



DIRECTORS' REPORT

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FEBRUARY 2026

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

DATA FROM JANUARY 2026

CONSTRUCTION

In Progress: **24**

First Ward: 5

Second Ward: 4

Third Ward: 2

Fourth Ward: 0

Fifth Ward: 6

Sixth Ward: 3

Seventh Ward: 4

General Wait List: **160**

Completed in January:

Lead Program: **3**

Healthy Homes: **1**

CDBG Programs: **0**

MIRA Program: **2**

all ECDA waitlists remain closed

Data Updated: 1/26/2026

LEAD PROGRAM

GOAL: 4 homes completed each month in 2026

42 Total Clearances in 2026



Completed In Previous Month: 3

Completed in FY2025: 13

Completed in 2026: 3

In Progress: 7

First Ward: 1

Second Ward: 3

Third Ward: 1

Fourth Ward: 0

Fifth Ward: 1

Sixth Ward: 1

Seventh Ward: 0

Program Wait List: 89



Data Updated: 1/26/2026

In Progress: **7**

First Ward: 2
Second Ward: 1
Third Ward: 0
Fourth Ward: 0
Fifth Ward: 1
Sixth Ward: 2
Seventh Ward: 1

Completed In Previous Month: 1
Completed in FY2025: 13
Completed in 2026: 1

HEALTHY HOMES

GOAL: 22 homes completed by April 2026



OFFICE OF
LEAD HAZARD CONTROL
AND HEALTHY HOMES

Healthy Children

Healthy Families

Healthy Communities

Data Updated: 1/26/2026

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

GOAL: 14 homes completed in 2026



In Progress: **5**

- First Ward:** 2
- Second Ward:** 0
- Third Ward:** 1
- Fourth Ward:** 0
- Fifth Ward:** 0
- Sixth Ward:** 0
- Seventh Ward:** 2

Completed In Previous Month: 0
Completed in FY2025: 10
Completed in 2026: 0

MEDIAN INCOME REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE

GOAL: 15 completed in 2026



In Progress: **1**

First Ward: 0

Second Ward: 0

Third Ward: 0

Fourth Ward: 0

Fifth Ward: 0

Sixth Ward: 0

Seventh Ward: 1

Program Wait List: **18**

Completed in 2026: **2**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DEMOLITION PROGRAM

GOAL: 8 deteriorated structures in 2026



In Progress: **4**

First Ward: 0

Second Ward: 0

Third Ward: 0

Fourth Ward: 0

Fifth Ward: 4

Sixth Ward: 0

Seventh Ward: 0

Completed in 2026: **0**

The demolition taking place on N 5th Ave continues to be underway. They will resume demolition and backfilling the property as soon as the weather allows.

Data Updated: 12/29/2025

BUSINESS LICENSING

DATA FROM DECEMBER 2025

NEW BUSINESS LICENSES | DECEMBER 2025



- Phil's Friends Kankakee Hope Center | 12/01
- Kankakee County Chamber Of Commerce | 12/01
- One Hope United | 12/23
- Sakura Garage* | 12/23

60 TOTAL TO DATE

*indicates home-based

ATTRACTION UPDATE

DATA FROM JANUARY 2026

| MARKETING & ATTRACTION |

- 2026 ECDA Luncheon
 - \$1500 acquired in sponsorship (1/16)
 - Public Sponsor Request Period: February 16-April 30
 - SAVE THE DATE: JULY 23, 2026
- Lunch n' Learns
 - February 2: Tax Info For Business Owners with Zarate Tax Prep (9/20 seats filled)
 - March 3: Access to Capital with Allies For Community Business
 - April 7: How to Start A Business in Kankakee with Essential Smoothies
 - May 5: How to Become a Certified MWBE with Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Website
 - Housing Counseling page: Live 12/29
 - RERZ page: Live 12/29
- "I Am Kankakee"
 - Planning period to relaunch in spring
 - Call to Action going out in February
- LinkedIn - 161 followers
 - Avg Engagement Rate: 50%
 - Avg Impressions: 133.3
- Inquiries
 - Sourcing site information for 2 developers
 - Closed out 1 inquiry

PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS

DATA FROM JANUARY 2026

Data Updated: 1/26/2026

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: Quarterly Report due February 13th

2026 - 2027

February 4th: Public Hearing @ CAB (12 - 1:45 PM)
March 4th: CAB Recommendation
April 6th: CD Committee Recommendation
April: City Council Approval & Grant Agreements Circulated

ECDA Received 4 eligible applications.



PRIVATE SECURITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Funds available for lighting/camera reimbursement

JANUARY: \$634.51
4 APPLICATIONS

TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDS

Month	# of Applications	Amount Spent
2025	55	\$10,493.7
January 2026	4	\$634.51

REMAINING FUNDS: \$6,142.45

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DATA FROM JANUARY 2026

MEDIA OUTREACH



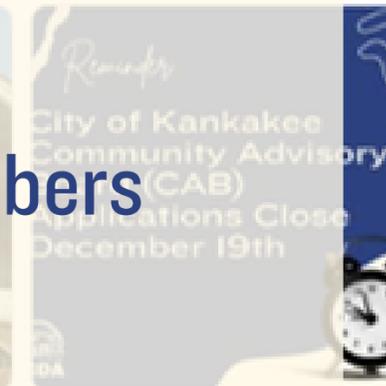
1,524 followers



419 Followers



652 Newsletter Subscribers





COMMUNITY EVENTS

JANUARY 2026:

January 13 - St Mary's Food Pantry

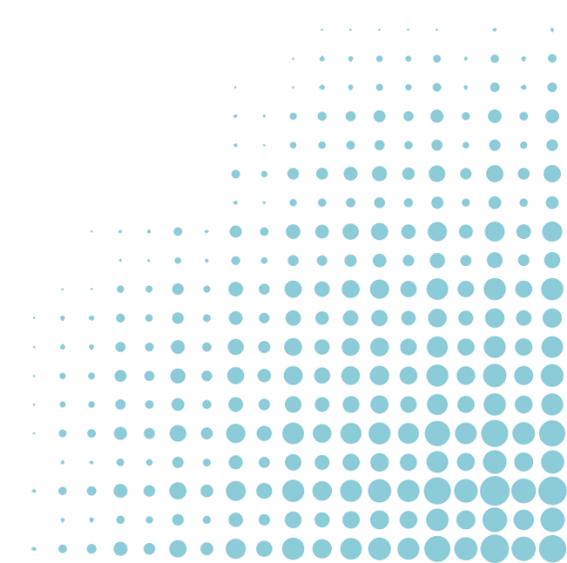
January 22 - Contractor Recruitment



SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 12

Community Conversation with Riverside on Mental Health

5:30pm at Kankakee County Museum



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

JANUARY 2026

January 6 - KCCOLT Meeting

January 7 - CAB Meeting

January 8 - Central Illinois Continuum of Care Meeting

January 18 - Success by 6 Coalition Meeting

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

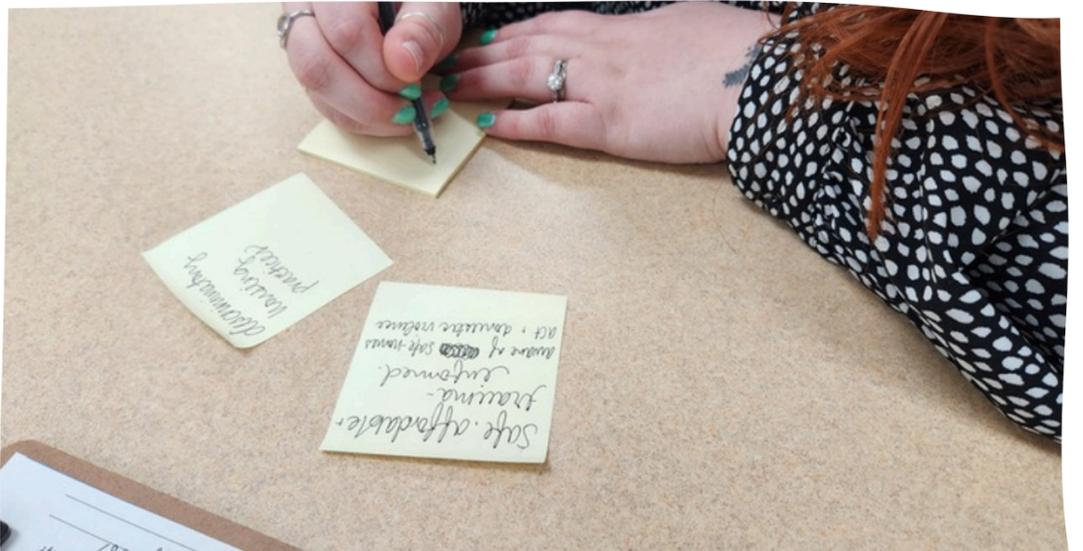
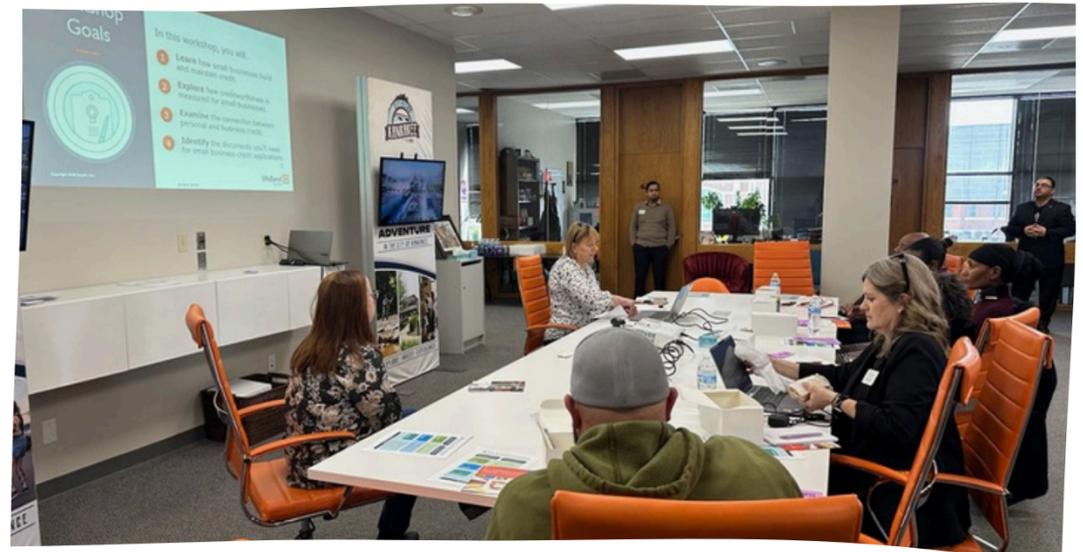
FEBRUARY 2026:

February 3 - KCCOLT Meeting

February 4 - CAB Meeting (CDBG Public Service Public Hearing)

February 5 - Day of Action Planning Meeting

February 5 - Kankakee Continuum of Care Meeting





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