



## **MCB has a NEW ADDRESS**

Please note that Missouri Community Betterment's new mailing address is:

**Missouri Community Betterment  
PO Box 94  
Fayette, MO 65248**

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## **Have you visited our Facebook page?**

MCB staff tries to post updates and information daily to the MCB Facebook page, "Missouri Community Betterment", in an effort to keep you informed. If you have not had a chance to visit the page yet, please do so and "like" the page. Below is a link that allows you to also post a review of our organization. Your feedback is very important to us.

**It takes just a minute — click to leave  
a review on Facebook.**

**Review us on Facebook**



Thanks in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

Teresa Keller  
MCB Executive Director

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## **Resources From**

# Partner Organizations....

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## [Rural Economic Development Innovation Initiative \(REDI\)](#)

USDA and four of its partners, known as cooperators, are now accepting applications from rural communities and regions for free technical assistance to implement economic development planning projects. Through the Rural Economic Development Innovation (REDI) initiative, USDA is partnering to provide this assistance with the National Association of Counties; Rural Community Assistance Partnership; McClure Engineering Company; and Purdue University Extension/ Community & Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky.

Participation in REDI will enable a rural community, or region, to create economic development plans that include evidence-based assessments; quantifiable goals; plans to improve the local and regional economy; and metrics to track implementation and progress. Rural communities with 50,000 or fewer people are eligible to apply. USDA and REDI Cooperators will score, review and select applications on a competitive basis.

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## [Growing Rural Communities Fund](#)

Rural LISC has developed an innovative new financing tool to provide low-interest loans to qualified commercial real estate projects in rural America. The Growing Rural Communities Fund will finance real estate acquisition and construction costs to spur job creation and economic revitalization in distressed communities.

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# WORKFORCE

## [New Micro-Grants Help Rural Communities Grow Workforce Development Efforts](#)

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (KY3/KSPR) - The Ozark Region Workforce Development Board and the Missouri Job Center are now accepting applications for micro-grants of up to \$5,000 to help rural communities enhance their workforce and economic development, and help them develop leadership throughout their communities. Click on the link above to learn more.

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## [Home Depot Community Impact Grants](#)

The Home Depot Foundation offers grant awards up to \$5,000 to 501c designated organizations (recognized and in good standing with the IRS for a minimum of one year) and tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services and are required to be completed within six months of approval date.

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## [Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Grants](#)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) is responsible for the implementation and administration of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program. The purpose of the SAFER Grant Program is to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to assist in increasing the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments.

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