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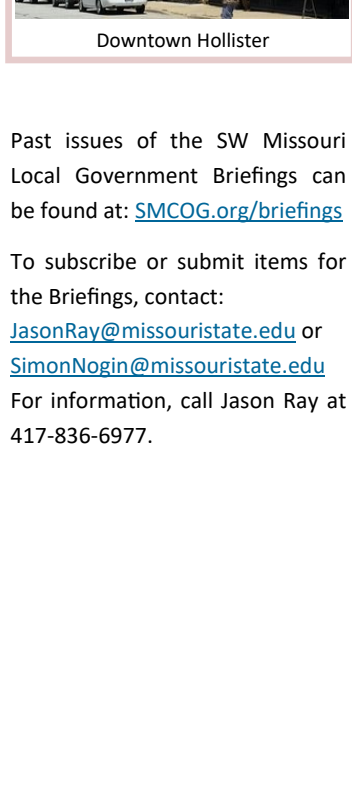
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Final Week to Request FEMA Help with Infrastructure Repairs/Expenses

Local governments and nonprofit agencies in 46 Missouri counties affected by historic spring flooding have only until July 14 to file their requests for federal assistance with repairs to roads, bridges and other public infrastructure, and emergency response costs.

NOTE: an applicants Requests for Public Assistance must first be received by SEMA, processed by SEMA, and then submitted to FEMA by the **July 14 deadline**. Over 220 county/local governments; school, sewer and road districts; and NPOs have filed Requests for Public Assistance. Call SEMA's Public Assistance Program at (573) 526-9234 if you have questions. SMCOG counties included in the federal Public Assistance disaster declaration are: Barry, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Lawrence, Stone, Taney, Webster.

Farmers, Homeowners, Renters, Businesses – Flood Assistance Info

August 1 deadline: Homeowners, renters and businesses must register and apply with FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for federal disaster assistance or a low-interest disaster assistance loan.

February 2 deadline: Farmers from counties included in the Presidential disaster declaration are eligible for USDA FSA low-interest loans.
Visit Recovery.mo.gov for flood recovery resources. The site is updated daily.
Call 2-1-1 or visit 211helps.org for assistance with unmet flood recovery needs.
Call 800-621-3362 or visit DisasterAssistance.gov before the Aug 1 deadline to see if FEMA can help. It only takes 20 min to determine if FEMA can assist in your recovery.

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SMCOG Meetings

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 FY'17 projects will be at 8:30 AM
For more information, contact DWittorff-Sandgren@missouristate.edu

Prepare Your Community for the 2020 Census

July 10...27

The 2020 Census LUCA (Local Update of Census Addresses) is the only opportunity for governments to review and comment on the U.S. Census Bureau's residential address list for their jurisdiction. Counties, Cities, Townships, and other active/functioning local governments can join any of these FREE webinars to learn how to ensure their community will be accurately counted for the 2020 census. July 10 [2p](#); July 11 [10a](#); July 17 [2p](#); July 18 [10a](#); July 19 [2p](#); July 20 [2p](#); July 24 [2p](#); July 25 [10a](#); July 26 [10a](#); July 27 [2p](#).

National Flood Insurance Webinar – Mapping Changes

July 12

The National Flood Insurance Program is hosting a webinar on mapping changes. "FEMA Mapping Changes: How to help your clients make the transition" will share how mapping changes impact policy rates, premiums, and mandatory purchase of flood insurance as well as Letters of Map Change and the Newly Mapped procedure. [Register Here](#).

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](#).

Missouri Agritourism Conference

July 23-25

The 2017 Missouri Agritourism Conference will be held in Columbia, MO. The conference will include a welcome a reception from Lt. Governor Mike Parsons, an agritourism bus tour, and speakers on marketing, advertising, and more. [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, 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 economically 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

EDA Fiscal Year 2018 Funding

"The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved their fiscal year (FY) 2018 spending bill. The bill provides \$176 million for the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), a reduction of \$100 million (or 36%) below the FY2017 level...The breakdown of programmatic funding levels within EDA's allocation has not yet been released and is expected before the full House Appropriations Committee considers the bill – date has not been scheduled." [NADO.org](#)

House Transportation/HUD Appropriations Bill to be Considered July 11

"The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies will meet on July 11 to mark-up their spending bill for fiscal year (FY) 2018. Funding recommendations will be considered for U.S. Department of Transportation and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development programs. The meeting begins at 8:00p central time – [livestream here](#)." [NADO.org](#)

ONLINE RESOURCES

Help Improve Air Quality

It takes a community effort to improve air quality. Technology improvements have greatly reduced the amount of pollution that is created by manufacturing and utility services. Now it is time to focus on individual contributions; automobiles, personal consumption, burning practices, etc. If everyone does their part, then the Ozarks will continue to be a place that is known for its environmental quality. To learn what you can do to support Clean Air in the Ozarks, visit: www.ShowMcCleanAir.com

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
[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 studies. 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 Mitigation 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.

AARP Community Challenge Grant deadline is July 15

AARP is accepting applications for a grant program. Project proposals should be aimed at improving a community's built environment; expanding opportunities for all residents; and/or driving community engagement and interaction across diverse community residents. Projects can range from short-term activities costing a few hundred dollars to sizable efforts that can cost thousands. [Watch info video](#). [Review the grant here](#).

USDA – Rural Housing Preservation Grant deadline is July 17

USDA's Rural Development Housing Preservation program provides qualified public agencies, private NPOs, (including but not be limited to Faith-Based and Community Organizations) and other eligible entities grant funds to assist low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas. [Review the grant here](#).

USDA – Food Cooperative Grant deadline is July 17

USDA's Rural Cooperative Development Program provides Food Co-op Initiative (FCI) Seed Grants for retail food co-op groups to create new food co-ops. Seed grants are available for \$10,000 to each applicant. For applicants not receiving an award, USDA will walk applicants through starting a food co-op. [Review the grant here](#).

Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program deadline is July 20

EPA's Clean Diesel Funding Assistance is for projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of tons of pollution produced by diesel engines and diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets operating at or serving goods movement facilities located in areas designated as having poor air quality. [Review the grant here](#).

People for Bikes Fall 17 Community Grant deadline is July 21

This grant supports bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages + abilities to bike. [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](#).

Community Economic Development Program deadline is July 24

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services has opened apps for the Community Economic Development (CED) program. Up to \$800,000 per applicant is available for projects aiding job creation and business development for low income persons. Applicants must be designated as Community Development Corporations (CDCs). [Review the grant here](#).

USDA – Socially Disadvantaged Coop Grant deadline is July 25

USDA is accepting applications to the Socially Disadvantaged Group Grant (SDGG). The grant directs funding to cooperatives to provide technical assistance in helping socially disadvantaged groups in rural areas. Submissions for applications are being encouraged for projects in persistently distressed areas at or above a poverty rate of 20 percent. Awards are available up to \$175,000. [Review the grant here](#).

Partners for Places Matching Grant deadline is July 31

Partners for Places is a matching grant program for cities and counties in the United States and Canada to improve communities by building partnerships between local government sustainability offices and place-based foundations. [Review the grant here](#).

Rural Impact County Challenge – Child Poverty deadline is Aug 26

"Community Coaching" for the Rural Impact County Challenge is a national effort to combat rural child poverty. Community Coaching seeks to support counties making a real difference in the lives of children in rural communities. Up to 10 county teams will be selected to receive assistance from a Roadmaps to Health Community Coach from the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps Program. [Review the grant here](#).

USDOT Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Grant deadline is Nov 2

U.S. Dept. of Transportation (DOT) is accepting applications for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant program. INFRA has \$1.5 billion available for projects which meet national and regional economic goals and leverage non-federal funding. Safety is a critical priority of the program as well. Large projects will be eligible for at least \$25 million and smaller projects will be funded starting at \$5 million. The FAST Act requires at least 25% of the funding be applied to rural projects. [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

"A good plan today is better than a perfect plan tomorrow."

General George S. Patton, United States Army

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