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## Lt. Governor Skillman Awards More Than \$13 Million in Community Focus Funds

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman announced today that 26 rural communities will receive Community Focus Fund (CFF) grants totaling \$13,895,255. The grants are funded by the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which is administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> round of CFF grants the Lt. Governor has awarded since 2005.

"These grants fund projects which help rural areas of our state build stronger communities," said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. "Adequate infrastructure and community facilities are essential to a community's economic success."

OCRA provides technical assistance to community leaders during the 18-month implementation of their CFF projects. Grantees include:

Community	Project Description	Grant Request
Adams County	Historic Preservation	\$397,152
Bryant, Town of	Sewer Infrastructure	\$600,000
Earl Park, Town of	Water Infrastructure	\$600,000
Fountain County	EMS Station	\$500,000
Fremont, Town of	Downtown Revitalization	\$500,000
Fulton County	Historic Preservation	\$178,000
Haubstadt, Town of	Sewer Infrastructure	\$600,000
Jay County	Special Needs Center	\$440,000
Milan, Town of	Stormwater Infrastructure	\$600,000
Millersburg, Town of	Water Infrastructure	\$600,000

Montpelier, City of	Water Infrastructure	\$600,000
New Harmony, Town of	Fire Station/EMS	\$500,000
Oakland City, City of	Community Center	\$500,000
Osgood, Town of	Sewer Infrastructure	\$600,000
Otterbein, Town of	Stormwater Infrastructure	\$600,000
Parke County	EMS Station	\$485,103
Patriot, Town of	Sewer Infrastructure	\$600,000
Pierceton, Town of	Water Infrastructure	\$600,000
Pike County	Fire Station	\$495,000
Rensselaer, City of	Stormwater Infrastructure	\$600,000
Tennyson, Town of	Water Infrastructure	\$600,000
Vigo County	Sewer Infrastructure	\$600,000
Warrick County	Senior Center	\$500,000
Washington County	Special Needs Center	\$500,000
Waterloo, Town of	Sewer Infrastructure	\$600,000
Winchester, City of	Downtown Revitalization	\$500,000

Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman will host a ceremony to honor the awardees at the Statehouse on January 26 at 2 p.m.

*Lt. Governor Skillman oversees the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. OCRA was created by legislation in 2005, making rural Indiana a major focus for the first time. For additional information on OCRA and its programs visit [www.ocra.in.gov](http://www.ocra.in.gov).*

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