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Today, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman announced 28 Hoosier communities will receive grants totaling \$24.6 million for stormwater improvement projects. These funds, from the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, will help meet the needs of these communities.

"In these tough economic times, it is critical to leverage all of the resources we can to help our small towns grow and meet the needs of their residents," Lt. Governor Skillman said. "Stormwater infrastructure is critical to our communities. It only takes a few minutes for a storm to cause damage that will lead to weeks, months and sometimes years of recovery work."

The communities will use their funding for projects that include new or improved pipes, manholes, curbs, or drains. Grants are awarded through a competitive application process. Community distress needs, percentage of low-to-moderate income households served, and project's impact on overall economic recovery efforts were considered in the scoring procedure.

Indiana's CDBG program is administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. OCRA provides technical assistance to community leaders during the 18-month implementation of their storm water improvement projects.

Grantees include:

Applicant	County	Grant Amount
Medaryville, Town of	Pulaski	\$922,680
Laurel, Town of	Franklin	\$990,000
Brown County	Brown	\$440,000
Monon, Town of	White	\$897,000
Hamlet, Town of	Starke	\$870,000
Dale, Town of	Spencer	\$916,000
North Vernon, City of	Jennings	\$1,000,000
Decker, Town of	Knox	\$1,000,000
Chalmers, Town of	White	\$995,000
LaPaz, Town of	Marshall	\$972,771
Union City, City of	Randolph	\$906,120
Mentone, Town of	Kosciusko	\$1,000,000
Silver Lake, Town of	Kosciusko	\$995,000
Hope, Town of	Bartholomew	\$828,645
Lagro, Town of	Wabash	\$316,300
Reynolds, Town of	White	\$256,000
Wolcott, Town of	White	\$949,295
Veedersburg, Town of	Fountain	\$965,125
Marengo, Town of	Crawford	\$977,094
Salem, City of	Washington	\$990,606
Scottsburg, City of	Scott	\$807,580
Vevay, Town of	Switzerland	\$1,000,000
North Liberty, Town of	St. Joseph	\$975,450
Fulton, Town of	Fulton	\$855,000
Grandview, Town of	Spencer	\$863,450
Waveland, Town of	Montgomery	\$999,935
Spencer, Town of	Owen	\$991,700
Osgood, Town of	Ripley	\$995,000