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Revolving Loan Fund Helps Local Business Open



The Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce celebrates
Olive's Bakery with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Congratulations to Olivia Clancy, owner of Olive's Bakery which opened in the City of Truesdale on February 2, 2021!

The bakery is located at the site of the former Home Town Bakery which closed last year to the disappointment of many local patrons. Olivia, who was a former employee, graduated from culinary school in 2016 and had a dream to open her own bakery one day.

One of the individuals working with Olivia to put her dream into motion was referred to Boonslick Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) as a possible resource and funding option. BRPC operates an EDA Revolving Loan Fund and partners with local banks to assist new and growing businesses. BRPC Business Outreach Coordinator JoAnn Toerper had several meetings with Olivia, and the organization was able to provide the needed business loan. Olive's Bakery became a reality. The loan was used to purchase necessary equipment and furnishings.

The bakery is located at 902 State Hwy M in Truesdale. Pastries, breakfast and lunch are served Tuesday through Saturday. Please support this local business! BRPC has been able to help several other businesses in the region. If you are interested in similar funding opportunities, you can reach JoAnn Toerper at jtoerper@boonslick.org or (636) 456-3473.

Additional Business Loans Available

BRPC has received funding through the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief & Economic Security (CARES) Act to establish a loan fund for businesses affected by COVID-19. If your business has been affected by the global pandemic, you are eligible to apply for this loan.

An application is available on BRPC's website. Templates to assist you with creating financial statements and a business plan are also available. If you have questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact BRPC Economic Development Specialist Christine Zika at czika@boonslick.org or by calling (636) 456-3473.

BRPC is here for the business community!

Director's Update

Spring is in the air, and we are all ready to get back to normal. We continue to work with communities and individuals and their social distancing requirements. We are available to attend meetings in person, either at your offices or ours. Many of you have inquired about stimulus funds and grant possibilities. The section below describes information for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and we anticipate having more details on stimulus funding next month. BRPC staff are here to assist you, so please don't hesitate to call or email.



Workforce development is one of the biggest needs for many businesses. BRPC has staff ready and willing to work with you. Funding is available for training, work experiences, apprenticeships, and internships; as well as business lending, planning and financial reports, and capital improvements. We continue to look for ways to bring employers, local organizations, and residents of the region together.

Staff have been busy working on projects in the region. Wastewater and infrastructure are top priorities, but other projects include warning sirens, safe rooms, and community facilities. Work continues on the Warren County Hazard Mitigation plan, the Lincoln County Hazard Mitigation plan, the Transportation Advisory Committee, Warren County Municipal Team, MO Rides and mobility management, funding for Homeland Security, comprehensive planning, revolving loan fund, and the East Central Missouri Recycling Center.

Of note, the May 20 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting and the June 28 General Membership meeting will likely be held in person, but in a location large enough to maintain social distance recommendations.

CDBG

Typically, during this spring/summer time of year, we promote the annual CDBG application cycle. We do not have established deadlines yet, but we anticipate hearing about them in the coming weeks. Please review the opportunities below and let us know if your community is interested in discussing an application. As a member organization, BRPC is here to assist you.

2021 CDBG funding categories include the following with maximum request per application. All projects must meet a national objective. There is approximately \$24 million statewide for CDBG projects this year.

Community Facility (Building, Daycare, ADA improvements, local match). \$500,000.

Downtown Revitalization (Must have private investment). \$500,000.

Demolition. \$200,000 or \$300,000 with commercial building(s).

General Infrastructure (Bridges, Drainage, Streets, etc.). \$500,000.

Economic Development. Up to \$2,000,000. Open cycle.

Water collection or treatment. \$750,000. Open cycle, invitation.

Wastewater collection or treatment. \$750,000. Open cycle, invitation.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates



Emergency Planning

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission works with the State Emergency Management Agency to complete county-wide Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans that are a prerequisite to qualify for disaster mitigation funding. The purpose of natural hazard mitigation is to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of natural disasters. Hazard Mitigation Plans form the foundation for a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.

Local plans must be updated every five years to maintain program compliance. Work is being finalized on the Warren County Hazard Mitigation Plan updates and will begin soon on the Lincoln County plan. Please feel free to contact BRPC Planner Krishnapriya Kunapareddy at krishna@boonslick.org or by calling (636) 456-3473 with questions or for more information.

Scrap Tire Material Grants Available

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Waste Management Program administers grant programs to divert scrap tires from landfills and illegal dumps by promoting end-uses for scrap tires. During Fiscal Year 2021, grants are available for the following:

Non-Playground Scrap Tire Surface Material Grants — for running tracks, walking trails, equine/livestock stalls/riding areas and other similar projects.

Playground Scrap Tire Surface Material Grants —for playground projects only.

Potential End Use Projects for Scrap Tires



Photos courtesy of Champin Tire Recycling, Inc., PO Box 445, Concordia, KS 66901
champintirerecycling.com/

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS APRIL 30, 2021

Grant applicants will be notified of award and a Financial Assistance Agreement will need to be executed between the department and the grant recipient prior to any work being done on the project.



Earth Day, April 22, 2021

Remember to make this world a better place.

Pick up litter



Recycle



Plant a tree

New Manager for East Central Missouri Recycling Center

The East Central Missouri Recycling Center has seen some changes! BRPC is pleased to announce that Matt Niswonger has been hired as the manager. Matt is not new to working with BRPC. He has worked with the Disaster Recovery Jobs Program on several occasions to clean up flood debris in several counties within the region. Matt served as the crew leader during these cleanup efforts.

Matt began working at the recycling center in March 2021. He has focused on cleaning up the facility. An existing storage shed on the property was removed and replaced with containers to store baled recyclables until they are marketed. A sincere thanks goes to Warren County (owner of the property) for their assistance.



Recycling Center Manager Matt Niswonger

The East Central Missouri Recycling Center was established on Earth Day 2010. It was a collaborative effort by Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery, & Warren counties which make up the Region I Solid Waste Management District to provide an opportunity for residents to recycle a variety of items. The facility is operated year round and is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Welcome, Matt! He can be contacted at recycle@boonslick.org.

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Looking for Work? Area Employers are Hiring

Several employers throughout the region are hiring. If you or someone you know is interested in finding a job, contact Missouri Job Center-Warrenton at (646) 456-9467. Staff members will be happy to assist you or provide information. Employers can post job openings at no charge and staff can assist with hiring events. Let us know how we can help you! Examples of some opportunities in the area include:



- **Uncle Ray's, Montgomery City:** Several positions
- **City of Warrenton:** Code enforcement officer
- **Warren County:** Building and grounds maintenance position
- **Rural King, Warrenton:** Customer experience specialist
- **Old Castle Building Envelope, Truesdale:** Various positions
- **Aberi Steel, Marthasville:** Warehouse workers
- **New Florence Wood Products:** Manufacturing associate
- **Turning Point, Warren County:** Several positions
- **Universal Galvanizing, Wright City:** Industrial team members

Supervisor \$15.00

Laborer \$13.00

Temporary jobs available to help with flood debris removal
Work will be done in Lincoln, Montgomery, and Ralls counties

For more information, call Missouri Job Center - Warrenton (636) 456-9467

Calendar of Events - Contact us for More Information**April**

- 12 Warren County Municipal Team meeting, Warren County R-III High School Commons, 11:30 a.m.
- 19 NEMO Workforce Development Board meeting (virtual), 1:00 p.m.
- 21 Community Agency Partnership meeting (virtual), 9:30 a.m.
- 22 Earth Day
- 26 BRPC Executive Board work session, BRPC, 11:30 a.m.

May

- 7 BRPC closed in observance of Truman Day
- 11 Region I Solid Waste Management District Executive Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 19 Community Agency Partnership meeting (virtual), 9:30 a.m.
- 20 BRPC Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, 11:00 a.m., location TBD
- 31 BRPC closed in observance of Memorial Day