

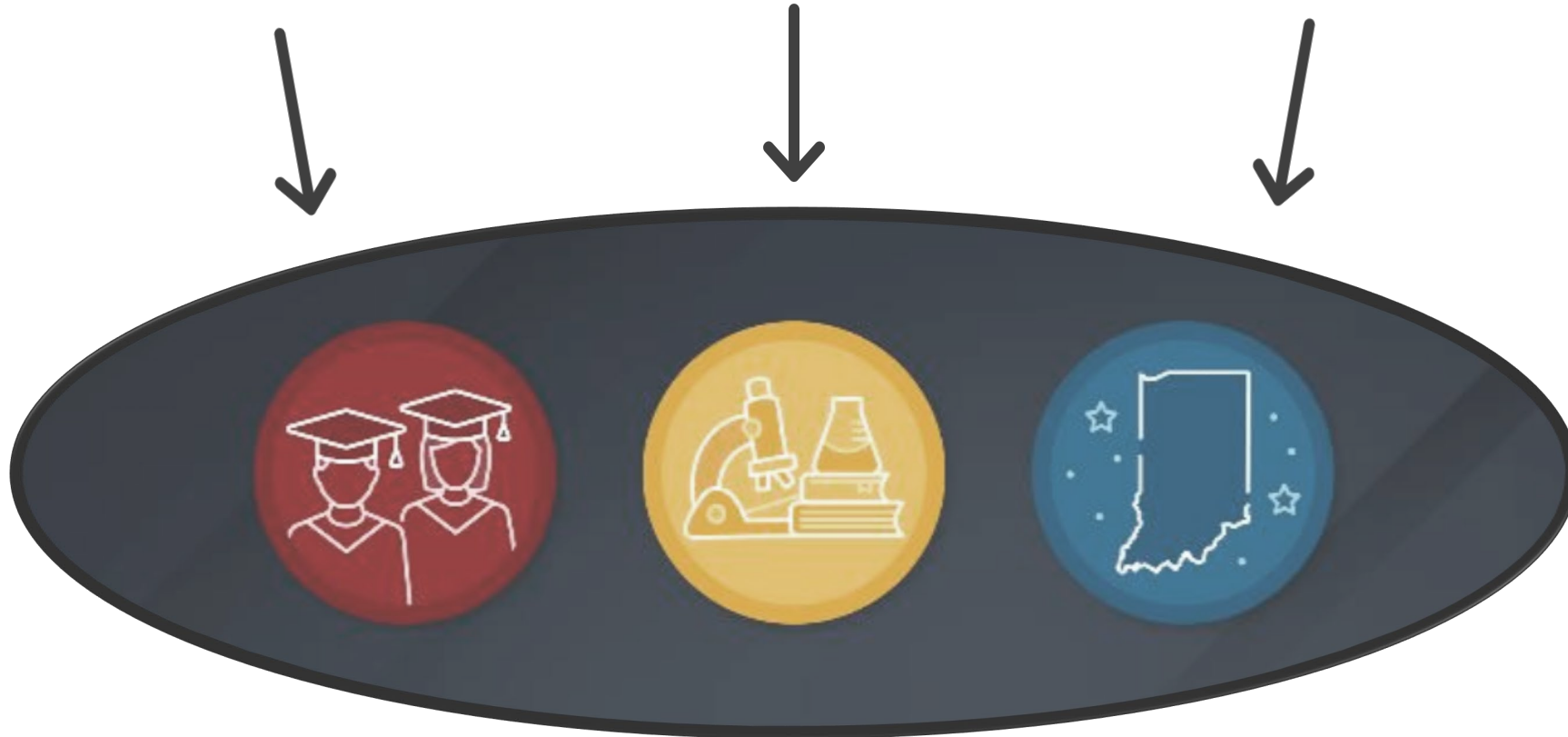
The Fast.... ...and the Funded

Tools to accelerate progress
in Indiana communities



The Environmental Resilience Institute (ERI)

co-creates environmental resilience and climate solutions by integrating education, research, and community.



2024 Hoosier Resilience Hero



Debbie Palmer

President, Lake Maxinkuckee
Environmental Fund

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Senior, Elkhart High School

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Billie Warren

Founder, Jibek Mbwakawen, Inc.



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Marianne Peters

Director, Marshall County Recycle Depot

Accelerating Action



PLANNING
SATURATION



HISTORIC
FUNDING



URGENCY



HIGH QUALITY
JOBS



RESILIENT
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

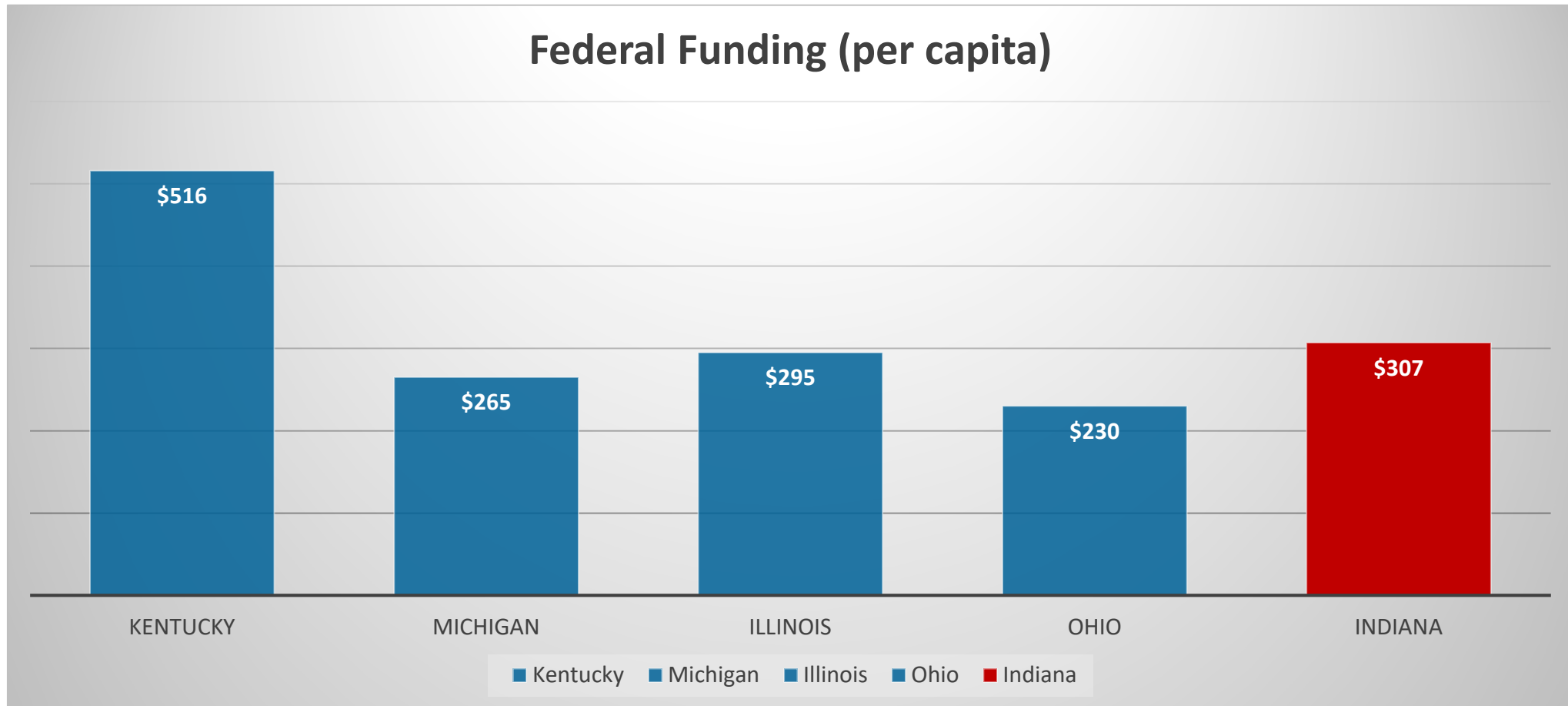


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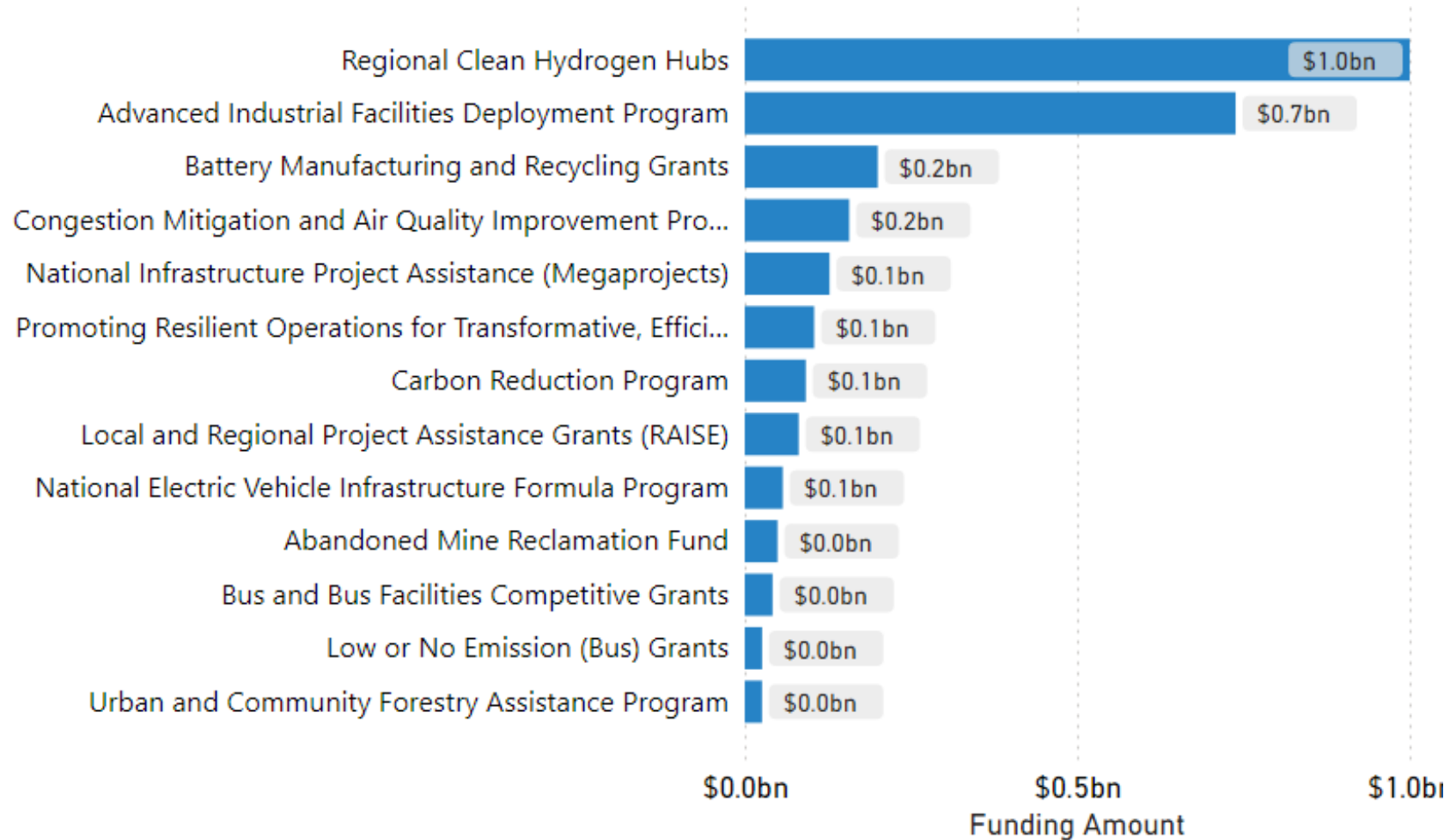
PUBLIC HEALTH
AND SAFETY

Indiana's Share of IRA/IIJA Climate Funds



Awards to Indiana by Program

Funding Awarded by Program



Outcomes Dashboard
Data as of 4/15/24

Funding Awarded by Recipient Type



Awards to Indiana by Sector

Recipient Category	Project Count	Sum of Funding Amount
Commercial/Industry	81	\$1,978,866,320
State Governments	32	\$678,116,406
Local Governments	51	\$118,011,944
Public Transit Agencies	7	\$76,325,225
NGOs	4	\$27,623,870
Other	5	\$26,542,248
Federal Agencies	5	\$12,865,000
Higher Education	1	\$5,000,000
Schools	4	\$3,340,000
Utilities	1	\$1,000,000



INDIANA RESILIENT COMMUNITIES STUDY



Aaron Deslatte, PhD | 2022

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Please select UP TO THREE barriers.

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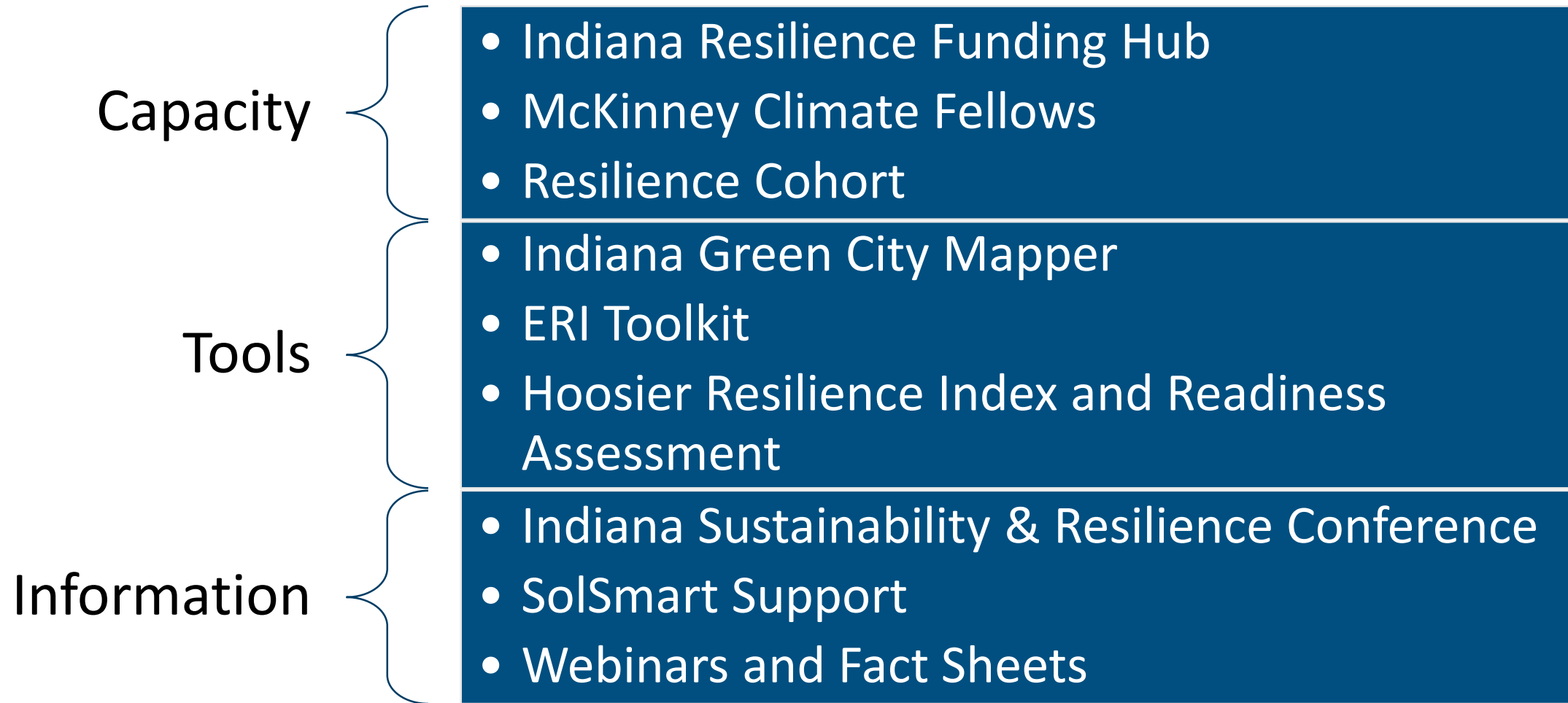
78 %

53 %

29 %

17-23 %

Bridging Local Gaps



Capacity: Get Funded



- IRFH helps bring federal funding to rural communities for local resilience and energy projects
- Tools, data, resources, training, webinars, and guides
- Local governments, community organizations, and small businesses where population <50k

Partnership Examples

- Zionsville –Next Level Trails
- Newburgh, Holland, and Rushville – Safe Streets for All
- Peru Public Library – Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy
- Jasper – Landfill to Solar Field
- Gentryville – EV police vehicles
- May Creek Farms – Community Solar



Other Collaborations

- Climate Pollution Reduction Grants – Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Louisville, IDEM (letters of support, outreach, committee participation)
- Richmond, New Albany, West Lafayette, Columbus (EECBG)
- Lake Monroe Water Fund (Landscape Scale Restoration Act)
- Wabash Valley Power Alliance (Justice40 Mapping, USDA New ERA, PACE)
- Indiana Forest Alliance (Letter of Support & UGI assistance)
- City of Bloomington (Charging Fueling Infrastructure grant review)
- Indiana Community Action Association (Solar for All consortium)

Notable Federal Funding and Incentives

**Urban Green
Infrastructure
(\$26 million to IN
communities)**

**Climate Pollution
Reduction Grants
(CPRG)**

Solar for All

**Rural Energy for
America Program
(REAP)**

**Home Efficiency
Rebates**

**Safe Streets For All
(SS4A)
(Coming back
around this month)**

**Tax Credits and
Direct Pay**

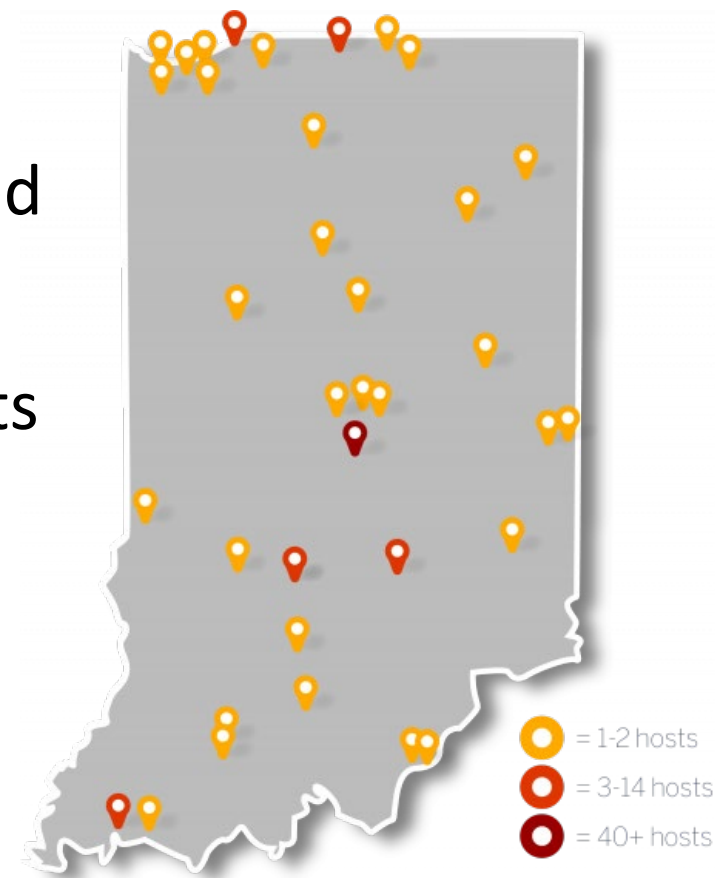
Capacity: Get Staffed

McKinney Climate Fellows:

Growing the Sustainability Workforce in Indiana

- Recruit and place IU students across the state
- Corporate, nonprofit, government, and higher ed
- Full-time summer support at a low cost
- Sustainability, resilience, climate, energy projects
- Jobs created, awesome Hoosier talent retained!

Host applications
open in early Fall!





Isioma Nwayor presented climate trends affecting Gary, Ind. during a community workshop informing city resilience planning efforts.



Ben Richardson led research and gathered data on behalf of Pacers Sports & Entertainment to inform their sustainability plan.



Francisco Martinez Marquez (left) assisted with community resilience trainings at the OH-KY-IN Regional Council.

Capacity: Get Stuff Done



Resilience Cohort: Empowering Indiana local governments

- Focused, time-bound project
- Towns, cities, counties, and regional agencies
- Highly subsidized technical assistance and coaching from experts
- Embedded McKinney Climate Fellow
- Get ready-to-fund
- Assessments, planning, implementation



Resilience Cohort 2025

Heat Pump Mythbusters

- Manufacturer and financing partnerships
- Contractor engagement and training
- Public awareness and education
- **Demonstration projects!** Heat pump systems installed to show technology and benefits

Urban Green Infrastructure

- Professional land use cover and tree canopy assessment
- Community engagement to identify priority planting areas
- Equity-based tree-planting plan
- **100 trees!** planted and maintained, where most needed
- Also in 2026, 2027

McKinney Midwest Climate Project By The Numbers

201 McKinney Climate Fellows placements
from **6 IU campuses**

92 MCF host organizations, spanning the private,
public, and nonprofit sectors

70% of past fellows live and work in Indiana
after completing the program

40% of MCF alumni work in climate careers
in the Midwest



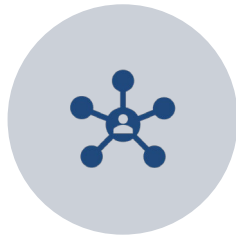
48 local governments assisted with climate
action and preparedness

16 climate action plans initiated through ERI's
Resilience Cohort

8 solar-friendly community designations achieved

7 community-wide, equity-based tree planting
plans developed

Feel the Need for Speed?



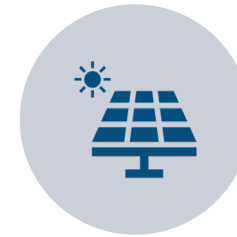
Host a
Climate
Fellow



Apply for
2025
Resilience
Cohorts



Visit
Funding
Hub
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Start your
SolSmart
process



Thank you!

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Resilience Cohort Participants

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Assess	14		24		8	
Plan		10		7		
Implement			12	9		11

