



St. Clair County

INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANTS DEPARTMENT

2018 Annual Report Summary*

We serve people, communities, and employers.

The **St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department** was created in late 1974. We administer a variety of federally funded programs (plus one smaller State funded program when it is offered). We receive no County general funds. Our administrative/finance staff provides overall management and financial services. We received **\$14,687,651** in grant funds in FY 2018 (October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018). That also includes some prior year funding that is obligated but not spent. Only **10%** (up slightly from 8.91% last year) of the funds received were used for administrative costs and overhead. We have staff located in **6 offices (2 locations in Belleville and full-time workforce development offices in Waterloo, Chester, Nashville, and Carlyle)**. Our Belleville locations are the main office at 19 Public Square (2nd floor) in the County Annex Building and the Illinois workNet Center at 4519 West Main Street where we have 3 workforce development staff co-located with the Illinois Department of Employment Security. We currently have 37 full-time and 3 part-time seasonal employees. **Our sister agency is the St. Clair County Economic Development Department.**

We are members and active in local, regional, state, and national trade associations including: local chambers of commerce, St. Louis Regional Workforce Directors group, Illinois Workforce Partnership, three committees of the Illinois Workforce Innovation Board, Illinois Enterprise Zone Association (IEZA), Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies (IACAA), National Community Action Partnership (NCAP), National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP), National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB), National Association of Counties (NACO), National Association of County Community and Economic Development (NACCED) *which is an affiliate of NACO*, and the Association of Defense Communities (ADC). We administer these social media sites. Facebook: both St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants and St. Clair County Economic Development. Plus Twitter: @SCCEconDev which covers both departments. We have **3 programmatic work groups**:

Workforce Development Group

We administer the **Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA)** program for the 5 Southwestern Illinois counties of **Clinton, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair, and Washington**. We staff the **Mid-America Workforce Investment Board (MAWIB)**, a **non-profit 501c3**. WIOA provides the framework for a unique workforce preparation and employment system designed to meet both the needs of the job seeker and those that wish to further their careers. A key component of WIOA is its focus on meeting needs of local businesses for skilled workers. Utilizing testing, assessments, and case management, our staff specialists guide the unemployed, under employed, and other job seekers to the level of assistance required for self-sustainability. Resources available this year again included resume writing assistance, interview techniques, job search, and training where appropriate. All services are designed to facilitate a highly skilled, highly motivated workforce for area employers. Employers can also take advantage of recruitment, screening, and labor market information to match the skill set of a job seeker to job requirements. On the Job Training (OJT) and Incumbent Worker Training can strengthen and advance an employer's existing workforce often creating a demand for additional employees. These are federal funds but with State (Illinois DCEO) oversight of our activities.

Over 28,000 services were provided (to job seekers, existing workers, and businesses) in calendar year 2018 through late November. We continued to be at Scott Air Force Base regularly meeting with transitioning (leaving the military) Airmen as part of the **U.S. Department of Defense "Transition Assistance Program (TAP)"**. We connect those transitioning with job opportunities, training assistance, networking, resume writing assistance, and much more. Our goal is to keep their experience in the region. And we co-sponsored several "Meet & Greet" events for those transitioning military personnel and area businesses this year. In addition to TAP activities, military spouses also became a focus of our Scott AFB related activities offering resume writing, job search, and on the job training opportunities.

Once again we co-sponsored the annual Jobs Plus-Job Fair held at the Gateway Center in Collinsville. Staff continued to be a leader in the Manufacture/Craft Your Future campaign. We and our MAWIB Board also host an annual Business and Participant Recognition Breakfast event. This year we recognized **8** outstanding participants and **1** retiring long time board member. Work based learning continued to be a focal point of our efforts when in May we became the **first** Local Workforce Area in the state to be awarded **Standards of Apprenticeship by the US Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship**. And, Illinois was one of **8** states in November to be chosen to participate in the **State Apprenticeship Expansion Innovation Cohort** focused on Partnering with the Workforce System to Build a Pipeline of Apprentices. Each State was only allowed to appoint four people on the team. **We were asked to be one of the 4 representatives for Illinois**. Our Workforce Group Coordinator serves on the East St. Louis Center's Leadership Board furthering the Illinois Community College Board's efforts to expand college courses and training opportunities in East St. Louis. Working with the East St. Louis Center, we offer opportunities to

Head Start parents including funding **18** Child Development Assistant Apprenticeships and **17** Medical Assistant training opportunities. Broken down by funding stream of the adult population we serve: 62.7% are minorities and 74.6% are female. And 48.5% of the Dislocated Worker population we serve are minorities and 40.4 % are female. Also, 15.2% are Veterans. And, 54.9% of the youth population we serve are minorities and 62.3% are female.

Community Development Group

Since 1975 we have administered the federally funded HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and since 1991 the HOME Program for all of St. Clair County. Funding **must assist low-moderate income persons or income eligible neighborhoods**. This year to date we provided significant funds to eligible households to repair **37** single family, owner-occupied homes. We also provided funds to **17** households to repair emergency items that threatened the health or safety of the residents (roof, electric, plumbing, heating, etc.). We provided funds to **5** eligible households to repair items that prohibited access to disabled residents. We completed our lead hazard control grant and provided remaining funds to **2** households to remediate lead hazards that threatened the long term health of children less than six years of age in privately owned single homes and multi-family housing. We provided funds for partial down payment and closing costs to **35** new income eligible homebuyers. We provided funds for **2** non-profit CHDOs to acquire, rehabilitate, and sell to a low income buyer single family homes in both Belleville and East St. Louis. We provided funds to **5** non-profit organizations to provide a variety of services (such as youth education programs, food banks, domestic violence programs, and housing counseling). We also awarded funds on a competitive basis for **21** projects in several communities throughout the County to address a variety of needs (water & sewer facilities, fire equipment, street-sidewalk-storm drainage improvements, community centers, waste treatment facilities, and related infrastructure projects). Funding for those public service and public facility projects leveraged funding provided by the municipalities/townships and non-profit organizations. **We expended \$4,032,371.00 on the above referenced projects.**

We also continued to manage the **Housing Resource Center (HRC) and HUD Illinois Continuum of Care (Illinois CoC) #508**. Through these efforts we help homeless and near homeless individuals and families. This calendar year to date, **643** households with **1,205 household members** engaged us for intake and referral services. Specifically, staff provided direct assistance to securing both permanent and temporary housing placement, placement into transitional housing programs, emergency hotel assistance, or emergency shelter placement. Others were referred to other eligible resources and agencies to achieve stability including one-time rental assistance or security deposit.

Our HRC staff continued direct assistance to **383** individuals through a combination of programs that included permanent housing programs, rental housing subsidy, one-time rental assistance, and intake and referral. Permanent Housing programs are continuous housing subsidy for disabled persons that experienced homelessness. There are **5** programs that are managed through **3** non-profit community agencies that also provided supportive services to participants. HRC continued to manage the Rental Housing Support Program (RHSP) which provided rental housing subsidy to income qualified St. Clair County residents in addition to a one-time rental assistance program provided for residents experiencing a hardship. HRC also continued to provide intake and assessment services for Illinois CoC 508.

HRC remained the Collaborative Applicant for HUD Illinois CoC 508 and administers the St. Clair County Planning Project Grant and the St. Clair County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) grant. The Planning Project works **with 5 community agencies representing 20 assistance programs** and HMIS provides technical assistance to maintain a county-wide client tracking system.

Community Services Group

We staff the **St. Clair County Community Action Agency** which is another non-profit 501c3 that is a part of the Department.

The Community Services Group allocates targeted funds that provide both supportive services and energy assistance to income eligible individuals and families in the federally funded Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and with Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding. This year to date, **approximately 5,900** households were served by LIHEAP. This includes the clients enrolled in Percentage of Income Program (PIPP) which was funded by the State.

The CSBG funds are used to improve self-sufficiency by focusing on providing assistance in the areas of education, housing, and limited medical, dental and prescription vouchers. Senior meals, support to food pantries, supportive services to veterans, and holiday food vouchers are also included in the program. This year to date **11,178** individuals were assisted with CSBG funds (up from 10,030 last year). Staff is also active in several national and state anti-poverty trade associations and groups.

We also administer the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program which assists low-income residents with energy conservation by installing energy efficient appliance and weatherization measures that impede conditioned air from leaving the home. This year we utilized both federal and state funding to weatherize **58** low income households. These are state and federal funds also with State oversight (Illinois DCEO). Those most in need are helped with CSBG & LIHEAP.

**through November 26, 2018 unless otherwise stated.*