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Kane County to Pursue State Economic Recovery Grant

To capitalize on opportunities to accelerate the local economic recovery from the pandemic, Kane County is applying for \$150,000 in state grant money through the Research in Illinois to Spur Economic Recovery (RISE) program.

The RISE Local and Regional Planning Grant Program offers competitive grants to help governments develop regional or local plans to revitalize the local economy. The funding will bolster approaches to address job losses and business closures, adaption to shifting economic trends and critical economic and public health infrastructure.



“We’re a very diverse county from urban areas to suburban and agriculture so we have a lot of different needs,” said Kane County Director of Development Mark VanKerkhoff. “We have 30 different municipalities with incorporated areas and in fact we are the only large county without some kind of a countywide economic development organization to serve those critical functions to be competitive in the future.”

As part of the grant application process, more than a dozen Kane County colleges, municipalities and economic development organizations were asked to provide letters of support, highlighting a myriad of issues and industries they believe have been negatively impacted by the pandemic.

The top economic areas cited by County stakeholders as being the most adversely impacted by the pandemic included childcare, restaurants, healthcare, transportation, tourism, hospitality and manufacturing.

“We’ve been very grateful for the groundswell of letters of support we’ve received,” said Ron Ford, Chairman of the Kane County Board Jobs Committee. “We would love to have as many

letters of support and commitment to being part of the process as this will strengthen our grant application.”

Additional letters of support are still being accepted and would be appreciated. Those and questions can be directed to Mark VanKerkhoff at 630-232-3451 or email vankerkhoffmark@co.kane.il.us.

Funding for the program comes from the State Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency (CURE) Fund and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) will administer the grants to local governments and regional economic development organizations.