. The program provides funding to state, tribal and local governmental authorities. [Review the grant here](#).

USDA – Community Facilities...Assistance + Training deadline is July 24

USDA Rural Development is seeking applications for technical assistance and training grants to support the development of essential community facilities in rural areas. Technical assistance providers can use the grants to assist communities with identifying and planning for long-term community facility's needs, identify resources to finance community facilities, conduct feasibility studies, prepare applications for financial assistance, hire or expand the services of specialized personnel, and retain consultants. The maximum grant amount available is \$150,000. [Review the grant here](#).

Water + Waste Disposal Projects Grant

USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for their Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) grants program. The grants are awarded to eligible communities of less than 2500 persons to help fund predevelopment costs for proposed water and wastewater disposal projects. [Review the grant here](#).

SBA – Loan Program to Small Businesses

The U.S. Small Business Administration provides a variety of loan programs that may be beneficial for urban and rural business development. Loans for small businesses, real estate, equipment, and disasters. SMCOG now offers assistance to businesses interested in SBA 504 loans. For more info: JaneHood@missouristate.edu or [click here](#).

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 for more info.

QUOTE

"Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody."

Jane Jacobs, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*

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