



# Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council  
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager  
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update  
Date: May 17, 2024

## **STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT**

Weekly Report for May 13, 2024 – May 17, 2024

### **City Manager's Office**

No Weekly Bids Advertised

### **Community Development**

Weekly Zoning Report

Weekly Inspection Report

### **Health Department**

Weekly Food Establishment Application Report

### **Law Department**

Weekly Liquor License Application Report

### **Legislative Reading**

NWMC Weekly Briefing

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

**Monday, May 20, 2024**

No Meetings

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

No Meetings

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

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

7:00 PM: [Land Use Commission](#)

**Thursday, May 23, 2024**

No Meetings

**Friday, May 24, 2024**

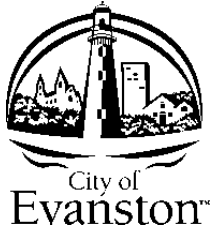
No Meetings

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**City of Evanston Committee Webpage:**

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## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Elizabeth Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager  
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report  
Date: May 17, 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, May 9, 2024 - May 15, 2024**

**Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 10**

**Volume (number of cases pending initial staff review): 33**

**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	733 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	Patio	08/29/23	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
1	1508 Hinman Avenue	R6	Building Permit	Patio	04/03/24	revisions submitted by the applicant, pending staff review
1	2326 Orrington Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Deck	04/16/24	pending additional information from the applicant
1	144 Greenwood Street	R1	Building Permit	Install a modular ramp with handrails	04/29/24	pending additional information from the applicant
1	1621 Chicago Avenue	D4	Zoning Analysis	Planned Development for a new 12 story mixed-use building with approx. 6,800 sf ground floor retail, 110 dwelling units (includes 8 affordable units), and 48 enclosed parking spaces	05/01/24	pending additional information from the applicant
1	1616 Orrington Avenue	D2	Building Permit	Interior alteration of existing commercial space for dentist office	05/08/24	pending staff review
1	724 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition	05/08/24	pending staff review
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	1535 Wilder Street	R3	Building Permit	Detached garage	03/27/24	non-compliant, pending minor variation application from the applicant
2	1425 Davis Street	R1	Building Permit	Replace patio, new seat wall and fire pit	04/23/24	pending additional information from the applicant
2	847 Hartrey Avenue	R2	Building Permit	3-season room addition	04/22/24	revisions submitted by the applicant, pending staff review
2	1828 Dempster Street	C1	Zoning Analysis	Determination of Use for Zeymart	04/23/24	pending additional information from the applicant
2	2118 Lake Street	R2	Building Permit	Patio and retaining wall	05/01/24	pending additional information from the applicant
3	531 Chicago Avenue, Unit A	C1a	Building Permit	Replace rooftop deck	05/07/24	pending staff review
3	1233 Chicago Avenue	B1	Building Permit	Replace porch	05/07/24	pending staff review
3	531 Chicago Avenue, Unit D	C1a	Building Permit	Rooftop deck	05/08/24	pending staff review
3	916 Michigan Avenue	R5	Building Permit	Replace existing concrete garage floor and apron	05/14/24	pending staff review
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	910 Custer Avenue	MXE	Zoning Analysis	New 5-story multi-family dwelling building with 230 dwelling units (23 affordable units) and 48 surface parking spaces	04/23/24	non-compliant, pending additional information and revisions from the applicant

4	1400 Greenleaf Street	B1	Zoning Analysis	Demolish fire damaged commercial building, construct new 2-story building with ground floor commercial space and 3 2-bedroom dwellings at 2nd story	05/01/24	pending staff review
4	1217 Lee Street	R1	Building Permit	Replacing rear deck and interior remodel	05/07/24	pending staff review
4	1603 Orrington Avenue	D3	Building Permit	Interior renovation, 12th floor (Golub & Co.)	05/14/24	pending staff review
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	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	2125 Darrow Avenue	R4	Building Permit	2-car garage	12/04/23	pending additional information from the applicant
5	829 Gaffield Place	R4a	Building Permit	Detached ADU	03/25/24	non-compliant, pending revisions and additional information from the applicant
5	2209 Emerson Street	R3	Building Permit	Deck	03/25/24	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1601 Simpson Street	B1	Building Permit	Interior alteration (Infant Welfare Society of Evanston)	04/24/24	non-compliant, pending special use application submittal by the applicant
5	1739 Dodge Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Driveway and a parking space	05/01/24	pending additional information and revisions from the applicant
5	823 Gaffield Place	R4a	Building Permit	Addition and interior remodel (Boys Hope Girls Hope of Illinois)	05/02/24	pending staff review
5	2050 Green Bay Road	B2/oWE	Building Permit	Overlay pavement, repair storm sewer, sealcoat and strip (Public Storage)	05/09/24	pending staff review
5	2027 Brown Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Concrete parking pad behind garage	05/09/24	pending staff review
5	1908 Foster Street	R3	Building Permit	Deck	05/14/24	pending staff review
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	2635 Crawford Avenue	R2	Zoning Analysis	New single-family dwelling with attached garage	03/27/24	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2635 Crawford Avenue	R2	Building Permit	New single-family dwelling with attached garage	03/28/24	pending zoning analysis review
6	3317 Payne Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition	04/12/24	pending revisions by the applicant
6	2232 Central Park Avenue	R1	Building Permit	In-ground pool and spa	04/16/24	pending additional information from the applicant

6	2739 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	Remove concrete pad, replace with paver patio	04/17/24	pending additional information and/or revisions from the applicant
6	2703 Hartzell Street	R1	Building Permit	Carport and concrete slab	05/01/24	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
6	2722 Payne Street	R1	Building Permit	Patio	05/02/24	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2140 Ewing Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Deck	05/07/24	pending staff review
6	2727 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	2-story addition and interior remodel	05/09/24	pending staff review
6	2517 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	Concrete slab	05/09/24	pending staff review
6	2715 Ewing Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Remove and replace main stoop and front walk	05/09/24	pending staff review
6	2227 Harrison Street	R1	Building Permit	Rebuild front steps and repair rear steps	05/09/24	pending staff review
6	2756 Marcy Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Screen-in room addition	05/10/24	pending staff review
6	2202 Ewing Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Dormer addition	05/10/24	pending staff review
6	3020 Grant Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	2nd story addition over existing 1st story	05/13/24	pending staff review
6	2402 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition and interior remodel	05/14/24	pending staff review
6	2324 Park Place	R1	Building Permit	Detached garage	05/15/24	pending staff review
6	3422 Park Place	R2	Building Permit	Deck	05/15/24	pending staff review
7	1126 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	Paver walk and landing	08/22/23	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
7	2310 Ridge Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Deck	05/06/24	pending staff review
7	808 Roslyn Terrace	R1	Building Permit	Remove and replace driveway	05/07/24	pending staff review
7	2763 Broadway Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Remove concrete driveway and replace with asphalt	05/07/24	pending staff review
7	2522 Ashland Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Basement remodel	05/10/24	pending staff review
7	2400 Sheridan Road	U1	Building Permit	Remove and replace kitchen coolers and freezer (NU)	05/13/24	pending staff review
7	2345 Bryant Avenue	R1	Building Permit	2nd story addition and interior remodel	05/14/24	pending staff review
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Building Permit	Ryan Stadium core and shell, interior fit-out (NU)	05/15/24	pending staff review
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Building Permit	Ryan Stadium concrete foundation and slab for tent (NU)	05/15/24	pending staff review
8	141 Dodge Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Detached garage	11/17/23	pending additional information from the applicant
8	201 Florence Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Concrete front stairs and sidewalk	05/14/24	pending staff review
9	1825 Seward Street	R2	Building Permit	Driveway and walk	04/29/24	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant

**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
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 LUC 05/22/24

2	1535 Wilder Street	R3	Minor Variation	Street side yard setback to detached garage	04/30/24	determination after 05/22/24
3	518 Main Street	C1a/oDM	Special Use	Special Use for an Animal Hospital (GoodVets)	04/19/24	pending LUC 05/22/24
4	1567 Maple Avenue	D3	Special Use	Special Use for a Religious Institution (2nd Church of Christ, Scientist)	03/22/24	pending P&D
5	1825 Dodge Avenue	R4	Special Use	Special Use to expand a Religious Institution with a new sanctuary addition (Special Use granted in 2009, addition wasn't constructed, Special Use expired)	04/12/24	pending P&D
5	1601 Simpson Street	B1	Special Use	Special Use for a Daycare Center - Child in the B1 zoning district (Infant Welfare Society)	04/26/24	pending LUC 05/22/24
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	Rear yard setback for a 1-story addition	04/22/24	determination after 05/09/24



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager  
From: David Wilson, HVAC Building Inspector  
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report  
Date: May, 17 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.

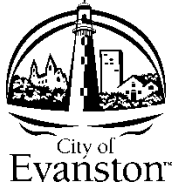
Please contact me at [davidwilson@cityofevanston.org](mailto: davidwilson@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.



## Weekly Field Inspection Report

Friday, May 17, 2024

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
2	1101 Church Street	Multi-Family Building	No changes tenant move in continues.	5/16/2024
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater	Assembly	No changes. Site and Northlight signage are in good condition. No construction fence at this time.	5/16/2024
1	1710 Sherman Avenue	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	No changes. Construction fence and protection remain in place. Rough inspections and interior work continues.	5/16/2024
4	Main Street	Resurfacing	No changes. Removal of existing roadway continues on the north side of Main Street with proper signage and closures in place.	5/16/2024
7	1501 Central Street	Demolition	Press box demolition continues. ERS installation continues on southwest section. Truck washing has begun at Ashland exit. Street sweepers have begun sweeping entire truck route. Construction fence is in place and in good condition.	5/16/2024
1	710 Clark Street	Office Building	No changes. Roadways are clean and clear surrounding site.	5/16/2024
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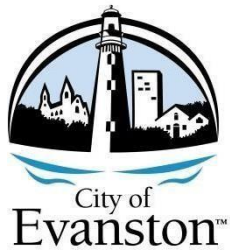
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: May 17, 2024

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
8	329 Howard St	So Soulful Evanston	5/17/2024	Pending Inspections
7	2126 Central St	Great Harvest Bread Co	5/13/2024	Change of Ownership – Pending Inspections
3	1310 ½ Chicago Ave	Peeled Juice Bar	5/9/2024	Pending Permit Issuance
5	1115 Emerson St	Lao Tian Dumplings House	5/9/2024	Pending Inspections
2	2223 Washington St	The Laundry Café (in The Aux)	4/23/2024	Pending Review and Inspections
7	1995 Campus Dr	NU Center East Lawn Redevelopment	4/5/2024	Pending Permit Issuance
5	914 Noyes St	Inspired Indian	3/27/2024	Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
5	1623 Simpson St	Free Flow Kitchen	3/21/2024	Pending Permit Application
1	1618 Sherman Ave	Life Time (Smoothie Bar)	3/19/2024	Pending Permit Issuance
4	1555 Oak St	Museum Inn & Suites Restaurant	2/28/2024	Pending Inspections
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 License Issuance
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: May 17, 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 May 17, 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	7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Thurs); 7 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Fri-Sat); 7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun)	Application pending
1	La Cocinita	1625 Chicago Ave. Evanston, IL 60201	D	Restaurant	7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Thurs); 7 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Fri-Sat); 7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun)	Application pending



# DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



**WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 2024**

## ***Editor's Note:***

Due to Oakton College's closure on Fridays from May 24 through August 2, NWMC staff will work remotely on those days. Therefore, please contact staff via email (see table pp.3-4) or call my cell, 847-846-7699 should you need assistance. Thank you.

## ***One Month Left to RSVP for the NWMC Annual Gala***

Responses and sponsorships are coming in strong for the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual NWMC Gala, scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, at the Renaissance in *Schaumburg*. The Gala will begin with a reception at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP by Friday, June 14 to Marina Durso, [mdurso@nwmc-cog.org](mailto:mdurso@nwmc-cog.org) or 847-296-9200, ext. 122. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Marina Durso*

## ***SPC Extends Combined Office & Janitorial Supplies Contract***

The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Governing Board has approved the award of a combined Janitorial Supplies and Office Supplies Contract (#189) with Warehouse Direct of *Des Plaines*. This contract piggybacks onto the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) agreement with OMNIA Partners solicited and awarded by lead agency Region XIV Education Service Center of Abilene, Texas in accordance with Illinois statute, 525/2, Ch. 85, par. 1602. (Governmental Joint Purchasing Act), which authorizes that any governmental unit may purchase personal property, supplies and services jointly with one or more other governmental units. The contract is effective through May 31, 2025.

Warehouse Direct has been a valued vendor for the SPC for over ten years. Combining office and janitorial supplies into one contract simplifies the ordering process for contract participants. Orders placed today will be delivered next day. Orders may be consolidated or placed separately by phone, fax, or online the same as office products. There is no minimum order requirement and standard delivery is free. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Warehouse Direct Account Executives, Spencer Touchie, 847-631-7188 or [stouchie@warehousedirect.com](mailto:stouchie@warehousedirect.com) or Rick Schackle, 847-631-7428 or [rickschackle@warehousedirect.com](mailto:rickschackle@warehousedirect.com). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

## ***SPC to Host July 31 Vendor Showcase***

Please mark your calendars to attend the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Vendor Showcase on Wednesday, July 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Oakton College, 1600 E. Golf Road in *Des Plaines*. The Showcase will be held in Rooms 1608 and 1610 with parking available in Lot C. This is a free event for attendees and thanks to SPC partner Sourcewell, anyone can attend their presentation and earn one contact hour toward Continuing Education Units (CEUs) with The Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP).

The SPC Vendor Showcase schedule is as follows:

10:00 a.m. – noon: Vendor Showcase – Rooms 1608 and 1610  
Vehicle demonstration in Parking Lot C

Noon – 1:00 p.m.: Lunch  
Sourcewell Presentation & Attendee Collaboration

The SPC Vendor Showcase presents a unique opportunity for local government officials from the SPC's participating councils of government and others to meet one-on-one with SPC vendors at one time. Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC), DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC), South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA), and Will County Governmental League (WCGL) members and staff will be onsite to learn about the products, services and solutions offered by the SPC to help you better serve your communities. Vendors

will have individual display areas where you can discuss your joint purchasing needs.

Additional information and invitations will follow shortly. Please contact NWMC Purchasing Director Ellen Dayan, 847-296-9203 or [edayan@nwmc-cog.org](mailto:edayan@nwmc-cog.org) with any questions. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

### ***IDOT, Active Transportation Alliance to Host ITEP Webinars***

In advance of the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) August opening of the Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) applications, the Active Transportation Alliance and IDOT are partnering to host a webinar series to help prepare for the upcoming funding opportunity. ITEP grants will provide \$140 million in state and federal funding for walking, biking, and trail projects throughout the state. The dates and topics for each webinar are as follows:

- Webinar 1: ITEP basics, eligibility criteria, what's new, and best practices
  - Wednesday, July 10, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  - Registration Link: [here](#)
- Webinar 2: Scoring, application walk through, Q&A with IDOT staff
  - Wednesday, August 21, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  - Registration Link: [here](#)
- Webinar 3: Q&A with IDOT staff
  - Wednesday, September 11, 11:30 am to 1 pm
  - Registration Link: [here](#)

For additional information, please visit the [ITEP website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

### ***USDOT Opens SMART Grant Applications***

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) is now accepting grant applications for Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Stage 1 Planning and Prototyping projects for FY2024. Transportation projects that use advanced data, technology and applications to improve safety and reliability, resiliency, equity and access, climate impacts, public-private partnerships and system integration are eligible for these funds. Specifically, US DOT is looking for innovative projects in Coordinated Automation, Connected Vehicles, Intelligent, Sensor-Based Infrastructure, Systems Integration, Commerce Delivery and Logistics, Leveraging Use of Innovative Aviation Technology, Smart Grid and Smart Technology Traffic Signals. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 12. To learn more, please read the [press release](#) or the [NOFO](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

### ***Apply Today for Rails to Trails Grants***

The Rails to Trails Conservancy (RTC) will award grants between \$5,000 and \$25,000 to support organizations working to create a more inclusive trail experience nationwide. The grant program is open to nonprofit organizations and state, regional, local or tribal government agencies supporting larger regional trail and active-transportation systems. Organizations working with historically disadvantaged communities are encouraged to apply. Please visit the [RTC website](#) for more information. The deadline to apply is Sunday, June 9. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

### ***Apply Today for DCEO Downtown and Economic Recovery Grants***

As a reminder, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) recently announced \$20 million in funding under the Rebuild Downtowns & Main Streets (RDMS) program and \$10 million in funding for Research in Illinois to Spur Economic Recovery (RISE) Implementation Grants. RDMS money will support construction, repair, and modernization of infrastructure in downtown or commercial center areas of economic disinvestment. Eligible projects include roads, parking, public space enhancements, park investments, sustainability upgrades, structural repairs and mixed-use or transit-oriented development. RISE will support water and sewer infrastructure, affordable housing, local workforce development, broadband, site preparation and other programs.

Only one application is permitted. Awards will range from \$250,000 to \$2,000,000 with a required twenty-five percent local government match. Applications are due by Monday, July 22. Interested parties can contact [CEO.GrantHelp@illinois.gov](mailto:CEO.GrantHelp@illinois.gov), visit the [NOFO on the DCEO website](#) or read a [news report from Rockford's WREX](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

## ***Reminder: Apply Today for the IDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program***

As previously reported, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recently opened applications for the FY2026 local Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). \$32 million will be available in funding, with IDOT prioritizing High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) projects and projects that protect Vulnerable Road Users (VRU). No less than 15% of the HSIP will be spent on VRU projects, so applicants are encouraged to develop programs that will utilize these funds.

Projects that address the 2022 Illinois Strategic Highway Safety Plan emphasis areas will also be prioritized, as well as system-wide, systemic safety improvements. Eligible improvement costs can see a maximum of 90% federal funding, with the projects letting within two years of the announced Fiscal Year. Applications will be accepted through Friday, June 14 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please see [IDOT's HSIP webpage](#) and read the [Circular Letter for this funding opportunity](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

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

*Daily Herald:* [State Rep. Walker appointed to vacant Illinois Senate seat](#)

*Daily Herald:* ['Titan of Buffalo Grove': Former Lake County Board chair Stolman left legacy of public service](#)

*Daily Herald:* [Metra piling more trains on UP and Milwaukee lines; Edgewater stop to debut](#)

*Streetsblog Chicago:* [Since COVID, Pace ridership has fared better on major corridors and in north, northwest suburbs than in south, west 'burbs](#)

*Governing:* [Why Some Cities Want to Combine Transit Agencies](#)

*WBEZ:* [How has Chicago transit ridership recovered from the pandemic?](#)

## ***Meetings and Events***

*NWMC Health Directors' Committee* will meet on Tuesday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the *Arlington Heights Village Hall*.

*NWMC Local Government Communicators Committee* will meet on Wednesday, May 22 at 11:00 a.m. at the *Mount Prospect Village Hall* and via videoconference.

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

*NWMC Executive Board* will meet on Wednesday, June 5 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

*NWMC Board of Directors* will meet on Wednesday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

*NWMC Legislative Committee* will meet on Wednesday, June 19 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

*NWMC Annual Gala* will be held on Wednesday, June 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Renaissance *Schaumburg*.

*Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Vendor Showcase* will be held on Wednesday, July 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Oakton College in *Des Plaines*.

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