

Welcome to

# Downtown Columbia City



## LOCAL PROGRAMS, RESOURCES, AND INCENTIVES AVAILABLE TO SMALL BUSINESSES & PROPERTY OWNERS

WHITLEY COUNTY EDC

### MICROLOAN FUND

The Microloan Fund provides working capital for businesses in Whitley County. Recipients must be either currently or formerly engaged with the Whitley County EDC's Small Business Entrepreneurship Initiative (SBEI) program.

- The maximum loan amount is \$10,000

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### COMMUNITY AND SMALL BUSINESS LOAN FUND

The Community and Small Business Fund provides loans for working capital, equipment, building improvements (if no other RLF program is available), and matching funds for façade grant improvements.

- The maximum loan amount is \$25,000

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### GROWTH VENTURE LOAN FUND

The Growth Venture Fund is primarily designed as a business incentive program and can be used for any growth or start-up related expense excluding payroll/salaries.

- The maximum loan amount is \$100,000

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (RDC)

### COLUMBIA CITY REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM

1. Promotes the physical revitalization and strengthen the economic viability of the downtown Columbia City TIF District by providing financial incentives for improving the appearance and structural conditions of downtown buildings through low-interest loans;
2. Stimulate private sector investment in downtown;
3. Address issues that improve the economic viability of the downtown district.

- The minimum loan amount is \$10,000.
- The maximum loan amount is \$50,000.

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### FACADE IMPROVEMENT MATCHING GRANT

Façade Improvement Matching Grant Program stimulates efforts to improve the street appearance of Columbia City's commercial and business facades. All grants awarded require a matching dollar-for-dollar expenditure by the owner or tenant. Open May 31-August 31

- The maximum grant amount is \$3,000.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

### FEDERAL REHABILITATION INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT (RITC)

The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives program encourages private sector investment in the rehabilitation and re-use of historic buildings. The RITC is a program administered by the National Park Service and provides a 20% credit on qualified expenses toward the owners federal income taxes.

- The minimum project amount \$10,000
- The maximum project amount is \$250,000

LOAN & GRANT CONTACTS

#### Whitley County EDC

Dale Buuck, president  
260-244-5506  
dbuuck@whitleyedc.com

#### Columbia City RDC

Carl Siler, president  
siler.carl@gmail.com  
\*Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday  
at noon in City Hall

#### Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Ashley D. Thomas  
317-234-7034  
asthomas@dnr.in.gov

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AVAILABLE THROUGH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS  
\*Listed in Alphabetical Order

## COLUMBIA CITY CONNECT

Elevates and energizes downtown Columbia City through events like First Fridays, the Walk of Trees, and Ladies Night Out; offers no cost business seminars; builds a stronger community through preservation-based economic development.

Website: [columbiacityconnect.com](http://columbiacityconnect.com) Email: [niki@columbiacityconnect.com](mailto:niki@columbiacityconnect.com)

## COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (RDC)

Stimulates efforts to improve the street appearance of Columbia City's downtown commercial and business district through grants and loans to downtown property owners.

RDC President Carl Siler Email: [siler.carl@gmail.com](mailto:siler.carl@gmail.com)

## INDIANA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Offers no-cost business advising, training, referrals, and a library of cultivated tools and resources to help businesses, from startup through sale or retirement, succeed.

Website: <https://isbdc.org> Phone: 888-472-3244

## WHITLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

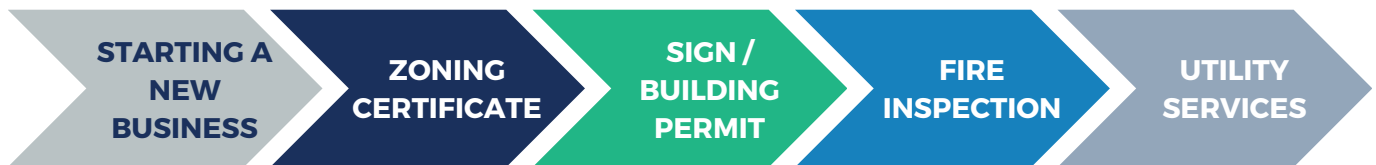
A paid membership organization that provides networking events and marketing opportunities that will help you grow your business.

Website: <https://whitleychamber.org> Phone: 260-723-7131

## WHITLEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC)

Offers free resources, guidance, and incentives to help Whitley County businesses achieve success and growth.

Website: <https://whitleyedc.com> Phone: 260-244-5506



## Leadership

### Mayor

Ryan Daniel

### Board of Works

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Lisa Smith

Dan Weigold

Clerk-Treasurer Rosie Coyle

\*Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 5pm in Council Chambers

### City Council

Mayor Ryan Daniel

President, Dan Weigold

Jennifer Middleton

Jennifer Romano

Tad Varga

Leslie Robinson

Clerk-Treasurer Rosie Coyle

\*Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6pm in Council Chambers

## Services

Planning & Permits / Inspection  
260-248-3112

Utilities  
260-248-5100

Trash & Recycling  
various providers

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