



# Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council  
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager  
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update  
Date: March 15, 2024

## **STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT**

Weekly Report for March 11, 2024 – March 15, 2024

**City Manager's Office**  
Weekly Bids Advertised

**Community Development**  
Weekly Zoning Report  
Weekly Inspection Report

**Health Department**  
Weekly Food Establishment Application Report

**Law Department**  
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**Legislative Reading**  
NWMC Weekly Briefing

**STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL &  
MAYORAL APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

**Monday, March 11, 2024**

No Meetings

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

7:00 PM: [Housing & Community Development Committee](#)

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

6:00 PM: [MWDEBE Development Committee](#)

6:30 PM: [Envision Evanston 2045 Community Meeting \(Spanish Session\)](#)

**Thursday, March 14, 2024**

6:00 PM: [Parks and Recreation Board](#)

6:30 PM: [Equity and Empowerment Commission Meeting](#)

6:30 PM: [Envision Evanston 2045 Community Meeting](#)

**Friday, March 15, 2024**

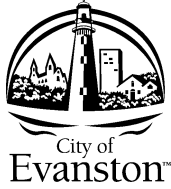
No meetings

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To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Hitesh Desai, CFO/ City Treasurer  
Tammi Nunez, Purchasing Manager

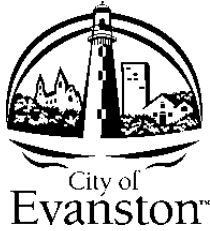
Subject: Bids/RFPs/RFQs Advertised during the Week March 11, 2024

Date: March 15, 2024

The following is a list of projects that have been advertised and the anticipated date each will be presented to the Council or Library Board.

## **Bids/RFPs/RFQs sent during the Week of March 11, 2024**

Bid/RFP/RFQ Number/Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budgeted Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
Distribution System Materials	Public Works	Work on this project includes the supply of materials such as brass valves, fittings and gaskets to be used in the maintenance of the drinking water distribution system.	\$280,000	4/16	5/13
MFT Street Resurfacing- Rebuild Illinois	Public Works	Work on this project includes the Reconstruction of Leon Place and Resurfacing of various streets with minor utility repairs, ADA Ramps, concrete curb and sidewalk replacement and all incidental work including all materials and equipment. Bidders must be pre-qualified by Illinois Department of Transportation and present IDOT issued "Certificate of Eligibility" with proposal.	\$3,205,477	4/30	5/13



## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Elizabeth Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager  
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report  
Date: February 29, 2024

Enclosed is the weekly report of zoning applications received and pending. The report, organized by ward, includes the property address, zoning district, the type of application submitted, a description of the project, date received, and current status.

Please contact me at (224) 296-4489 or [ewilliams@cityofevanston.org](mailto:ewilliams@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

**Cases Received and Pending, March 7, 2024 - March 13, 2024**

**Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 11**

**Volume (number of cases pending initial staff review): 22**

**Zoning Reviews**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Property Address</b>	<b>Zoning</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	425 Davis Street	R6	Building Permit	Renovate security vestibule at The Mather	03/12/24	compliant
1	450 Davis Street	R6	Building Permit	Renovate security vestibule at The Mather	03/12/24	compliant
1	500 Davis Street, Suite 100	D1	Building Permit	Interior remodel/change of use (office)	03/11/24	compliant
1	500 Davis Street, Suite 512	D1	Building Permit	Interior remodel/change of use (office)	03/11/24	compliant
1	733 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	Patio	08/29/23	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
1	2121 Orrington Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Enlarge lower deck and repair upper deck	12/08/23	pending additional information from the applicant
1	1935 Sherman Avenue	R5	Zoning Analysis	Major Home Occupation for violin lessons	03/04/24	pending staff review
1	2200 Campus Drive	U3	Building Permit	Interior remodel of lab space 3rd floor	03/12/24	pending staff review
1	2200 Campus Drive	U3	Building Permit	Interior remodel of lab space 2nd floor	03/07/24	compliant
1	2145 Sheridan Road	U3	Building Permit	Interior remodel of lab space 3rd floor	03/11/24	pending staff review
1	2145 Sheridan Road	U3	Building Permit	Interior remodel of lab space 3rd floor	03/11/24	pending staff review
1	2211 Campus Drive	U3	Building Permit	Convert fitness center into temporary dining space	03/11/24	pending staff review
2	653 Dodge Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Patio	06/13/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1139 Fowler Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Patio and parking pad (work done without a permit)	07/10/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1553 Dewey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Remove concrete patio, walks, and pad, install paver patio and walk	09/19/23	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
2	1500 Crain Street	R3	Zoning Analysis	Convert detached garage to an ADU	12/06/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	911 Church Street	RP	Building Permit	Wall sign	03/08/24	pending revisions from the applicant
2	1414 Darrow Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Demo landing and stair and construct new front porch	03/08/24	pending staff review
2	1611 Church Street	WE1	Zoning Analysis	Adaptive Reuse of warehouse building to convert to 8 DUs	02/26/24	pending staff review (revisions)
2	1615 Thelin Court	R3	Building Permit	Replace driveway and walks	02/28/24	pending staff review
2	1630 Ashland Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Demo garage and construct new attached garage in different location	03/12/24	pending staff review
2	1823 Wesley Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Combine basement and first floor to duplex one unit in a 2-flat	03/05/24	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1829 Dempster Street	C1	Zoning Analysis	New sign package for building and for proposed double drive-through (special use required)	03/13/24	pending staff review
3	530 Hinman Avenue	R5	Building Permit	Replace asphalt parking lot	03/11/24	compliant
3	713 Sheridan Road	R1	Building Permit	Paver walkway	03/07/24	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant

3	1245 Chicago Avenue	B1	Building Permit	Addition to existing commercial building (Space)	02/23/24	pending final review committee
3	1232 Judson Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Demo deck and walkway; add paver patio, stairs, outdoor kitchen, pergola	03/11/24	pending staff review (revisions)
3	1404 Judson Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Remodel to existing residence	03/08/24	compliant (revisions)
4	1109 Maple Avenue	R5	Building Permit	Interior remodel and rear exterior stairs	03/07/24	compliant
4	1552 Wesley Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Driveway	06/22/23	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1118 Elmwood Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Awning	07/31/23	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1555 Oak Avenue	R6	Building Permit	Pave existing gravel parking lot and add surface detention pond	03/05/24	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant (civil)
5	910 Simpson Street	R4a	Building Permit	Interior and exterior renovation of 3-flat, demolish garage and establish open parking, add patio and porches	03/11/24	pending staff review (revisions)
5	2020 Dodge Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Replace front steps, construct new landing at side of residence	07/03/23	non-compliant, pending revisions and/or minor variation application from the applicant
5	1820 Laurel Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Concrete slab	07/11/23	non-compliant, pending revisions/minor variation application from the applicant
5	1811 Church Street	B2/oWE	Building Permit	New 4-story mixed-use building with ground floor retail and 33 dwelling units (HODC)	08/18/23	pending revisions and additional information from the applicant
5	1825 Dodge Avenue	R4	Zoning Analysis	Addition and site modifications at Religious Institution (Seventh Day Adventist Church)	03/11/24	pending staff review
5	2011 Darrow Avenue	R4	Zoning Analysis	Remodel existing 3-dwelling unit building and add an ADU to garage	10/05/23	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2011 Darrow Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Demolish existing garage	03/07/24	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2125 Darrow Avenue	R4	Building Permit	2-car garage	12/04/23	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1600 Simpson Street	OS	Zoning Analysis	New 2-story k-5 school for Evanston Skokie School District 65	03/05/24	pending preliminary review committee
6	2415 McDaniel Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Detached 2-car garage	06/05/23	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2421 Crawford Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Remove existing asphalt and concrete, replace with permeable patio and sidewalk	08/23/23	non-compliant, pending revisions or major variation application from applicant
6	2300 Park Place	R1	Building Permit	2nd story addition to a garage for an ADU	11/01/23	pending revisions from the applicant
6	2714 Reese Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Change front walk	02/28/24	pending staff review
6	2820 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	Detached garage	01/05/24	non-compliant, pending revisions and/or minor variation application from the applicant
6	2137 Crawford Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Detached garage.	01/10/24	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2649 Crawford Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Detached garage and new driveway	03/11/24	pending staff review
6	2227 Harrison Street	R1	Building Permit	Patio	03/07/24	pending staff review (revisions)
6	2426 Hartzell Street	R1	Building Permit	Patio and garden wall	03/06/24	pending staff review

6	2715 Woodland Road	R1	Building Permit	Rooftop solar panels	03/12/24	compliant
7	1126 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	Paver walk and landing	08/22/23	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
7	2636 Green Bay Road	C2/oCSC, R4	Zoning Analysis	Planned Development, new 5-story multi-family dwelling with 51 dwellings, parking and 3 new 4-story townhomes along Prairie Avenue	10/18/22	non-compliant, pending revisions and additional information from the applicant
7	2744 Asbury Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Addition and interior remodel	02/26/24	pending staff review (revisions)
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Building Permit	Foundation only for new football stadium (Ryan Field, NU)	02/23/24	pending staff review
7	2002 Central Street	B1a/oCSC	Building Permit	Interior remodel for ice cream shop	03/06/24	pending staff review
7	2655 Sheridan Road	R1	Building Permit	Rebuild screened porch, add deck	03/12/24	pending staff review
7	2755 Eastwood Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Rear stairs and porch	03/12/24	pending staff review
7	2814 Garrison Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Window and siding replacement	03/07/24	pending staff review
8	141 Dodge Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Detached garage	11/17/23	pending additional information from the applicant
8	700 Mulford Street	R5	Zoning Analysis	Gazebo in front yard at townhome	03/05/24	pending staff review
8	1625 Kirk Street	R1	Building Permit	Add window well	03/13/24	pending staff review
9	711 Custer Avenue	MXE	Building Permit	Interior remodel and addition	02/27/24	pending staff review
9	1602 Main Street	R3	Building Permit	Remove concrete walks and add new walks	03/07/24	compliant
9	1805 South Boulevard	R2	Building Permit	Replace rear deck	03/11/24	pending staff review

**Pending building permit and zoning analysis reviews older than 6 months where there has not been activity are periodically removed from the zoning report.**

#### Miscellaneous Zoning Cases

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1630 Orrington Avenue	D3	Special Use	Special Use for a Resale Establishment	11/28/23	pending CC 03/25/24
2	1611 Church Street	WE1/oWE	Map Amendment and Major variations	Remove zoning lot from oWE Overlay District and rezone from WE1 to R4 and Major Variations for construction of 7 COOP dwellings including townhome orientation and detached accessory structure located between principal building and front property line.	06/27/23	pending staff review (revisions), pending LUC, P&D
2	1579 Dewey Avenue	R3	Minor Variation	North interior side yard setback to additional bulk at 2nd story over an existing 1st story to a single-family dwelling	02/22/24	determination after 03/12/24
3	530 Kedzie Street	C1a	Special Use	Special Use for a Tattoo Establishment	02/16/24	pending LUC 03/27/24
6	3434 Central Street	R2	Planned Development	New 2-story, 19,952 sf building for a Daycare center - Child (Kensington School)	02/10/22	pending P&D
6	2620 Bennett Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Building lot coverage, street side yard setback, and distance between detached accessory building and principal building for the construction of a 1-story addition, converting an existing screened un-enclosed area to habitable space, and a 2-car detached garage	02/14/24	determination after 03/07/24
7	2433 Simpson Street	R1	Minor Variation	Building lot coverage for a rear addition to a home	03/06/24	pending staff review
8	700 Mulford Street	R5	Minor Variation	Gazebo in front yard at townhouse	03/06/24	pending staff review
8	709 Asbury Avenue	R2	Minor Variation	Detached garage at townhome	03/11/24	pending staff review



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: David Wilson, HVAC Building Inspector

Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report

Date: March, 15 2024

Enclosed is the weekly summary report of field inspections for construction projects under special monitoring. The report includes the ward, property address, type of construction, inspector notes, and date received.

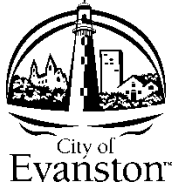
Please contact me at [davidwilson@cityofevanston.org](mailto:davidwilson@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.



## Weekly Field Inspection Report

Friday, March 15, 2024

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
2	1101 Church Street	Multi-Family Building	Alleyway work continues. Interior construction continues on building B. Sidewalk remains closed with proper signage in place.	3/14/2024
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater	Assembly	No changes. Site and Northlight signage are in good condition. No construction fence at this time.	3/14/2024
1	1710 Sherman Avenue	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	No changes. Rough inspections and interior work continues.	3/14/2024
4	718 Main Street	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	No changes. All sidewalks and alleyways remain clean and clear.	3/14/2024
7	1501 Central Street	Demolition	Demolition continues on the south west section of the stadium. Proper traffic control is in place with flaggers. Construction fence is in place and in good condition.	3/14/2024
1	710 Clark Street	Office Building	Alleyway work continues. Construction fence remains in place and is in good condition. Roadways are clean and clear surrounding site.	3/14/2024
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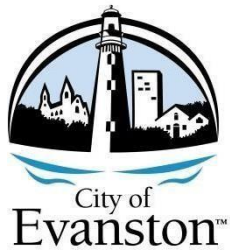
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Ike Ogbo, Director, Department of Health & Human Services

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: March 15, 2024

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
7	2002 Central St	Parlor on Central	3/1/2024	Pending Permit Issuance
4	1555 Oak St	Museum Inn & Suites Restaurant	2/28/2024	Pending Inspections
3	510 Main St	555 Pantry	2/8/2024	License Issued
3	827 Chicago Ave	Lefty's Righteous Bagels	12/13/2023	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
4	1608 Chicago Ave	Mensch's Deli	11/29/2023	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
5	1601 Simpson St	Shanghai Kosher	11/21/2023	Pending Inspections
4	1629 Orrington Ave	Dos Bros	10/10/2023	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
1	704 Clark St	Etta Evanston	10/5/2023	Pending Permit Issuance – On Hold
1	1737 Sherman Ave	Taco Bell	10/5/2023	Pending Permit Issuance
1	521 Davis St	La Cocinita (Relocating)	7/11/2023	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
1	1743 Sherman Ave	Olive Mediterranean Grill	12/10/2021	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections



## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Brian George, Assistant City Attorney

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: March 15, 2024

Enclosed is the weekly report of liquor applications received and pending. The report, organized by ward, includes the business address, the type and description of license requested, and current status.

Please contact me at [liquorlicense@cityofevanston.org](mailto:liquorlicense@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

### Liquor Licensing Weekly Report

Liquor Applications Received and Pending for week of March 15, 2024

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROCESSED HOURS for LIQUOR SALES	STATUS
4	Museum Inn & Suites	1555 Oak Ave. Evanston, IL 60201	D	Restaurant	11 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Thurs); 11 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Fri-Sat); 10 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun)	Application pending
8	TOCA Training Center	2454 Oakton St. Evanston, IL 60202	W	Commercial Recreation Facility	12 p.m.—9 p.m.(Mon-Fri); 11:30 a.m.—10 p.m.(Sat-Sun)	Application will be reviewed at the Liquor Control Review Board on March 15, 2024
3	Paragon	503 Main St. Evanston, IL 60202	D	Restaurant	11 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Thurs); 11 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Fri- Sat); 10 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun)	Application will be reviewed at the Liquor Control Review Board on March 15, 2024



# DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



**WEEK ENDING MARCH 15, 2024**

## ***NWMC Officer Nominations Due Next Week!***

Last week, the FY24-25 NWMC Officer Nomination Form was emailed to the Conference's Chief Elected Officials, seeking names of active members to fulfill the roles of NWMC President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. The cover letter to the form contains more information regarding eligibility and the selection process. Nomination forms are to be returned to [mfowler@nwmc-cog.org](mailto:mfowler@nwmc-cog.org) by Wednesday, March 20.

The Nominating Committee will review the nominations and present its recommended slate at the April 10 NWMC Membership Meeting. According to the NWMC By-Laws, other nominations may be made at the April membership meeting or by mail if received prior to that meeting date. Election shall be by a majority of those present and voting at the May 8 membership meeting. Officers will be sworn in at the NWMC Annual Gala on June 12. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

## ***Join Lincolnshire and Palatine at the April 23 NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction***

The spring NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at Americas Auto Auction (America's AA) in Crestwood. Thank you to *Lincolnshire, Palatine* and Tinley Park, who have registered to participate in the sale. America's AA offers a wide variety of convenient services to prep vehicles and garner the highest possible price. Please note that vehicles and equipment can be listed for disposal at the NWMC auction right up to the morning of the auction day. Sell them now to get a fresh start and please keep in mind that a portion of the proceeds helps support the operations of the organization.

The remaining live auctions for the year will be held on July 23 and October 22. In addition, America's AA hosts online sales on par with other government surplus Internet auctions. For more information, please contact staff or America's AA Account Executive Berry Ellis, 312-371-5993 or [berry.ellis@americasautoauction.com](mailto:berry.ellis@americasautoauction.com). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

## ***Last Call to Apply for CMAP Local Technical Assistance***

As a final reminder, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program's 2024 Call for Projects has opened and will close at noon on Friday, March 22. This program "supports communities by offering planning and implementation assistance, providing interagency expertise, leveraging the region's transit network, and building local government capacity." To learn more about the program and to find out how to apply, please visit the [LTA program website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

## ***USDOT Celebrates Women's History Month with Gender Justice in Transportation Event***

*From the U.S. Department of Transportation:*

In celebration of Women's History Month, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) is hosting an in-person and virtual event on Wednesday, March 27 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. reflecting on advancements in Gender Justice in the transportation sector. This event will include two panels of industry leaders at the forefront of applying a Gender Justice lens and implementing strategies that intend to positively shift outcomes for women, girls, and gender diverse people across the sector. The panel discussions will be followed by an audience Q&A and networking session. This event will also be livestreamed and recorded. No registration is needed for virtual attendance. [Click here to be notified when livestream details are available](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

## ***Register Today for FHWA's Equity in Roadway Safety Webinars***

As a reminder, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is hosting [roadway safety webinars](#). Registration is now open for the webinars, which will feature noteworthy tools and strategies that can support progress toward closing disparities in traffic fatalities and serious injuries in order to reach zero deaths. FHWA will also support opportunities for American Planning Association and other professional development certifications. The 2024 series includes the

following events (all sessions are scheduled for 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.):

- March 27 – Tools and Strategies for Equitable Design
- May 22 – Equitable Data Analysis
- July 24 – Roadway Safety for People Experiencing Homelessness

FHWA has also made available recordings from the [2023 Equity in Roadway Safety webinar series](#). These webinars focused on elevating equity and safety in project prioritization and equitable safety data analysis. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

### ***FHWA Opens Congestion Relief Program Applications***

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is now accepting applications for its \$250 million [Congestion Relief Program](#), which offers competitive grants to advance innovative, multimodal solutions to reduce vehicular traffic in the most congested metropolitan areas of the United States. The Congestion Relief Program is accepting applications for the first round through a [NOFO](#), which provides \$150 million in grants made available from fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024. The grants are available to states, metropolitan planning organizations, cities, and municipalities for projects in urban areas with a population of at least one million. Applications are due by Monday, April 22. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

### ***USEPA Accepting Midwest Pollution Prevention Project Applications***

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is accepting applications for pollution prevention projects in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. This competitive grant provides funding for projects that promote practical source reduction practices, tools and training to improve human and environmental health. [Pollution prevention](#), also known as source reduction, is any practice that reduces, eliminates, or prevents pollution at its source prior to recycling, treatment or disposal. Pollution prevention conserves natural resources, including water and energy, by focusing industry, government and public attention on reducing pollution through the implementation of cost-effective changes in production, operation and the use of raw materials.

Eligible applicants include states, local government agencies, federally recognized Tribes, and certain non-profit organizations. Grant applications can range from \$40,000-\$240,000. The number of awards is subject to the availability of funds, the quality of applications received, and other applicable considerations. The deadline to apply is Monday, April 15. For more information on applying for the grant, including eligibility criteria, please visit [Grants.gov](#). *Staff contact: Eric Czarnota*

### ***Apply Today for USDOT TIFIA Grants***

The US Department of Transportation has announced \$57 million in funding to assist public entities in facilitating and evaluating public-private partnerships and exploring innovative financing and delivery opportunities for [Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act](#) (TIFIA) eligible projects. \$2 million in grants are available, with the first million requiring no local match. Technical Assistance and Expert Services grants will be offered to help with items such as organizational capacity, pre-construction tasks, and hiring expert professionals to develop public-private partnerships.

To supplement the program, the Build America Bureau will offer two free informational webinars on each type of grant:

- Technical Assistance Grants: Thursday, March 21, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. [Register Here](#)
- Expert Services Grants: Thursday, March 21, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. [Register Here](#)

Applications are due Thursday, May 9. For more information, please read the [program's NOFO](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

### ***Newsy Items of the Week***

*Capitol News Illinois:* [With recession fears subsiding, new state economic forecast expects 'firm but steady growth'](#)

*Chicago Tribune:* [Illinois will soon be cicada central when 2 broods converge on state in historic emergence](#)

*Chicago Tribune:* [Lake County aims to reduce trips by lone drivers](#)

*Route 50:* [Can student debt relief attract workers to state and local government jobs?](#)

*Chicago Sun-Times:* [Kennedy construction nightmare returns Tuesday — ‘It will be very similar to last year,’ transit official says](#)

*Business Insider:* [Bike lanes are good for business](#)

*Daily Herald:* [How much of state’s capital improvement dollars are targeted for suburbs?](#)

### ***Meetings and Events***

*NWMC Legislative Committee* will meet on Wednesday, March 20 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

*NWMC Finance Committee* will meet on Wednesday, March 20 at noon via videoconference.

*NWMC Transportation Committee* will meet on Thursday, March 28 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

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