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The Village of Flanagan to Receive \$895.3 thousand - Community Revitalization Grant

The Village of Flanagan receives a grant as part of a \$10 million statewide investment to accelerate economic growth and community revitalization.

Flanagan, Illinois — The Village of Flanagan today announced that it has been selected to receive an Implementation grant of \$895.3 thousand from the Research in Illinois to Spur Economic Recovery (RISE) program. As part of the state-funded program, Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) will award a total of \$10 million for nine community revitalization projects, which will enable grantees to implement projects aligned with economic recovery plans developed through a RISE Planning grant.

"As Governor, one of my top priorities is to reverse decades of neglect and broken promises and bring jobs, opportunity, and hope back to communities across Illinois while breathing new life into our downtown corridors and beyond," said Governor JB Pritzker. "This program will directly support 25 communities across the state by funding critical community development projects, housing, and infrastructure while revitalizing commercial corridors."

David Iverson, President of the VOF Board of Trustees, said, "This grant makes it possible to improve our 50-year-old wastewater treatment facility so that it is ready to support population and economic growth. This grant greatly boosts our community's morale, sustainability, and growth."

The Village of Flanagan's proposal to the IDCEO 3304-2756-RISE Implementation addresses two significant needs identified in our 2024-2029 Five-Year Economic Recovery Plan, supported by a RISE Planning Grant: recovering from the pandemic economic downturn, and establishing sustainable population and economic growth.

Capital Project. Improvements to two lagoons at the wastewater treatment facility. This infrastructure improvement will maximize the system's capacity to support the influx of anticipated new home builds.

The lagoons are nearing the end of their useful life and must be dredged to restore optimal functioning and safely support the growing community. Strong wastewater infrastructure is the foundation for the maintenance and growth of the population.

The total cost of the improvement is projected to be \$1,193,815. The State of Illinois DCEO Award of **\$895,360** is 75% of the improvement, with \$298,455 as a 25% local match. The timeline for completion is expected to be 2 years.

We anticipate that these improvements will

- Employ five or more local construction companies in Flanagan and Pontiac (Livingston County).
- Enhance the overall quality of life in our community.
- Attract people to move to our community to rent, buy, and build homes.

"This is exciting news! This grant will allow us to take a major step in keeping our wastewater facilities safe and prepared for future growth," said Marc Bresner, Public Works Supervisor.

Through the RISE Implementation Program, the State is allocating funding toward economic development projects or initiatives identified in plans produced with support from [RISE Local and Regional Planning grants](#) to accelerate economic recovery. This includes acquiring land for affordable housing development, street scaping, historic building renovation, and other critical infrastructure projects identified in localities' RISE plans.