## CALL FOR PROJECTS - DUE JULY 30, 2021

Our region, consisting of **Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Jay, Randolph, and Wayne Counties**, has endless opportunities for individuals and businesses to build a life and make a difference. While we have numerous advantages on our side, we believe we can be stronger. We believe that by working together we can establish our region as a destination and a place where people want to live, work, and play.

The East Central Indiana Regional Partnership (ECIRP), in partnership with local governments, economic development organizations and anchor institutions, is in the process of preparing a Regional Development Plan. The Forge Your Path strategy, the region's most recent collaborative strategy to develop a robust and dynamic regional talent pool, will continue to serve as the region's collective identity. However, this regional process will also allow us to identify strategic projects and programs that strengthen our communities and make East Central Indiana a competitive choice for talent and prosperity.

When complete, ECIRP will use the Plan to apply for up to $50 million in funding to accelerate the implementation of regional projects and programs through Indiana's READI program. To ensure that our Regional Development Plan includes initiatives that represent all areas of our diverse region, we are collecting project submissions through this Call for Projects.

Any projects who wish to request funding may submit a Submission Form. A separate form must be completed for each project. Not every project or proposal submitted will be incorporated into the regional development plan. Inclusion in the plan does not guarantee that the project/program will be READI fundable.

The information you provide will help inform the region's long-term strategic plan and we encourage you to think big. The ECIRP planning team will review all submissions to determine which projects will be included in the final grant submission to the State of Indiana, which is due August 31, 2021. If the region is selected for READI, a funding committee will be established to prioritize and distribute grant dollars.

**We understand that the timeline is short but as a region we must move quickly to meet the state's timeline. Please complete and submit this form as soon as practical but not later than July 30, 2021.**

For additional information please visit https://forgeeci.com/readi or contact Katie Clark at kclark@tswdesigngroup.com.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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| Project Name and Location: | |
| Lead Organization or Entity: | |
| Point of contact: | |
| Relationship to project: | |
| Email address: | |
| Phone number: | |

**PROJECT OR PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The READI program can be used to fund physical projects and sustainable, multi-year programs that will improve our region's ability to support existing residents and business, attract new talent, industries and put east central Indiana on the map as a regional destination.

For the purposes of our process projects and programs can be defined as:

**Capital improvement (built construction)** projects may include construction and physical quality of place assets including but not limited to workforce housing developments, industry development/expansion, infrastructure, redevelopment projects, innovative spaces dedicated to industry-driven partnerships, and cultural amenities. All capital improvements plans must meet universal design and other ADA accessibility requirements.

**Strategic programs** may include, but are not limited to, initiatives intended to support talent development needs, programs that enhance and improve opportunities for hard-to-employ populations,  quality of life strategies such as public health and community development, and/or public-private partnerships and small business support services.

**Hybrid projects** are those that include a programmatic component or a program that requires a project investment.

1. What type of project are you proposing?
    - ☐ Capital improvement (built construction)
    - ☐ Strategic program
    - ☐ Hybrid project


2. Project Name: _____

3. Project Description:
   *Abstract (50 words). A description of the project or program anticipated outcomes and how it will help the region achieve its goals and vision.*

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4. How would you describe the current status of the project or program?
    - ☐ **Conceptual**- My idea has potential to add value to the county and/ or region.
    - ☐ **In Development**- My project/ program is mapped out but is not fully developed.
    - ☐ **Ready to Launch**- My project/ program is fully conceptualized, scoped and all necessary permits are in place or are in process.
    - ☐ **Pilot Program**- My program is currently being implemented but there are opportunities to scale and/ or replicate it for greater benefit.
    - ☐ **Capstone**- My capital improvement project will complete and/ or build upon previously completed work.

5. What is your anticipated timeline for launching the proposed project or program?
   *For capital improvement projects the start date should align with the start of construction activities.*
    - ☐ Near term: Immediately to 1 year
    - ☐ Mid Term: 1-2 years
    - ☐ Long Term: 3 years or more

6. What is the anticipated duration of the project or program?
   *For capital improvement projects the end date should align with the close out of construction activities.*
    - ☐ 6 months to a year
    - ☐ 1-2 years
    - ☐ 3 years or more

7. Which goals does this project address? Please check all boxes that apply.

☐ Talent Enhancement- Ensures the safety, health, wellness and prosperity of our existing residents, employers and anchor institutions.

☐ Talent Development- Fosters a homegrown learning system to cultivate talent and increase educational attainment.

☐ Talent Attraction- Leverages our regional and local assets to grow the population of the community and region.

☐ Talent Growth- Connects talent with diverse and equitable economic opportunities.

☐ Regional partnerships- Fosters ongoing collaboration amongst our organizations, agencies and local governments.

☐ Unsure

8. If funded, what geographic area will benefit from this project? Please select all that apply.

☐ Blackford County

☐ Delaware County

☐ Grant County

☐ Henry County

☐ Jay County

☐ Randolph County

☐ Wayne County

☐ Specific City and/ or Town

9. If a specific City and/ or Town will benefit from this project please name which communities you believe will receive benefits.

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10. Describe how project or program success will be measured. (300 words maximum)

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12. Describe the barriers the project or program will face. (300 words maximum)

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## PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING INFORMATION

READI projects will be funded through a mix of public, private and philanthropic funds. Per the IEDC's guidelines total financial contributions are to include at least 60% in private/ philanthropic monies, with up to 20% in public money or in-kind contributions. The final 20% of the proposed budget would come from the READI grant. The ECIRP's goal is to exceed the IEDC's minimum requirements.

The information outlined below is intended to help inform the ECIRP planning team. Projects will not be penalized if funding commitments are not currently in place. Please answer the questions below to the best of your ability. During the review process applicants may be asked to submit additional information regarding project costs and funding sources.

14. Total Projected Costs: $_____
    *Projected costs should include all activities needed to deliver a successful project including but not limited to design, engineering, acquisition, permitting, construction inspection, and overhead and operational costs related to staffing and program expenses.*

15. Local Public Sector Funding (if none has been secured or promised, enter 0): $_____

16. Private, Philanthropic or Non-Profit Sector Funds (if none have been secured or promised, enter 0): $_____

17. Other funds (if non have been secured or promised, enter 0): $_____

18. Total Financial Commitments:  $_____

19. READI Grant Funds Requested: $_____

20. Please provide a description of funding coming from private and local public sources.

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22. Describe how the project or program will be financially sustainable. *Programs that receive READI funding must be longer than a year and on the path to sustainability in three years.*

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## LONG TERM IMPLEMENTATION INFORMATION

24. Is there a maintenance plan in place for the project/ program after implementation?

    ☐ Yes

    ☐ No

25. Who is responsible for on-going oversight and management of the project/ program?

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27. What is the funding source for future maintenance or oversight of the project/ program? (300 words maximum)

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## SUPPLEMENTAL ATTACHMENTS

Additional relevant documents, including letters of support, ordinances or resolutions, cost estimates, feasibility studies, or architecture/ engineering drawings are encouraged. Documents can be sent to kclark@tswdesigngroup.com for review. Please include 'ECIRP READI Submission' in your email subject line.