

2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT



**HELPING PEOPLE
CHANGING LIVES**

Mission

Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation is a charitable and educational organization that exists to serve the most vulnerable populations and to mitigate poverty through the administration of federal, state, local, and private resources. IVEDC shall be a catalyst and advocate for the interest of its clients in order to improve lives and enrich communities.

Vision

Providing a broad range of individual and family services, designed to change lives, increase self-sufficiency, embody a spirit of hope, improve communities and make our service area a better place to live.

Values

- Increased Client Self-Sufficiency
- Enhancing Communities
- Strengthening Partnerships
- Operational Excellence



From the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation is a Community Action Agency that offers supportive services to at-risk populations in Calhoun, Macoupin, Jersey, and Greene Counties. The last few years have presented a variety of challenges for the people we serve. From homelessness due to lack of landlords in the service area, to food insecurity due to the increased price of groceries, or employment issues due to transportation, IVEDC was there to assist people in overcoming these challenges. As we transition into a new year and hopefully toward a new normal, IVEDC works toward improving our current services and expanding what we can offer to the community.

Last year alone, Illinois Valley assisted over 5,000 individuals and families. Because of our programs, families have been able to work towards achieving their short-term goals as well as long-term goals. IVEDC assists with individuals wanting to further their education, families who literally are or are at-risk of becoming homeless, and the cost of higher than ever energy bills. In addition, IVEDC offers many other programs that assist families ranging in age from pregnant mothers with Early Head Start Education, all the way to Seniors with senior nutrition programs.

We want to thank all of our partners, businesses, volunteers, board members, and our employees for their much appreciated support. IVEDC could not help the thousands of households in our community without that support. Our dedicated employees have a strong voice in our mission to “Helping People, Changing Lives”.

With Warmest Regards,

Stephanie Stahlhut
Executive Director

Community Services Block Grant

The CSBG Program offers information, referral, and assistance in securing services from a wide range of social, economical, health and welfare programs available to the low-income, elderly, and other disadvantaged individuals and families.

Annual Overview

- The Job Placement and Development/Education for Employment Program provides job search, resume preparation, job seeking skills and interview techniques. It also provides for sponsorship for short-term training programs such as Certified Nurse's Aide among other certification programs offered at community colleges.
- During the 2022 program, IVEDC implemented a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Program, Child Development Associate (CDA) Program, job skill training, and weekly classes to assist with client needs and class preparation.
- The Cardboard Recycling Project, operated at the Jerseyville Rehabilitation Center, has provided employment opportunities and benefits the community through its recycling activity.
- A Craft project was included in the Economic Development Component alongside the Cardboard Recycling Project which provides activities and employment opportunities, as well as making the Rehabilitation project more self supporting.
- IVEDC received funding to continue operation of a 'Homeless Prevention Program' and an Emergency Solutions Grant that allows IVEDC to assist households who are homeless or in 'near homeless/homeless' situations with the provision of rental assistance, and case management.

CSBG Success Story

Ms. R sought assistance after an unexpected divorce, leaving her and her children without housing. With the assistance of CSBG Services, she was able to gain permanent, stable and affordable housing for herself and her children. She received multiple services that the agency offers to help with utilities, food vouchers, employment services and basic living needs. Without the programs offered at IVEDC, she wouldn't have had the money for these essential needs.

CSBG Core Services

Job Placement/Development and Employment Projects – 10 individuals served
Provides employment through education services to generate jobs.

Employment Generating Projects – 7 individuals served
Operation of a Cardboard Recycling Project and a Craft Project for adults with disabilities.

Other Employment Projects - 35 individuals served
Provides transportation assistance for employment and educational purposes.

Education – 7 individuals served
Scholarships are available to assist with financial assistance for income eligible college students.

Emergency Services – 507 individuals served
Provides emergency services to participants in a crisis situation. (i.e. rental deposit, back rent, water deposit, car repairs, food and clothing vouchers, etc.)

Information and Referral - 691 individuals served
Provides various referrals to income eligible individuals.

Senior Citizens Programs – 592 individuals served
Includes operation of a senior services project to supplement and enhance elderly programming within the agency.

Family Development/Intervention for Family Stabilization – 117 individuals served
Provides long-term case management and family development services to income eligible households.

COVID Relief Employment Projects - 2 individuals served
Provides transportation assistance for employment and Educational purposes.

COVID Relief Emergency Services - 84 individuals served
Provides emergency services to help participants in a crisis situation. (i.e. rental assistance, back rent, water deposit, car repairs, food and clothing vouchers, etc.)

COVID Relief Information and Referral - 86 individuals served
Provides various referrals to income eligible individuals.



Head Start

The IVEDC Head Start and Early Head Start programs and the ISBE Prevention Initiative 0-3 program provide young children and families with support and learning to promote school readiness. Each program has developmentally appropriate and research based curriculum which is used by staff to provide opportunities for learning in the areas of social-emotional development, language and literacy, cognition, motor and physical development and approaches to learning. Families also receive support for increasing self-sufficiency and for meeting family goals.

Program Highlights

- The 2021-2022 program year for IVEDC Head Start/EHS and ISBE started out well. The pandemic restrictions had mostly been lifted. In August, we were able to resume in-person services at normal participation levels. Staff and children were required to wear a mask, and volunteers/parents were still strictly limited in the Head Start centers. Home-based services resumed as well. Enrollment was down, but we worked on getting the word out to families that our services were available and that we were taking precautions to keep children healthy and safe. Most of our staff positions were filled as we began the program year.
- Camera systems were installed to provide views of the classrooms, hallways, playgrounds and parking areas at Carlinville Head Start, Greene County Head Start, Jersey County Head Start, and South Macoupin Head Start.
- 176 children were served throughout Macoupin, Greene, Jersey, and Calhoun Counties through Center-Based, Home-Based or Early Head Start.
- IVEDC improved policies and procedures in the areas of child safety and staff wellness and increased salaries to attract qualified candidates.





School Readiness

Children were assessed using Teaching Strategies GOLD at three checkpoints during the program year to determine the number meeting or exceeding the widely held expectations for school readiness, which is aligned with the Head Start Early Learning Objectives Framework (HSELOF). Data shows overall growth in each area of development, with an average of 28% growth per area of children meeting or exceeding the goals at the end of the program year.

Learning Area of Development	Percentage of Children Meeting/Exceeding Objectives		
	November	February	May
Social Emotional	51%	71%	77%
Physical	66%	82%	89%
Language	55%	80%	80%
Cognitive	52%	76%	81%
Literacy	45%	71%	79%
Mathematics	51%	70%	80%

Energy Assistance

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

For many Illinois households, energy costs place a severe and continuing stress on the family's budget. In some instances, the household is forced to make painful decisions regarding which bill to pay and which necessities to survive without. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is designed to assist eligible low-income households afford the rising cost of their energy bill.

Program Highlights

- The (UDAP) Utility Disconnection Avoidance Program allowed clients that had received assistance during the 2022 program year to receive an additional payment towards their utilities.
- With the assistance from Ameren Cares, Warm Neighbors/Cool Friends, Fresh Start programs, and other various donations, we were able to assist with more utility bills, including over income households and those needing extra assistance.
- With the extra funding and successful utilization of new systems and ways to complete applications, we completed more applications this year than we did in the previous year, making it a very successful program.

Families Helped

Type of Assistance	Number of Households	Allocation Expended
One-Time Benefit	2,887	\$3,564,053
PIPP	463	\$436,585
Reconnection	667	\$405,848
Furnace	32	\$71,493

LIHEAP Success Story

Miss J. was experiencing domestic violence at home and had to flee. We were able to help her with housing and then we were able to help her pay off an old power bill with the LIHEAP program in order to get into her new home. Otherwise, she would not have had the money for these essential needs.

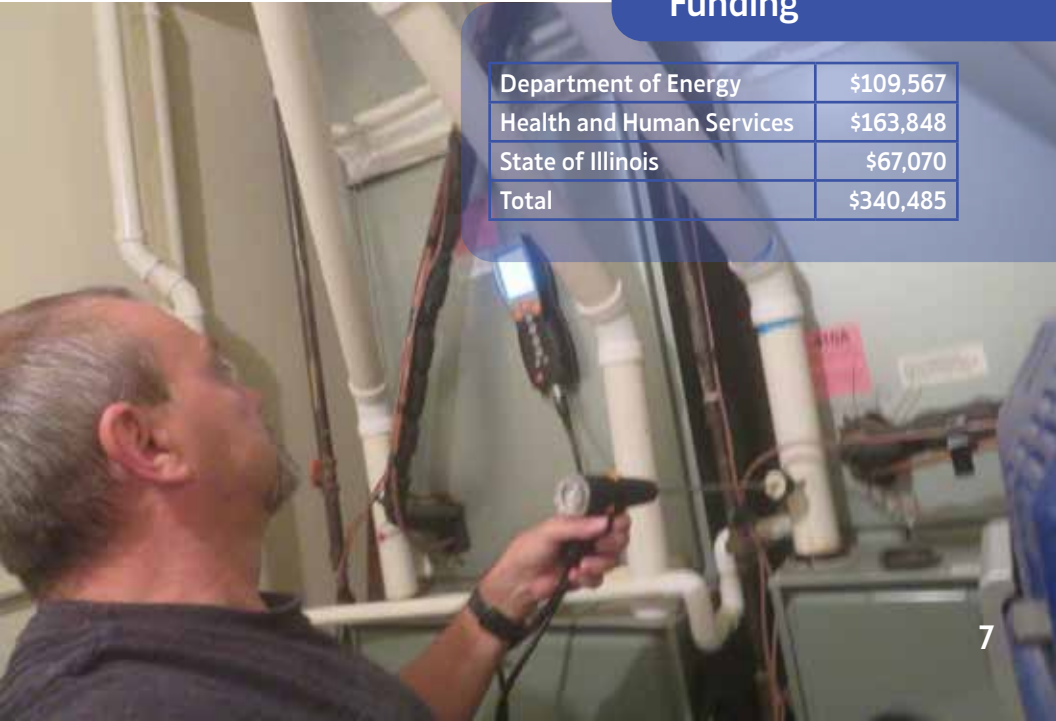
Weatherization Assistance Program

The Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP) is designed to help low-income residents save energy and money while making the home safer and increasing the comfort of their home. Some of the energy saving measures performed on a home may include:

- Insulating attics, walls, floors
- Seal air infiltration leaks
- Perform health and safety tasks
- Installation of carbon monoxide detectors, smoke alarms
- Installation of exhaust fans
- LED light bulbs
- Replacement of refrigerators, freezers
- Replacement of air conditioning unit

Funding

Department of Energy	\$109,567
Health and Human Services	\$163,848
State of Illinois	\$67,070
Total	\$340,485



Senior Services

In-Home Care

The IVEDC Senior In-Home Care Program is contracted with the Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) to provide in-home assistance to individuals age 60 and over with one-on-one, non-medical support with activities of daily living through the Community Care Program. These activities may include personal care, house-keeping, laundry, meal preparation, bathing, dressing, grooming, shopping and socialization.

The IVEDC Senior In-Home Care Program helps make it possible for senior participants to lead a meaningful, independent life in the comforts of their own home.

Annual Overview

- Home visits were conducted and completed in November 2021 via telephone, due to COVID-19 restrictions. By April, we were once again allowed to conduct the home visits in person.
- The Illinois Department on Aging introduced a new Training Tracker Portal and conducted training to all providers.
- Quarterly/mandatory Home Care Aide in-service trainings were performed in-person with extreme safety measures.
- As part of the resolution to staff turnover, IVEDC has raised the base starting pay for Home Care Aides to \$13.00 per hour.



Average # of Participants	63
Average # of Home Care Aides	21
Average Monthly Service Hours	1,500

Nutrition

IVEDC Senior Citizen Nutrition Program was formed in 1974 to provide nutritional meals to senior citizens, age 60 and over.

The Nutrition Program service area includes Greene, Jersey and Macoupin counties, with meal sites located in Carrollton, Jerseyville, Palmyra, Gillespie, Carlinville and Brighton. The meals are designed to provide at least 1/3 of the recommended daily nutritional needs of senior citizens.

Annual Overview

- The congregate meal units began again in August 2021. With the increased home delivered meals and congregate meals beginning again, we are set to achieve 100% of our projected outcomes.
- We continue to educate seniors on the importance of their donations in an attempt to improve and increase program income.
- We continue to use volunteers from churches in all of our service areas for meal deliveries. We also have community, business, and individual volunteers, on a regular basis, who assist with meal delivery.

69,052 Home-Delivered Meals were distributed this year



Developmental Disabilities - Day Services

Gillespie Community Day Services

The Gillespie Rehabilitation Center CDS is a day program operating throughout the year serving persons with developmental disabilities who reside in or near our service areas of Macoupin and Southern Montgomery counties. Transportation is offered to all program participants.

The purpose of the CDS program is to provide for the development of social, recreational, educational, vocational, and independent living skills training with the best possible programming within the least restrictive environment. Services are geared from basic life skills to actual work and skills training required for work tasks.

Annual Overview

- There were 47 individuals served throughout the year.
- Staff work with participants, guardians, and parents to best determine needed skills and to set goals.
- Staff continually work towards obtaining new contracts to give participants additional work venues. Four participants are employed at the Coalfield Rest Area on a part-time basis. One participant is employed at the Rail Splitter Rest Area on a part-time basis. Two participants are employed in the community on a part-time basis. Many also work on Recycling and janitorial tasks to earn a regular paycheck. Participants are paid hourly and/or piece rates for work performed in compliance with the U.S. Department of Labor standards.



Jerseyville Community Day Services

Illinois Valley Jerseyville Rehabilitation Center's CDS main objective is to help participants with disabilities perform at their highest ability and increase self-sufficiency. The clients set their individual goals and the staff assists them in achieving those goals.

Jerseyville Rehabilitation Center serves persons with developmental disabilities who reside in or near the service areas of Macoupin, Calhoun, Jersey and Greene counties.

The purpose of the program is to provide for the development of social, recreational, educational, vocational and independent living skills. This training is conducted within the least restrictive environment possible for the participants.

All participants are offered the opportunity to earn an income, dependent upon their skills, work availability and desire to work.

Annual Overview

- There are 54 individuals served throughout the year. Because of COVID-19, six individuals have not returned to Jerseyville Rehabilitation Center.
- Our activities calendar is full of many things for our participants to do. We have designated cultural activities for both educational and social interaction purposes, involving various countries of interest.
- To increase social awareness, we have various community outings. We visited Pere Marquette Park, went to area yard sales, played mini golf, and purchased items at Dairy Queen, to name a few.



Tri-County Rural Transit

Tri-County Rural Transit is a transportation service that provides affordable and accessible transportation to the residents of Greene, Jersey and Calhoun Counties. It does so by partnering with surrounding area transportation providers in order to promote independence and self-sufficiency to community residents.

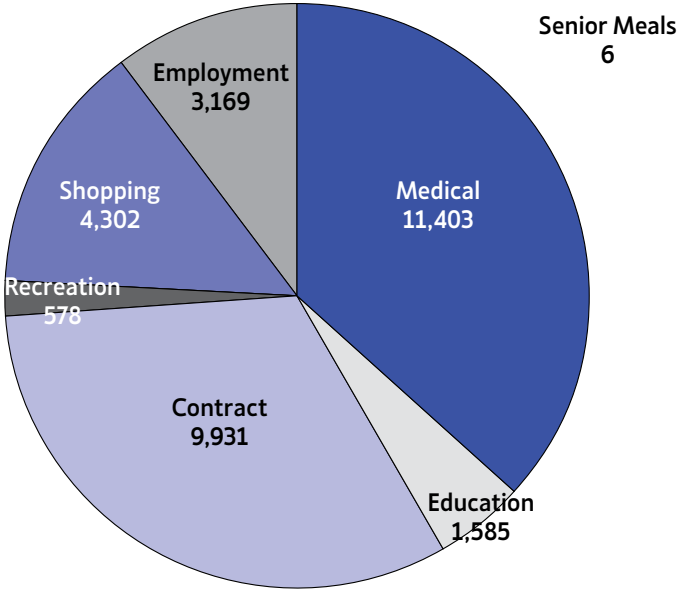
Tri-County Rural Transit provides transportation in its service area for the general public, senior citizens and disabled individuals. The program has expanded its hours of service from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Friday throughout the year.

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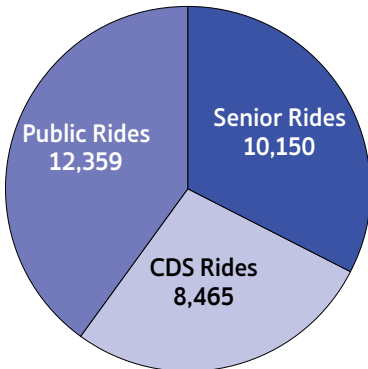
- Tri-County Rural Transit has been in operation for six (6) full years.
- TCRT was open for a total of 248 days for FY22.
- TCRT ridership increased from 18,017 in FY21 to 30,974 in FY22.



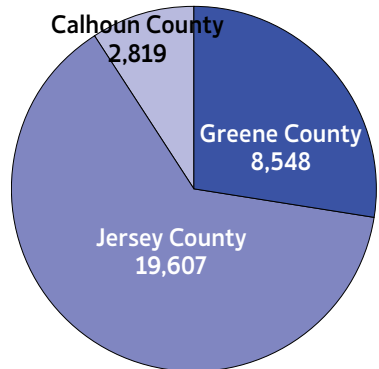
Types of Rides Provided



Population Served



Destinations



Financial Statement

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Revenue:	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total
Federal grant revenue	\$ 7,885,964	\$ -	\$ 7,885,964
USDA reimbursements	178,904	-	178,904
Total federal revenue	8,064,868	-	8,064,868
State grant revenue	1,819,582	-	1,819,582
Other grant revenue	144,598	-	144,598
Fee for service revenue	1,639,193	-	1,639,193
State of IL, purchase of service	737,447	-	737,447
Program income	298,452	-	298,452
Interest income	22,046	-	22,046
Contributions	12,190	-	12,190
Other income	106,265	-	106,265
In-kind contributions	86,467	-	86,467
Total revenue	12,931,108	-	12,931,108
Expenses:			
Energy programs	\$ 5,020,874	\$ -	\$ 5,020,874
Head Start programs	2,296,642	-	2,296,642
Rehabilitation programs	1,717,498	-	1,717,498
Senior programs	1,257,404	-	1,257,404
Housing programs	147,126	-	147,126
CSBG programs	323,871	-	323,871
Transportation programs	645,114	-	645,114
Other programs	221,465	-	221,465
Total program services	11,629,994	-	11,629,994
Management and general	1,096,287	-	1,096,287
Total expenses	12,726,281	-	12,726,281
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	204,827	-	204,827
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	6,665,594	1,768,727	8,434,321
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 6,870,421	\$ 1,768,727	\$ 8,639,148

IVEDC Fast Facts

Incorporated in 1966

Not for profit

Community Action Agency

This agency designation was created as a result of federal legislation passed in 1964 as part of the Economic Opportunity Act – one of the “Great Society” initiatives.

Board has Tri-partite Representation

- 1/3 Local Government
- 1/3 Private Groups/Interests (Lions Club, Salvation Army, Blackburn College, etc.)
- 1/3 Participants of agency programs

Service Area

Macoupin, Jersey, Greene and Calhoun Counties

Offices in each county

Administrative Office is located in Gillespie.

Employs approximately 160 individuals (full-time and part-time)

Largest Programs

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Rehabilitation
- Head Start

Approximately 4,268 households and 7,628 clients served annually



Leadership



Stephanie Stahlhut
Executive
Director



Brenda Pacini
Chief Operating
Officer



Lynn Petrelli
Chief Fiscal Officer



Paige Hanks
Community Services
Director



Amy Hess
Head Start Director



Andrea Boda
Gillespie CDS
Supervisor



Toni Goode
Jerseyville CDS
Supervisor



Whitney Hogue
Home Care Manager



Kim Ondrey
Senior Nutrition
Manager



Gerald McDonald
Transportation
Director



Paul Moore
Weatherization
Coordinator



April Hartman
Accounting Manager

Locations

County	Programs	Address/Phone
Macoupin	All Programs	Administrative Office 223 S. Macoupin St. Gillespie, IL (217) 839-4431
	Rehabilitation	212 and 217 Walnut Gillespie, IL (217) 839-2195
Jersey	All Programs	Joseph Susnig Civic Complex 405 Mounds Jerseyville, IL (618) 498-9521
	Senior Citizens	Joseph Susnig Civic Complex 804 E. Franklin Jerseyville, IL (618) 498-3483
Greene	All Programs	320 5th St. Carrollton, IL (217) 942-6824
Calhoun	All Programs	101 E. Main Hardin, IL (618) 576-2218

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Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes peoples lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

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