



# DIRECTORS' REPORT

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JANUARY 2026

# CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

DATA FROM DECEMBER2025

# CONSTRUCTION

In Progress: **31**

First Ward: 7

Second Ward: 5

Third Ward: 2

Fourth Ward: 0

Fifth Ward: 7

Sixth Ward: 5

Seventh Ward: 5

Completed in 2025: **45**

Lead Program: **13**

Healthy Homes: **15**

CDBG Programs: **13**

MIRA Program: **4**

General Wait List: **172**

**all ECDA waitlists remain closed**

Data Updated: 12/29/2025

# PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS

DATA FROM DECEMBER 2025

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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

**GOAL:** dispend funding to social service agencies serving Kankakee residents

## 2025 - 2026

**Cornerstone Services (\$10,000)**  
Funds Drawn Down: \$00.00  
Households Served: 0/20

**Catholic Charities (\$20,000)**  
Funds Drawn Down: \$00.00  
Households Served: 0/9

**Still I Rise (\$10,000)**  
Funds Drawn Down: \$00.00  
Individuals Served: 0/45

**Harbor House (\$20,000)**  
Funds Drawn Down: \$00.00  
Individuals Served: 0/22

**Salvation Army HPP (\$20,000)**  
Funds Drawn Down: \$00.00  
Individuals Served: 0/25

**UPDATE:** all Grant Agreements have been submitted. Quarterly Report due February 13th

## 2026 - 2027

January 16<sup>th</sup>: Applications Due  
February 4<sup>th</sup>: Public Hearing @ CAB  
March 4<sup>th</sup>: CAB Recommendation  
April 6<sup>th</sup>: CD Committee Recommendation  
April: City Council Approval & Grant Agreements Circulated

ECDA Received 11 Letter of Intent from 11 Organizations



# PRIVATE SECURITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Funds available for lighting/camera reimbursement

**DECEMBER: \$1,527.39**  
**7 APPLICATIONS**

## TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDS

Month	# of Applications	Amount Spent
QUARTER 1	18	\$3,214.90
QUARTER 2	13	\$2,532.40
QUARTER 3	10	\$2,114.32
QUARTER 4	14	\$2,632.08
2025	55	\$10,493.7

**REMAINING FUNDS: \$7,367.92**

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DATA FROM DECEMBER 2025

# MEDIA OUTREACH



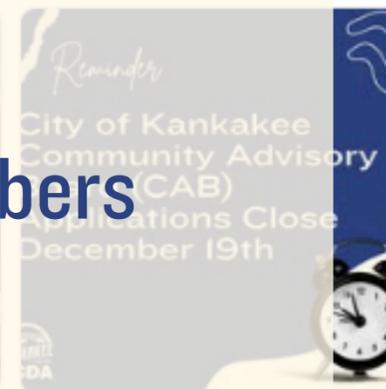
1,507 followers



418 Followers



656 Newsletter Subscribers



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## DECEMBER 2025:

**Kankakee County Museum's Gallery of Trees**

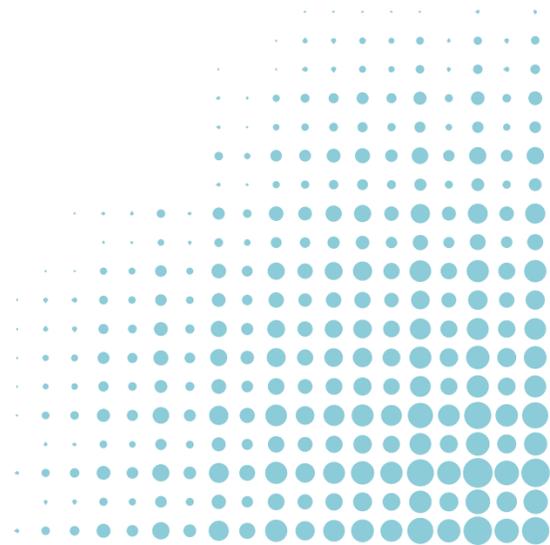
December 4 - 28, 2025 (closed Christmas Day)

ECDA Tree Featured "Kankakee: Then & Now"

## JANUARY 2026:

January 13 - St Mary's Food Pantry

January 22 - Contractor Recruitment



# COMMUNITY MEETINGS

## DECEMBER 2025

December 3 - CAB Meeting

December 4 - Day of Action 2026 Planning Meeting

December 18 - Project SUN Community Planning Team Meeting

## JANUARY 2026:

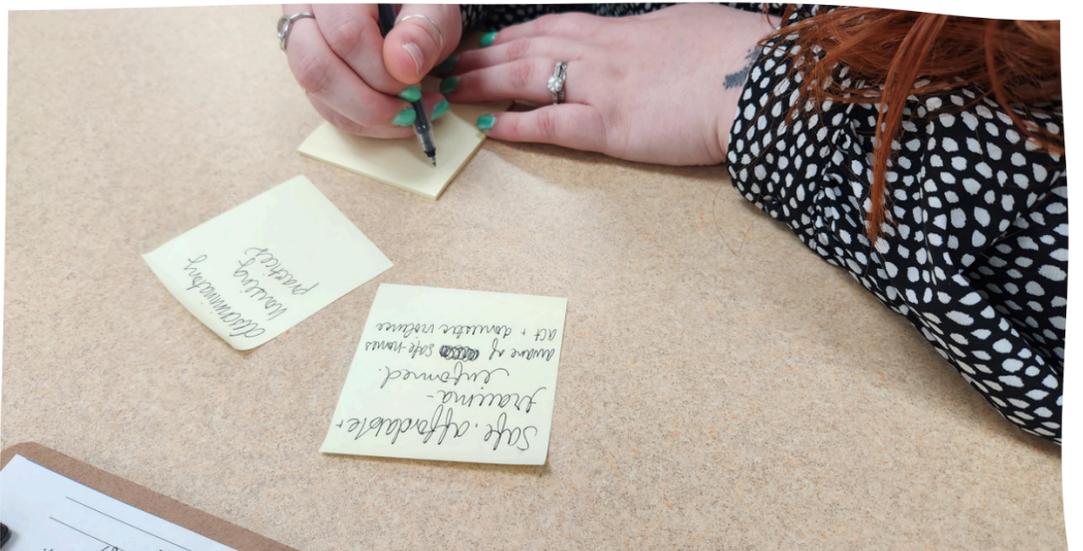
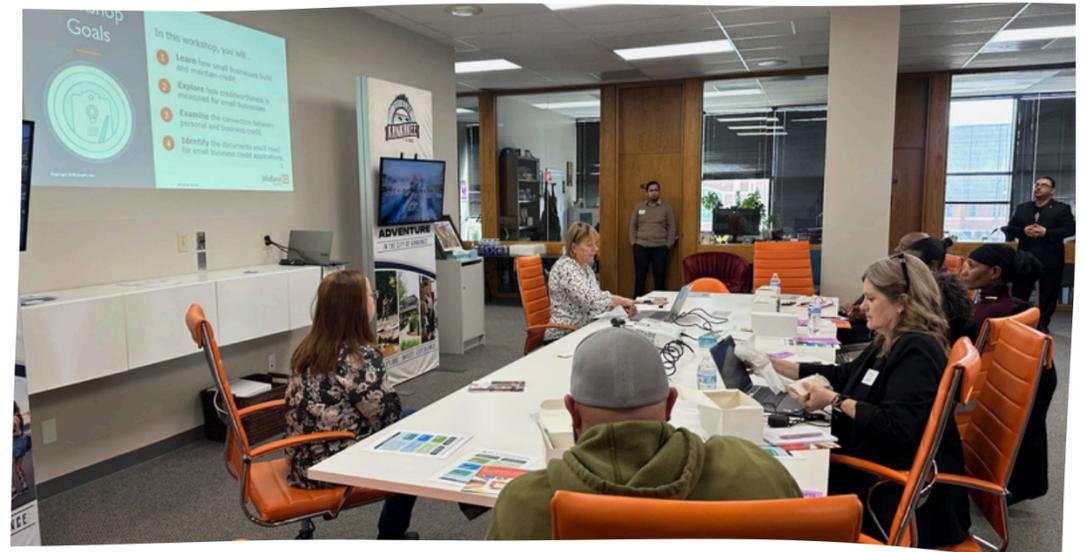
January 6 - KCCOLT Meeting

January 7 - CAB Meeting

January 8 - Central Illinois Continuum of Care Meeting

January 15 - Success by 6 Coalition Meeting

January 28 - KAN-I-Help Info Policy Council Meeting





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## 12-Month Implementation & Evaluation Framework: Community Advisory Board 2026 Goal

**GOAL: Partner with City Council & ECDA team to be more of a public face for their role on the Community Advisory Board, allowing residents to know who they can go to**

### Implementation Plan

#### *Months 1–3: Identity & Visibility Development*

- Work with ECDA communications team to create:
  - CAB member bios + photos, one-page “Meet Your CAB” document
  - Updated website presence with contact information
  - Decide on public-facing email or communication channel
- Establish communication with Ward Council reps to understand Ward-specific needs.
- Develop a Community Engagement Calendar for the year (Ward Meetings & event opportunities)
- Publish CAB profiles on ECDA website & social media

#### *Months 4–6: Visibility Rollout*

- Introduce CAB formally at one City Council or Ward Meeting
- Help promote Ward Meetings through flyer distribution, social shares, and in-person conversations
- Begin wearing name badges at events/meetings

#### *Months 7–10: Resident Outreach*

- Table at ECDA events with a CAB-specific presence
- Host 2 “CAB Office Hours” (in-person or virtual)
- Track resident questions or issues brought to the CAB

#### *Months 11–12: Evaluation & Visibility Review*

- Survey residents on awareness of the CAB and its role
- Meet with Ward Council reps to evaluate the partnership
- Review communication volume and types of resident inquiries
- Update communication materials as needed

### **ANNUAL REVIEW**

Summary of all quantitative metrics collected, summary of community partner feedback (Agencies, City Council, ECDA), board self-assessment, resident survey results

### Evaluation Indicators

*Quantitative:* Number of residents interacting with CAB members

*Qualitative:* Resident understanding of CAB purpose, feedback from ECDA team & City Council, CAB member comfort with public-facing role