

KANE COUNTY 2040 PLAN

Kane County Planning Cooperative

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ARP Funds for Local Governments

Local governments can still apply for funds available through the American Rescue Plan



There is still time for local governments to obtain relief funding made available to the State of Illinois through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Non-entitlement units of local governments (NEU's) in Illinois have been allocated to receive \$742 million. Eligible NEU's include more than 1,250 cities, towns and villages that each serve a population under 50,000.

Funds can be used to cover revenue losses and the costs of responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency or to its negative economic impacts on households, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers, and the communities hardest-hit by the crisis. These funds can also be used to invest in building, maintaining, or upgrading water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

The State of Illinois has established an [NEU Portal](#) to assist local governments in accessing this funding pool. **The deadline for municipalities to apply for funding is September 30, 2021** and there will be no other opportunity for

municipalities to apply for later distributions.

For additional information, visit the [program page](#) set up by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Back-to-Business Grants

Relief grants are being made available to businesses in communities hardest hit by the pandemic



Small businesses in Kane County and communities across the state can apply for \$250 million in grants as part of Illinois' Back to Business (B2B) Grant Program. The relief funds, made available through the American Rescue Plan Act, will provide grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$150,000. Eligible businesses will include those with revenues of \$20 million or less in 2019 and a reduction of revenue in 2020 due to COVID-19. Businesses in industries hardest hit by the pandemic will be prioritized for relief funding.

To assist small businesses with the B2B application process and other upcoming or ongoing economic recovery grant programs offered at the State or federal level, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has invested \$9 million in support of [Community Navigator organizations](#) working in every region of the state. These organizations will provide technical assistance to businesses, with a focus on underserved businesses including minority, rural, veteran and women-owned businesses. A list of Community Navigators assigned to Kane County and communities across the state can be found [here](#).

Applications will be accepted and grants will be awarded on a rolling basis through October 13, 2021.

Additional program details, including a complete list of priorities and eligibility requirements, can be found on the [DCEO program page](#).

Kane County Recycling Event

Last recycling event for latex paint, aerosol products, propane canisters, electronics, clothing, and books



This recycling event on Saturday 9/11/21 will be the last event for the year at which you can recycle paint, aerosol cans, and small propane canisters. If you are considering cleaning out the garage before winter, this is a great opportunity to get rid of all these things responsibly.

In addition to the above materials Kane County will also be Recycling electronics, clothing, and books at this September event.

Where: 540 S. Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174

When: Saturday, 5/8/21, from 8am – 12 noon

Accepting: Electronics, Clothing & Textiles, Books, Paint, Aerosol Products and small camp-sized propane canisters.

Please note that some costs do apply.

- TVs and Monitors (\$25-35). Pay online and bring printed receipt. All other electronics are free to drop off.
- Latex Paint has a per-can cost: 1 Quart – \$1 each, 1 Gallon – \$3 each, 5 Gallon – \$15 each, payable by the resident by card or cash (exact cash please).
- Aerosol Products \$1 per can. See list of Accepted materials here.
- Small Propane Canisters \$3 per canister.
- Clothing, textiles, books, and non-screen electronics are all free of cost to drop off.

Visit the Kane County Recycling [events page](#) for additional details.

Elburn Seeks Input for Downtown Improvements

The Village of Elburn and RTA are seeking input for a new area plan to improve connectivity with the downtown and Metra station



The graphic features a colorful geometric pattern in the background. On the left, the 'ELBURN CONNECTS' logo is displayed in blue, with a green and red double arrow pointing right. Below it, the text 'DOWNTOWN & TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLAN' is written in a smaller, grey font. To the right of the logo, there is a green speech bubble containing the text 'How can we connect downtown Elburn with the Metra Station?'. Below the speech bubble, two \$25 gift cards are shown: one from 'Ream's Meat Market' and one from 'Alice's Place'. At the bottom left of the graphic, the text 'Missed us at Elburn Days? There's still time to share YOUR ideas and enter to win!' is written in blue. At the bottom right, the logos for the Village of Elburn and the Metra brand are visible. A dark blue banner at the very bottom of the graphic contains the text 'Complete a 4-question survey and you might win \$25 at Ream's or Alice's!' in white.

ELBURN CONNECTS
DOWNTOWN & TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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The village and the Regional Transit Authority are seeking public input to develop a [Transit-Oriented Development \(TOD\)](#) Plan to provide connectivity between the area around the Metra station and the downtown business district.

"Input from residents and businesses is critical to developing a plan that addresses community concerns while enhancing the character and viability of the area," Elburn officials said in a recent news release. The Village is conducting a [four-question survey](#) and respondents are eligible to win a \$25 gift card to Ream's or Alice's.

To make it easier for folks to learn more about the project and to offer input, the village has created a new web portal called [Elburn Connects](#).

The goal of the Elburn Connects TOD Plan is to create a shared vision for undeveloped land surrounding the Elburn Metra station and in Downtown Elburn. Informed by the community, the plan will identify ways to encourage transit-oriented development and infrastructure projects that will improve connectivity between downtown and the Metra station.

For more information on the planning process and to provide input, visit the [Elburn Connects TOD Plan page](#).

Benefits of Agriculture and Conservation for Communities



CMAP's Executive Director, Erin Aleman, recently participated in a discussion forum on the Future of Food, Farming and Conservation hosted by Farm Foundation and Openlands. Erin Discussed four key insights that can be read in full in an [article](#) published by CMAP. The discussion areas included:

1. Collaborating helps us all achieve our common goals
2. Protecting our natural resources is vital for progress
3. Building better food systems makes the region more resilient
4. Growing local food is good for our local and regional economy

An excerpt from the article discussing item #4:

There are many reasons a number of counties and municipalities in northeastern Illinois are pursuing local food policies, including protecting the rural character that some of our residents prefer and making our region more economically viable. Local food systems increase farm income and jobs — and circulate money within our region and state, rather than sending it elsewhere.

At times, agriculture and conservation seem to be at odds, but they each contribute to our quality of life and have the potential to be mutually beneficial. And we're well positioned to take action on both.

The full article is available [here](#). In developing the ON To 2050 Plan, CMAP has also published separate reports on [Local Food](#) and [Lands in Transition](#).

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