

Illinois ResourceNet: A Funding Access Initiative


Chronicling the Local Impact of a Statewide Initiative





Illinois ResourceNet (IRN) is based at UIC's Great Cities Institute Neighborhoods Initiative and works with the University of Illinois-Extension to provide Illinois nonprofits and local governments with the competitive assets to access federal funding. IRN offers organizations a unique approach to grant access centered on providing information and resources on an interactive Web site, working with experienced technical assistants to develop quality proposals, and connecting with a diverse group of partners to build the capacity of non-profits and local governments.


Accomplishments


since IRN's inception in 2008


 A total of 112 proposals have been submitted for federal funding by nonprofit organizations and municipalities, of which \$83,964,028 has been awarded.

 A total of 18 proposals have been submitted for state funding by nonprofit organizations and municipalities, of which \$29,224,391 has been awarded.

 IRN has provided new resource development tools to 9,265 individuals.

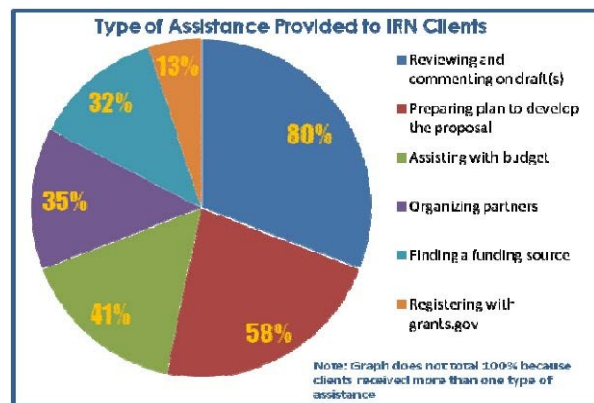
 IRN offered more than 86 separate educational presentations, workshops, conferences, and trainings that reached 3,461 participants.

 Of the more than 130 organizations and government agencies that have received IRN assistance, many highlight the fact that these proposals are of better quality than grants they've prepared in the past.

 A total of 69 counties in the State of Illinois have benefitted from proposals submitted with IRN assistance.

Assistance

tailored to client needs



Outreach

on-demand interactive online resources

Website Visitors 670,658	IL Cities Accessing IRN Website 476	Counties Visiting IRN Website 41
IRN Videos Uploaded to YouTube 39	YouTube IRN Channel Views 725	Subscribed IRN eAccess Newsletter Members 1,069
Facebook Friends 217	Audio/Video Presentations Uploaded to Slideshare 16	Total Views of Audio/Video Workshops 3,578

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IRN WAS THERE:

A glimpse at federal funding recipient communities

Farmer's Markets \$43,169	Park Preservation \$54,488
Health Care \$208,680	Capacity Building \$500,000
Law Enforcement \$547,083	Safe Routes to schools/bike trails \$700,823
Workforce Development \$3,963,139	Economic Development \$3,405,546
Hazard Mitigation \$7,994,010	Broadband Access \$66,647,090

Total= \$83,964,028

IRN client grant awards classified by policy area



Amount Awarded:

\$61.9 million in federal and \$26.9 million in state leverage

Local Project: Illinois Broadband Opportunity Partnership– East Central Region will expand and improve hi-speed fiber middle mile network across a 55-county region of northeastern central, and eastern Illinois. The project will also connect as many as 400 community anchor institutions including 135 K-12 public schools, 30 public safety entities, 20 libraries, 30 community colleges and 20 other institutes of higher learning, 33 healthcare facilities, and 120 government buildings and centers.

Community Impact:

The project will create more than 160 jobs and facilitate more affordable and accessible broadband service for up to 3.9 million households and 285,000 businesses.



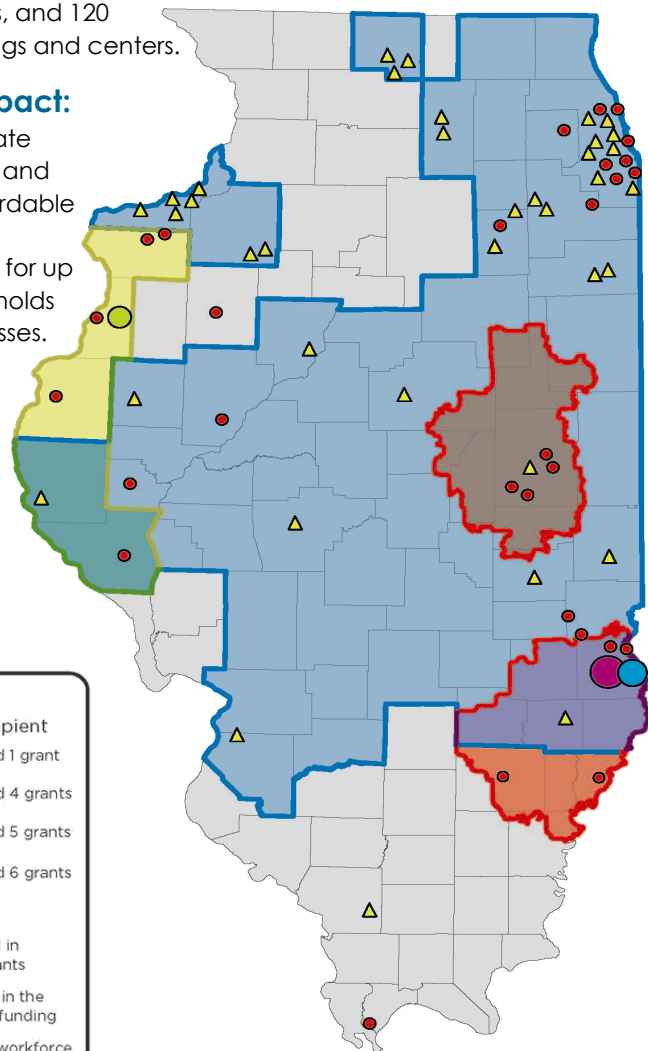
Amount Awarded:

\$1.49 million in federal dollars to the City of Robinson

Local Project: This Economic Development Administration grant will help fund roadway, sewer and water infrastructure improvements to the Ridgeway Industrial Park located in Crawford County.

Community Impact: The project is expected to create 700 jobs and generate \$70 million in private investment.

IRN Statewide Impact



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Location of Grant Recipient

- Recipient Awarded 1 grant
- Recipient Awarded 4 grants
- Recipient Awarded 5 grants
- Recipient Awarded 6 grants
- ▲ Broadband Sites
- Counties included in the broadband grants
- Counties included in the hazard mitigation funding
- Areas included in workforce development grants