

RPC – REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Fund 075

MISSION STATEMENT

To develop and maintain relationships that improve quality of life in East Central Illinois through the provision of data analysis, planning, economic development, grant writing and project administration services while optimizing available local, regional, state and federal resources.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Staff has placed a higher priority on marketing our services and capabilities during these challenging economic times. We strive to maintain and improve relationships with the goal of securing additional resources to Champaign County.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Our planning staff and programs promote quality of life, diversity, outreach to all interested residents, and interagency and interpersonal teamwork. We are ethical, transparent, fiscally responsible, and make efficient use of scarce resources. We promote sustainable growth in all our projects.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Regional Planning and Development program has two facets: planning services contracts and regional services. Planning services contracts include the creation of land use plans, comprehensive plans, and economic development strategies for governmental agencies on a contractual basis. Regional programs include membership services and non-contractual governmental initiatives. Regional services include professional, technical, and planning assistance to general units of government. The current program focus includes a variety of public facilities infrastructure projects throughout East Central Illinois. The division includes two full time planners and one economic development specialist.

OBJECTIVES

Planning Services

- Continue with current planning services contract work.
- Seek project opportunities with municipal, county and other governmental agencies in East Central Illinois and pursue collaborative opportunities such as trainings, workshops and conferences.
- Maintain a positive working relationship with residents, businesses, special interest groups and the media.
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Regional Services

- Respond to approximately 50 data requests from area agencies, local governments, county residents, with an average response time of three days.

- Disseminate information about the Regional Planning Commission via its website and other forums.
- Continue to seek knowledge and new information niches relevant to our member agencies that make the Regional Planning Commission unique and sought-after for regional concerns.
- Provide administrative support to local governments for enterprise zones.
- Market RPC services to units of government to meet planning, economic development, and public infrastructure needs.
- Apply for grant funding and administer public infrastructure projects on behalf of units of local government.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Indicator	2015 Actual	2016 Projected	2017 Budgeted
Planning Services			
# of new contracts acquired by RPC staff	6	10	7
# of new planning documents finalized per contracts	4	5	5
# of grant applications completed for other agencies	2	1	2
# of grant awards received	1	0	1
# of technical training/webinars courses attended by staff	67	68	66
Implementation of new software or planning tools to enhance staff capabilities	1	1	2
# of memos to ELUC posted and press releases or information brochures developed	28	38	33
# of phone inquiries (most regarding HHW collection options or residential electronics recycling options)	260	260	260
# county solid waste mgmt. data requests processed	4	3	3

# of collection events coordinated with other local government staff	2	2	2
# of new loan/equity contracts	3	8	5
Regional Services			
# of information requests completed	30	35	30
# of membership work plan tasks completed	9	10	9
# of CDAP public facilities applications developed	1	0	1
# of CDAP public facilities projects administered	0	0	1