

Indiana Uplands Led by the Regional Opportunity Initiatives Inc. (ROI)

\$30 million in READI funding from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation for 10 counties with a 4:1 match from public and private (regionally).

Counties: Brown, Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, Owen

- **Quality of Life**
- **Quality of Place**
- **Quality of Opportunity Projects**

- Proposal Themes:
 - Grow the region's capacity as a **national innovation hub**
 - by leveraged advanced technologies in **key employment sectors** (advanced manufacturing, life sciences, and national security and defense)
 - by focusing on **critical housing, infrastructure and place-based assets;**
 - developing and attracting in-demand **talent;**
 - and enhancing the region's unique **cultural, artistic, physical and livable amenities.**

Eligible Projects:

- Capital project or infrastructure
 - Construction or rehabilitation of new or existing facilities
 - Acquisition of tangible personal property or equipment
 - Land acquisition
 - Other expenses directly related

Next Steps:

- During **April and May**, ROI will coordinate with IEDC to gain a better understanding of the process and priorities for this next round of READI funding. Our **planning meeting with IEDC is scheduled for May 30th.**
- Continue communicating with partners about **significant capital and infrastructure projects** for investment with the intent of beginning to make **funds available this summer.**
- Pursue **separate funding from IEDC to support blight reduction and redevelopment projects and arts and culture initiatives**, fundable with support to IEDC from Lilly Endowment Inc.