

DEPARTMENT REPORT

AUGUST 2026

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

DATA FROM JULY 2026

CONSTRUCTION

In Progress: **29**

- **First Ward:** 7
- **Second Ward:** 6
- **Third Ward:** 1
- **Fourth Ward:** 1
- **Fifth Ward:** 3
- **Sixth Ward:** 4
- **Seventh Ward:** 7

Completed in August:

- Lead Program: **2**
- Healthy Homes: **2**
- CDBG Programs: **1**
- MIRA Program: **0**
- Rental Rehab **0**

General Wait List: 158

Data Updated: 7/29/2026

all ECDA waitlists remain closed

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STATE OF IL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Construction of the expanded Harbor House Domestic Violence Survivor shelter

Pre-Construction Meeting happened 7/9/26

Waiting on final paperwork to issue Notice to Proceed

1. **Project Fire Protection Contract: Matco Fire Protection**
2. **Project Electrical Contract: KPI Electric**
3. **Project Plumbing Contract: Glade Plumbing**
4. **Project Mechanical Contract: Glade Plumbing**
5. **Project Glazing Contract: Kankakee Ace Hardware**
6. **Project Acoustic Ceiling Tile Contract: Kankakee Ace Hardware**
7. **Project Fire Alarm System Contract: KPI Electric**

PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS

DATA FROM JULY 2026

Data Updated: 7/29/2026

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

GOAL: dispend funding to social service agencies serving Kankakee residents

2025 - 2026 (COMPLETE)

Cornerstone Services ($10,000)
Funds Drawn Down: $9,978.43
Households Served: 30/20 (150%)

Catholic Charities ($20,000)
Funds Drawn Down: $20,000.00
Households Served: 26/30 (87%)

Still I Rise ($10,000)
Funds Drawn Down: $00.00
Individuals Served: 48/45 (107%)

Harbor House ($20,000)
Funds Drawn Down: $20,000.00
Individuals Served: 44/22 (220%)

Salvation Army HPP ($20,000)
Funds Drawn Down: $20,000.00
Individuals Served: 34/25 (136%)

2026 - 2027

WAITING FOR FEDERAL GRANT AGREEMENT

Cornerstone Services: $5,950.00
Harbor House: $21,600.00
Catholic Charities: $26,500.00
Hippocrates Medical Clinic: $15,950.00

PRIVATE SECURITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Funds available for lighting/camera reimbursement

JULY: $2,835.27
16 APPLICATIONS

TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDS

Month	# of Applications	Amount Spent
2025	55	$10,493.7
2026 Quarter 1	7	$1,214.47
2026 Quarter 2	10	$1,816.74
July 2026	16	$2,835.27

REMAINING FUNDS: $00.00

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

DATA FROM JUNE 2026

NEW BUSINESS LICENSES | MAY 2026



- J&B West Roofing | 5/29

1 TOTAL TO DATE

*indicates home-based

BUSINESS RETENTION VISITS REPORT

COMPANIES SURVEYED:

- CRESCO LABS
- STEFARI WEST AVENUE
- KANKAKEE SPIKEBALL, INC.
- PEOPLE'S BANK OF KANKAKEE COUNTY
- BLESSED 4 TRAVEL 2

HIGHLIGHTS:

CITY ASSETS

POPULATION, PEOPLE, ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS, BUSINESS RETENTION, KANKAKEE RIVER, COMMUNITY EVENTS, SPECIAL SERVICE AREAS, STRONG BUSINESS SUPPORT, RIVERWALK PROJECT, LOCAL CONTRACTORS, LOCATION, AFFORDABLE RENT

CHALLENGES

REAL ESTATE TAXES, ROAD/SIDEWALK CONDITIONS, HOMELESS SITUATION, HIGH RENT RATES, LIGHTING, PARKING, "KANKAKEE IS DANGEROUS" MENTALITY

UPCOMING PLANS

MAJORITY DO NOT HAVE PLANS TO RENOVATE, EXPAND, OR RELOCATE







COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DATA FROM JULY 2026

MEDIA OUTREACH



1,669 followers

456Followers

667 Newsletter Subscribers

COMMUNITY EVENTS



JULY 2026:

July 9 - Community Conversation w. U of I Extension Office

July 11 - Kankakee Public Library Family Fun Day

July 23 - Annual Luncheon

July 28 - Mission: Possible! NonProfit Workshop



AUGUST 2026:

August 1 - Back to School Bash w. Kankakee United

August 10 - Teacher Resource Fair w. Kankakee School District #111

August 13 - Community Conversation w. Kankakee Workforce Services
@ Kankakee County Museum at 5:30 PM



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

JULY 2026:

July 1 - CAB Meeting

July 7 - KCCOLT Meeting

July 8 - COAD Third Quarter Meeting

July 9 - Central Illinois Continuum of Care Meeting

July 29 - I-KAN Info Policy Council Meeting

AUGUST 2026:

August 4 - KCCOLT Meeting

August 5 - CAB Meeting

August 6 - Kankakee Continuum of Care Meeting

August 27-28 - ECDA Strategic Planning









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DRAFT 12-Month Implementation & Evaluation Framework: Community Advisory Board Goals

Overall Structure

- **Working Groups:** 2 subgroups aligned with goals (2–3 members each)
- **Reporting:** Subgroups provide monthly progress updates
- **Evaluation:** Quarterly check-ins + Annual review

BOARD MEETING STRUCTURE

1. Subgroup Reports (10–15 minutes each)
    a. Quick Review of Metrics (attendance, outreach, materials distributed)
    b. Next-Month Action Items
2. Upcoming Activities (Block Parties, Ward Meetings, ECDA events)
3. Barriers & Resource Needs
4. Resident Feedback Review

QUARTERLY CHECK-INS

What to Review: Progress toward each goal, engagement, partnerships & communication effectiveness, budget needs, resident feedback, adjustments to outreach or event plans

ANNUAL REVIEW

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

GOAL 1: Increase resident connectedness and awareness by supporting neighborhood-level engagement through Block Parties, Community Events, and Ward Meetings

<u>Implementation Plan</u>

Months 1–2: Planning & Capacity Building

- Form Community Engagement Subgroup (2–3 members)
- Establish communication with Ward Council reps to understand Ward-specific needs.
- Develop a Block Party/Event Toolkit (simple checklist, timeline, permit guidance, outreach ideas)
- Identify opportunities for Block Parties, neighborhood gatherings, and community events.
- Develop a Community Engagement Calendar for the year (Ward Meetings & event opportunities)
- Create outreach materials (flyers, social media, sign-in sheets)

Months 3–5: Outreach & Early Activation

- Help promote Ward Meetings through flyer distribution, social shares, and in-person conversations
- Identify and recruit residents interested in hosting Block Parties
- Offer 2 planning sessions for residents interested in neighborhood gatherings
- Attend at least 1 Ward Meeting to introduce the CAB's role in community engagement

Months 6–9: Events & Implementation

- Support or co-host at least 2 Block Parties or neighborhood gatherings
- Table at 2 community events (one summer, one fall)

- Attend or support at least 3 Ward Meetings or Ward-sponsored activities
- Collect sign-in sheets or quick feedback cards

Months 10–12: Evaluation & Sustainability Planning

- Conduct a resident feedback survey
    - Awareness of Ward Meetings & neighborhood events
    - Gauge community connection and trust
    - Evaluate attendance, reach, and resident satisfaction
- Meet with Ward Council reps to evaluate the partnership
- Identify improvements for next year's outreach and event support.

Evaluation Indicators

Quantitative: Number of Block Parties held, number of community events participated in, number of residents engaged, number of planning sessions offered

Qualitative: Resident feedback themes, board reflections on what supported trust and relationship-building

GOAL 2: Partner with 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

- Form CAB Visibility Subgroup (2–3 members)
- 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

Months 4–6: Visibility Rollout

- Publish CAB profiles on ECDA website & social media
- Introduce CAB formally at one City Council or Ward Meeting
- 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
- Review communication volume and types of resident inquiries
- Update communication materials as needed

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